

Dating Mistakes

There are some common mistakes that young couples make when they are dating. These mistakes can lead them to various temptations and trouble.

- ❑ **Spending Too Much Time Alone.** This is where a couple will likely get into trouble.
- ❑ **Making Serious Promises Too Soon.** A couple must get to know each other. This takes time. This involves seeing each other in different situations.
- ❑ **Not Listening to Your Head.** It is easy to fall in love with someone with your heart and deny what your head tells you about that person. The person on the inside, their attitudes, disposition, and maturity is what they really are. What does your head tell you about this person?
- ❑ **Falling in Love with the Person You Want Them to Be.** Often a person may make promises. They may promise to go to church services. They may promise to quit doing things that you dislike or feel are wrong. Yet, you cannot fall in love with promises, but with the person as they are. Some make promises, but never fulfill them.
- ❑ **Forgetting God.** When we forget God, we are likely to do things that are wrong. We may not give much thought to where my date is spiritually. We may forget the principle of the golden rule (Mt. 7:12) and be selfish and self-centered. We may put happiness above righteousness.

Why should a person get married? Because they love a person, physically, mentally and spiritually. Because they want to share and grow a life time with them.

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- 7. Sexual Attraction and Guilt** over sexual involvement are popular but weak reasons for marriage. The sexual fireworks between two people often blinds them to serious attitude and behavioral problems.
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