

Establishing Convictions in Dating

What does the Bible say (Rom. 13:13-14; Eph. 5:3; Gal. 5:16; I Thess. 4:3-6)?

Is my chief concern to live a holy life, or do I want to squeeze as much sexual license as I possibly can from a holy God (I Thess. 4:7)?

How far would I go if Jesus Christ were sitting next to me (Heb. 4:13)?

Is my physical relationship helping or hindering my spiritual growth?

Am I doing everything I possibly can to help my boyfriend/girlfriend grow closer to Jesus Christ?

What would a person I respect think of me if he/she knew everything (I Tim. 4:12)?

If we break up, can I look the other person in the eye (Acts 24:16)?

Do I feel guilty (Ps. 38:4; 32:1-5; Rom. 14:23)?

Does a particular behavior turn me on sexually? Does it make me want to progress further (I Peter 2:11)?

Would I want my future husband/wife doing this right now (Heb. 13:4)?

Would I want my future daughter or son doing this right now?

Will it scar either of us emotionally?

From what situation, environment, or time of day is it hard for me to “flee youthful lusts” (II Tim. 2:22)?

Do I place myself in situations where I know full well that temptation will gain victory over my weakened will?

Most of these questions are taken from Barry St. Clair and Bill Jones, *Sex: Desiring the Best* (Here's Life Publishers, 1987), pp. 79-81, and from *Dating, Sex and Friendships* (Downers Grove: Intervarsity Press, 1985), pp. 90, 91, 95, and 122.

