

HOW FAR IS TOO FAR?

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In many Christian relationships and courtships, many people go too far and do things that are not godly and acceptable by scriptural standards. They forget sanctity, separation and holiness for sensual desires. They strive to please themselves rather than God their creator and redeemer. For such their own happiness is more important and worth pursuing than glorifying God in their relationships. God is, and will always remain a principled and holy God, and anyone who seeks to worship Him must keep that in mind and make sure his or her life is pleasing to God and not self.

Love is real and active and need to be expressed always. When love is not expressed it appears that one does not love his or her partner. In expressing love, sometimes, singles do wrong things. They go too far and do things that God does not love, and offends Him. Moderation should be practiced in all things and at all times. Never overdo things. Never go too far. There are things a Christian can do and there are things a Christian should not do. There are things a Christian can say and there are things a Christian cannot say because they are not godly and holy enough for a Christian who is sanctified and kept for the Master's use.

A peck on the chick is ok for a courting couple, but mouth to mouth kissing going up to a minute or more should be considered to be too far for a believer, because, such action can lead to fornication. Hugging and holding your partner may be considered to be all right, but it always leads to something more. It sets those involved in the act on sexual fire that they cannot quench, and eventually consumes them. In everything, a man can go too far. It is important that we practice moderation in all that we do.

Rev 21:8

8 But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars-their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

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1 Cor 5:9-11

9 I have written you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people- 10 not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world. 11 But now I am writing you that you must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or a slanderer, a drunkard or a swindler. With such a man do not even eat.

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1 Cor 6:9-10

9 Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes

nor homosexual offenders 10 nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

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1 Cor 6:18-20

18 Flee fornication . Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. 19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

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FIVE DO NOT'S IN CHRISTIAN COURTSHIP

1. Never sleep with your partner since you are not yet married.
2. Never undress or let your partner see your nakedness.
3. Never consider getting pregnant before marriage though your family commands it.
4. Never move in to live with your partner before marriage no matter what problems you may have.
5. Never watch a blue film, especially with your partner for this will stir you up to fornication.

FOUR PLACES YOU MUST NOT GO WITH YOUR PARTNER SINCE YOU ARE NOT YET MARRIED

1. Never go to a movie to watch pornographic movies together.
2. Never camp for a weekend with your partner all by yourselves for that will be a great temptation to fornication for both of you. You must flee all appearances of evil, especially fornication.
3. Never go to a place where sex before marriage can occur or where immorality is practiced, so you will not be contaminated and fall into such sins.
4. Never go to places where alcohol, drugs and foul language are freely used, lest you be corrupted by them and sin against the Lord our God and Saviour.

SEVEN HEALTHY PRACTICES IN A CHRISTIAN COURTSHIP

1. Study your Bible together for spiritual nourishment and growth.
2. Always pray and fast together for your planned marriage, marital life and spiritual development.
3. Fellowship with other Christians, learning, growing and serving together.
4. Read and study about marital life in preparation for a successful marital life when finally married.
5. Attend seminars and marriage teaching sessions to prepare for a blissful marriage. Without preparation for success you will not succeed.
6. Take time to study people you know that are happy in their marriage so you can learn the secrets of their successful marriage and apply them when you get married. Study those who are not happy in their marriage that you know

so you can learn why they are not succeeding and avoid the mistakes they made.

7. Train yourself to walk in faith by practicing the word of God and believing God for the miraculous.

TWELVE INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO HELP YOUR PARTNER STAY FREE FROM SEXUAL DESIRES

1. Do not wear transparent dress when you are alone with your partner or when on a date. It sends bad signals and stirs strong desire for sex which sometimes cannot be controlled.
2. Do not wear dresses that expose your breast to your partner.
3. Do not sit carelessly exposing yourself when in the company of your partner, for that will be seducing him to sleep with you. You must always remember that the mind of man always thinks based on what it sees, and desires are created based on what is thought about what is seen. When desire is strong, control because difficult. Help your partner not to think things that will make both of you sin against God.
4. Never sit on each other's lap in the name of showing love.
5. Never explore each other's body since you are not married yet.
6. Avoid discussing sexual stories or immoral things for it will set you on fire which you may not be able to control. Rather than discuss such things discuss about your personalities, dreams and expectations of each other – get to know one another better through discussions.
7. Avoid spending too much time together.
8. Avoid late night outings and dates. You must keep away from anything that can create opportunity for sin.
9. Never wear obscene and seductive dresses so your partner is not tempted to immoral behaviour with you.
10. You as a man should avoid exposing you chest and body physic, it sometimes, turns women on.
11. Always chose clean words in communicating your love to your partner. Never use immoral words, stories or illustrations.
12. Let your discussions with each other be filled with God talk and not about your physic, beauty, and bedroom talk. What you say affects what you think and what you think determines feelings, desires, decisions and actions.