

FIFTY SHADES OF “GRAY”

Increasing the Contrast

LOVE, SEX, DATING, AND MARRIAGE

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“Your job is to speak out on the things that make for solid doctrine. Guide older men into lives of temperance, dignity and wisdom . . . Guide older women . . . so they end up as neither gossips nor drunks, but models of goodness. By looking at them, the younger women will be virtuous and pure. Also, guide the young men to live disciplined lives.”

- Titus 2:1-8

Dating is BIG BUSINESS!

If you Google “dating,” you’ll come up with 462 million hits.

Dating Defined:

Carrying out of a pre-marital relationship between a single man and women.

Contemporary Dating

- a) Finding the _____ Person
- b) Sexual intimacy _____ commitment
- c) _____ like we’re married before we marry

Biblical Dating

- a) _____ the right person for my future spouse.

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- b) Commitment precedes _____ intimacy
- c) Act in such a way so as not to _____ marriage-level commitment until that _____ exists before the Lord.

TO KISS OR NOT TO KISS?

(The Gray Area for Christians of Any Age)

1. Some see any/all romantically oriented _____ activity as sin.
2. Some see _____ physical contact as okay, **IF** you can keep it in check.
3. Some see _____ as no problem at all no matter the intensity.

We Must Submit to the Lordship of Jesus

“In all of our ways if we submit to God, He will make our Path obvious.”