

10 Commandments of Dating

3rd Commandment- Thou shalt be equally yoked

-47% of marriages end because of “mutual incompatibility”

I. What is Unequally Yoked?

A. II. **Corinthians 6:14**

“Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship does righteousness have with unrighteousness? And what communions does light have with darkness?”

- B. A YOKE is a strong wooden bar placed around the necks of oxen connecting them to a plow. The trick was to “yoke” together 2 oxen of equal strength so they could plow in a straight line. Unequally yoked oxen would end up just going in circles or in opposite directions, never accomplishing their goal.

II. Unequally Yoked Relationships

A. The MISSIONARY Relationship

1. people think all of the “good Christians” are taken
2. 2 types
 - a. willing to date anyone, not caring about their beliefs
 - b. rationalizing a relationship to try to “save them”

B. The NURSE-PATIENT Relationship

1. this is “caretaking”; one is the nurse, and the other the patient
2. one person does everything and the other gives nothing back

C. The SUGAR DADDY Relationship

1. if you say “Yes Sir or Ma’am”, you are in this relationship
2. large age gaps usually don’t ask
3. eventually the young will grow up and the old will...get old

III. Equally Yoked Relationships

A. SPIRITUAL Connection

1. Christians should ONLY date Christians, no exceptions
2. before dating, ASK about their beliefs, don’t assume
3. ask yourself 2 questions about them
 - a. what is their salvation testimony
 - b. do they have a Christian lifestyle

B. PHYSICAL Connection

*you must be physically attracted for a healthy relationship (Song of Solomon)

C. SOCIAL Connection

1. build your friendship
2. talk
3. have common interests
4. enjoy doing things together
5. get involved with other groups/couples

IV. Benefits of Keeping This Commandment

- A. Experience the joy of true, deep, spiritual connection
- B. Be on the same page morally, socially, and mentally
- C. Minimize stress and conflict that comes with differences