

Right Thinking in a World Gone Wrong
A Match Made in e-Heaven
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Introduction

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1. A Question of Compatibility

"The beautiful mystery of Jesus' relationship with sinners is the massive incompatibility that the cross overcame." (Rick Holland)

"Two people can share a lot of similar tastes, but if they do not share faith in Jesus Christ, they are not truly compatible. On the flip side, two people who love Christ can also love each other, no matter what their differences." (Holland)

2. A Question of Reality

3. A Question of Accountability

Ten Important Principles

1. Character principle - *1 Sam 16:7*

2. Confirmation principle - *Eph 6:1-3, Eph 4:11-13, Prov 15:22*

3. Contentment principle - *Ps 84:11*

4. Common ground principle - *2 Cor 6:14-16*

5. Cultivation principle

6. Complementarian principle

7. Companionship principle

8. Commitment principle - *Rom 5:8*

9. Communication principle - *Eph 4:25-29*

10. Chastity principle - Sex is God's wedding gift, and He doesn't want it opened early! *1 Thess 4:3-7*

To Date or Not to Date

1. The foundation for online dating is found in compatibility, while the biblical basis for relationships centers on completing one another in Christ.
2. Being realistic about oneself and one's expectations tends to be much easier in real-world settings than on the Internet.
3. Finding accountability for how the relationship is being conducted can be much more difficult when, at least at the beginning, it is isolated to a computer.

"I fear that too many Christians today are fishing for online love. Given the choice of shopping online or in the local church for a spouse, I am convinced that the local church is the best place for marriages to germinate. After weighing the options, I would probably counsel most of the collegians I serve not to jump online and create a profile." (Holland)

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