

Discuss this together

1. What do you think most applies to YOU

Doing DATING... in a way that honours marriage

Hebrews 13:4, "Let marriage be held in honour among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous."

1. Honouring marriage

Bible defines marriage

= publicly recognised... lifelong...
sexual union... of 1 man & 1 woman

All are to "honour" marriage



2. How can you most help SOMEONE ELSE

Why is marriage to be honoured?

- (1) God has made marriage the basic building block of human society.

Genesis 2:24, "Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh."

Genesis 1:28, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth..."

- (2) marriage is the most powerful picture of Christ & the church (Eph. 5:22-33)

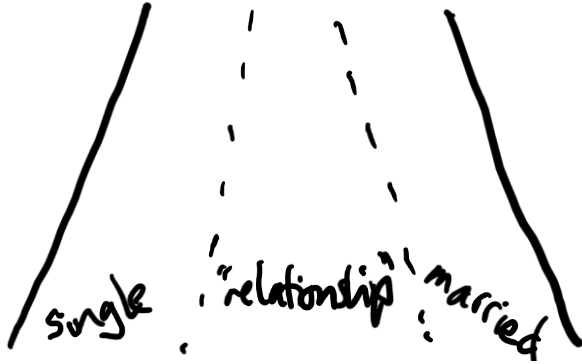
How is marriage honoured?

Through visible sexual purity

NEXT WEEK = being married... but not idolising marriage

2. Changing lanes: you're single until the day you marry

There's isn't any
"middle lane" →



People who are dating are singles, not couples

Re-think dating as a verb not a noun it's something that you DO

"Dating" only has ONE purpose...

Sexual purity see 1 Timothy 5:2 ... obviously

3. Changing lanes from single to married: it's serious!

So, you don't want to marry un-wisely... → delay dating

Trust the Lord

Help one another

??? marry sooner ???

So, your Christian maturity matters most

Follow Jesus... seriously!

Parents: what are we teaching?

Character:

- loving Christ... and people... taking responsibility... giving yourself to someone else as a friend
- boys → provide & protect
- girls → a life-giver & helper

So, the church needs to give (good) counsel... and good company

Proverbs 11:14, "Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety."