

THE VOW OF PREPARATION

BACKGROUND ON PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE

IF YOU ARE SINGLE, BEWARE OF TWO IDOLS:

The idol of _____

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VOW #4: I WILL _____ MYSELF FOR MY FUTURE SPOUSE

1. ASK YOURSELF FOUNDATIONAL QUESTIONS

How is your relationship with _____?

Are you believing cultural _____?

2. FOLLOW GODLY MARRIAGE PREPARATION PRINCIPLES

* Maximize your _____ for God

“I would like you to be free from concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord’s affairs—how he can please the Lord. But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world—how he can please his wife— and his interests are divided. An unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the Lord’s affairs: Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit. But a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world—how she can please her husband. I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord.” 1 Corinthians 7:32–35

* Only pursue a relationship when you are ready to _____

* Only pursue a relationship with someone who is a _____

“Do not be yoked together with unbelievers.” 2 Corinthians 6:14a

* Do not have any sexual contact until _____

“Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.” Hebrews 13:4

“But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God’s holy people.” Ephesians 5:3

“But if they cannot control themselves, they should marry, for it is better to marry than to burn with passion.” 1 Corinthians 7:9

NOT GOING IT ALONE

Courtship is when a man pursues a woman under the oversight of her...

1. CHRISTIAN _____
Deuteronomy 22:13–21
2. CHRISTIAN _____
Song of Solomon 8:8-9
3. CHRISTIAN _____
1 Timothy 5:1–2

“What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’

“ ‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

“Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.

“Which of the two did what his father wanted?”

“The first,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.” Matthew 21:28–32