

Dreams in Flames - Part 2

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of following God's way in dating and marriage, and warns against the dangers of going steady and breaking God's purpose in marriage.

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Description

In this sermon, Winky Prattley speaks on the subject of Dreams and Flames, Part 2. He starts by sharing a powerful testimony of how a group of kids gave their lives to Christ after hearing the preaching of the word. He then turns to the Sermon on the Mount in the book of Matthew, emphasizing the importance of living a pure and holy life. Prattley encourages the audience to turn away from temptation and to introduce Jesus into their thoughts and desires. He concludes by referencing a letter from Ann Landers about staying out late and emphasizes the need for real help and a change in mindset.

Transcript

This is tape number 3228 from the Fresh Bird Tape Library. Winky Pratney is speaking on the subject, Dreams and Flames, part two. Alright friends, turn in your Bibles to the book of Matthew, please.

Book of Matthew, chapter 5, page 765. I don't think there's any more powerful, practical principles of how to live a Christian life than this Sermon on the Mount. Seeing the multitudes, he went up unto a mountain.

When he was said, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and he taught them, saying, Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

And then I want you to say together with me, verse 8. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. On that, one more time. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Heavenly Father, we look to you this morning in love and adoration. We thank you for who you are, the kind of person you are, what you have chosen to be, and the things you have chosen to do for the human

race. We thank you that though we are tiny, tiny little creatures in a vast ocean of time and space, you reached down in love because you made us in your image, and you cared enough about us to come and die for us and shed your blood for us.

Heavenly Father, how we thank you for the privilege of being called to be sons and daughters of the living God, called to be princes and princesses of the most high King. And Father, I ask this morning that you will take our minds and bring them to the heart purity that you ask. I ask that our wills will be consecrated wholly to thee, that we shall see you as you have promised.

Give us heart purity this morning. We pray by the preaching of your book and by the power of your spirit, you will open our eyes and turn us heavenwards, that Jesus may have all the glory and we will praise you in your lovely name. Amen.

Amen. This morning I want to share with you a thing on dangers of dating. I'm going to talk this morning about what happens when dreams get out of control and when the flame which we talked about begins to burn.

I didn't give you yesterday a very famous triangle which I must give you this morning. It's a Bill Gossard dating triangle. It's probably the coolest little triangle you've ever seen.

So I want you to draw it, please. This is the dating triangle. Yeah, it's kind of an equilateral triangle.

Doesn't matter if it's a bit of a isosceles thing. Let's see. All right.

In case any of you don't appreciate true art. Can you see that? Get this back a little bit here so you can all see this thing. You see that now? I better label these things so you know what they are.

This is the guy. This is the girl. This is God, presented by.

I have said yesterday that God has given us the two distinct species he's made of the human race, male and female, created he them, two distinctly different kinds of responsibilities towards each other and towards him. The guy has basically been designed to what? Yeah, right. He's an IBMer and he's a leader.

And the girl has been basically designed to what? Inspire. She's an ESPN. That means that the purpose of New Testament dating is basically this.

There are a lot of different words used for love and you know that. We say, I love candy, I love my doggy, I love my grandmother. You know, there's all kinds of different words we use for love.

The Bible is a bit more specific when it uses words and the Greek language has quite a number of words for love. One of the words which is not used in the Bible is the word eros, but that was the word for physical, sexual love. You find equivalent words in the Old Testament Hebrew.

And then there's the word phileo, which means friendship, a brother-sisterly type thing. You know, hi brother, this kind of love. And then there's agape, which is a very special kind of word in which the New Testament writers rescued from a little tiny family of words that weren't really used very much and built a whole brand new word because there was just no words in the whole of human language to describe the kind of thing God did to man, and for man.

And they used the word agape, a very beautiful, fantastic word. This word means to unselfishly choose the highest good of God. The Bible defines for us many times what the love of God is.

It says this is the love of God that we keep as commandments, this is the love of God that we do this, that we... If you put it all together, and those of you interested, I'll tell you this afterwards, you get a basic definition like this. To love, with God's kind of love, is to unselfishly choose his highest good and the highest good of his whole created universe, according to the real value. That's what love is.

And notice it's a choice, a choice, and I said that. Love is not just a cool feeling. I feel so good about that.

See, that's not love. That can be romance, which often accompanies love. But love is a choice, and it is a wise choice.

It means you use your smart up here when you choose, see? You don't say, oh, don't you turn me on, whee, you know, and then that's a bad thing usually. So, I'm going to give you now a definition of purpose. When a Christian girl dates, she ought to date so that she can inspire the guy she dates to come closer to Jesus Christ.

If she dates him like that, she dates with a guy she loves. Let me say it again. When a girl dates, she ought to date a guy in order to inspire him to come closer to Jesus.

And when a guy dates a girl with a guy he loves, he ought to make choices and set up situations so that he can lead the girl that he dates closer to Jesus. At the end of a New Testament dating session, that should wind up with two kids closer to Jesus Christ than they were before. That's New Testament dating, if you dare dig it, see? It's the scariest kind of dating in the world because it means you don't go out to get what you can from the other person, which is the way the secular world does it.

The secular world starts down here. It says, what has she got that will turn me on? What has he got that I can get, see? And then reverses this whole thing and says, oh, well, you know, I like, they're pretty cool sort of people. I like the way their hair curls and stuff like that.

And then eventually, after having slept around for three years, they say, hey, what was your name again? So they start to get friends sometimes, you know? And then eventually they'll try and make a Christian, go to a church and make a wedding out of it or something. Do you see what a horrible mess that leads into? God has a beautiful way of reversing things. Matter of fact, if you start this way and you work up, you never really make it this.

You've got to go that way. And if you started off this way, then what you have to do is do some real repentance and then come back to God's kind of love, which is a clean and pure love. And God has designed, love, this to regulate both friendship and the physical or sexual sides of love and marriage.

Now, watch this little weird diagram here. Can you see something? Can you see that the closer this girl comes to Jesus and the closer this guy comes to Jesus, the closer they actually come to each other? And the converse is true. The further away a guy gets from Jesus and the further away a girl gets from Jesus, the further away, the greater distance, they actually place between them real selves.

And that's only a silly little diagram, but it happens to be true in life. And those of you who are Christians, who've ever dated and you've turned away from God's love, you've got selfish, you'll find that happen in your life. You'll find barriers going up between you and you'll find finally you wind up hating each other and

you drop each other and then you go out and start the whole mess all over again.

And there's only one way and that's God's way. That's why we say one way. One way in dating, one way in marriage, one way in family, God's way.

That little thing will help you. If you break God's purpose in marriage, if you break it, then not only will you feel a cloud go between you and God and there's a right to be a cloud there, you may pray, but you're not going to pray back, you're not going to talk. But a cloud will go up between you.

And the beauty of the romantic side of love cuts off like that and it just becomes a purely physical sort of grind. Dates become preludes to necking and petting sessions. That's all.

The edge is gone, the beauty is gone, the romance is gone. There's nothing. Dead.

Kills love dead. Sex can kill love dead. Really can.

Unless you do it God's way, God's time, God's order. And I think God has designed this. In our dating, ordinary everyday friendship, dating type relationship, God wants our lives regulated by agape.

In engagement, when finally we decide, you know, that time that I believe God is leading me to marriage, in engagement you deepen the friendship type thing here and then in marriage you learn the third final side, the sexual physical side of marriage and that makes a fantastic threefold thing. I want you to see something here. If I have two books, here's book one and here's book two.

Some people try to glue a marriage by just this thing. Physical. See? And it's a little bit like trying to glue these two books together by the edge.

See, you can get them pretty tough glue but man, that's a sticky glue thing, you know, it doesn't really stick too well. And few ruptures, boom, and that's the end of it. Nothing to hold it together, see? But if... You see, some people are even friends when they marry, which is something, you know.

Sometimes people even are friendly to each other when they marry. So they've got two things, and it's kind of like trying to join it. It's a little bit more stable.

If the physical thing breaks down, well, at least they got some common interest. They go to the same club, you know, they sing the same songs. Of course, if there's no common cause that binds their lives together, and no common loyalty, then their interests may go off in different directions.

These marriages usually last about 15 years instead of 3. See? But God's kind of marriage is this kind of marriage, and what a beautiful thing that is. Three loves binding together. It's a planar thing, it's solid.

And that's why the Bible says a three-fold core is not quickly broken. Strong ties. Common loyalty to Jesus Christ.

Common love. See, here are these two people. They can't agree on something.

In a secular marriage, what do they do? They argue and fight with each other. Hey, hey, hey, come on, get up and bounce. You know what I'm saying? See? In a Christian marriage, they can't agree, so the girl goes to God and she says, what am I going to do with my husband? He's becoming impossible.

The guy's off in another room saying, well, I don't know what in the world to do with this wife of mine. See? The Lord says, you, you repent, you get right, you're done, you've learned it here, here, and here. And then, this is what you ought to do.

And he gets on the wife's case, and he says, you repent, you've done this, this, this, and that. So they go back, they apologize to God, and tears, they come back, boom, and there's a connection, see? See that beautiful thing? Common thing. And then sometimes, when they've taken care of this carefully, this friendship side, by goodness sake, they have not, they also have a common cause out here that God is working on.

It's like a pyramid, see? Out here, there's a ministry they're involved in together. They have a common loyalty to Jesus Christ, they have a common cause they're working together in, and there's a total tie-in together. All right, that's the purpose.

You see that? Don't even say, well, I really love my boyfriend spiritually. Oh, really? That's cool. You guys say, yeah, there's this girl, I really love her spiritually, I really do.

Then you listen to me, at least five ways you're trying to lead your girl closer to Jesus Christ. You girl, you listen to me five ways you're trying to inspire your boyfriend to come closer to Jesus. Now, I'll tell you whether you're spiritually loving or not.

It's so easy to tell. I spiritually love him, it means, when I hold his hand in church, it feels better than outside, you know, that's not spiritual. All right, now, where's my erasers? Somebody ate my erasers.

I want to go now on to, rapidly and quickly, the dangers of dating. Now, it doesn't take a genius, nor very much experience in life, before you find out that dating has some dangers and some pitfalls. And the media sure does not help you in this.

If you ever watch any kind of commercial on television at all, you will sure find it naive to be, you know, it's hard to be naive today in this area. I listed some things here. If you want to sell something, they use sex.

The old Noxzema shave cream thing. Men, take it off. Take it all off.

You know, this thing. And the breath mints. Remember, they make certain that if he kissed you once, he'd kiss you twice.

With the mints, the candy mints that are two, two. You know, mints in one, and all this stuff. And then the, remember the kicky toothpaste that goes, sex appeal.

Do you remember these ones? And all of these combined to give you the impression that if you're 12 years old and you don't have some swinging love affair going, then you're really out of it. Which is a pretty dumb sort of state of affairs. What it usually winds up is we have a 13 year old divorcee.

Now, some kids get together because they like each other and they finally found that one person they can be comfortable with, you know. And so this thing that they used to call a steady relationship started. Now that has some advantages If you have to go out someplace, there's old Fitz Roy who's always there on the other end of the telephone.

Hi, Fitz, you say. You know, I'm going out tonight and you're taking me. He says, right.

You know, and he's over there. Very cool to have Fitz Roy around there. And, you know, that has some advantages going steady.

Girls know they're never going to be old maids because they can always call up Fitz and all these things. That's cool. But, there is a problem with going steady or whatever you call it.

Now, I don't know. I can't even remember what it's called now. I don't think it was even called.

You just do it. You don't even call it anything. Well, the problem is this.

After a while, you two have been together for a long time. You start to get too familiar with each other, see. And after a while, you can start letting standards down and that's when you can get into trouble.

Now, I want to give you, first of all, some tests of... Well, I'll give you a couple of going steady rules I think I'll tackle these other tests. Here's a couple of rules for going steady or whatever you call it. One is don't get serious with anybody with anybody till you're ready to be married.

And I'm, you know, I'm thinking of stuff like bills and taxes and all kinds of horrible things like that. Don't get really serious with anybody until you're ready to be married. Which means, you girls, it means this.

Don't unreservedly give your love or affection to any guy until you're sure it's God's choice for you and God's giving you the okay on this. It's as simple as that. Play it light, play it easy, don't get serious.

If you get serious, you get into trouble within one year's time if you've got the going steady relationship. It's as simple as that. Because if you know you're not going to be married pretty soon, you'll have to... I'll explain that in a little while.

You get all kinds of horrible frustrations. And the guys, what does this mean? It means you guys are not to dare lead on a girl to think that you love her when you're really putting her on for your own pleasure. Don't you dare do that.

God will judge you, my friend, if you do that. He will get on your case very hard. Because girls get hurt easily and they are to be protected.

And I don't think any guy has a right to say to a girl, I love you. Meaning, I love you with more than just, you know, God's sort of love. I don't think any guy has a right to say to a girl, I love you, unless in the next breath he's prepared to say, will you marry me? Because if he's not prepared to make the second statement, he oughtn't to make the first.

He doesn't know what he's talking about. And here's the second one. Don't get physically involved, and I'm going to explain in a little while what I mean by physically involved with anybody until your wedding date's set.

Just write it down. I'll tell you what it means in a minute. Until your date is set.

It's too simple. Theories start going to sturdy things. And this last one brings me to the next section.

What does it mean physically involved? What does that mean? Now some of you kids have this funny feeling God doesn't really know very much about sex problems. He really doesn't. He talks about adultery, you know, and the kid says, well that's cool, I'm not married, so that rules that out.

You know. Coming out from among them and being a separate people, which doesn't mean very much to most kids. But do you know that I think, and of course, I grew up Christian life.

I have to go my life to Jesus. I went around listening, meeting after meeting, everybody preached on the meaning of the tabernacle and the fourth curtain Isaiah. And I thought, well this is really a fantastic thing, but I wish somebody would tell me how to get my date life straightened out.

I never heard a preacher preach a sermon on dating. You know, I thought, dear God, do you say anything about dating at all? You know, and that was the thing I was interested in. I could really care less about the third curtain of Isaiah.

I don't even know whether he had one or not. But I never heard one preacher. And I'll tell you why.

I think some preachers are really chickens. They really are. They should go and ask your mother, you know, or something like this.

Mother just said, go and ask the preacher. So, I said to you today that I'm going to give you a sermon on sex and dating so you'll never be able to stand before God and say I didn't know anything. Now, what you do with it, baby, is your affair.

My responsibility is to deliver my soul and to give you the goods. My mother says I'm going to go and persecute some kids today. That's it.

I'm going to get in now a list of some Bible words. We can't give you the whole lot. There's all kinds.

There's reprobate, sensual, whoremongers. There's all kinds. There's fornicate and licentiousness and all kinds.

There's all kinds of goodies here but I'm not going to give you all of those. I'm going to give you the three major words that are used in the Bible that define the major problems kids have and Christian kids have in sex and dating. I don't think most kids' problems in sex and dating are centered in fornication or adultery.

I think they're centered under these three biblical words which I never heard a sermon preached on. Here they are. Are you ready? I usually write these terms up on the board and then I ask people if they would give me a simple definition of these words.

Here are the words. You know, the New Testament writers knew what these words were. See, when you read them you don't know what they are, but they did.

They said, ah-ha, here's the first word. If they define them I can't even say them. Licentiousness is the first one.

We'll come back and we'll show you how to say them. Leave a space of about three lines underneath each word so I can give you a definition in some scriptures or a sermon. All right? Second word.

Third word. All right, friends. Now, let's say these words together because you girls, if your boyfriend gets off the handle you can say, ah, that's, and then use the right word.

See? I said, what is that? And then you can preach to him, all right? Here's the word. Licentiousness. Licentiousness.

Say it together. Licentiousness. One more time.

Licentiousness. The second word is concupiscence. Concupiscence.

One more time. Concupiscence. All right? You got it.

And the last word is defraud. I just put ation on the end to make it look big. Here are some simple definitions.

Now, these words use different ways in the Bible but I'm giving you a definition that will fit into the sexual context which sometimes is the way they're used. Licentiousness is a tendency, sometimes a wider, for instance, this could apply to other desires too but we're going to use it in a sexual context here. A tendency to stir up lustful desire.

And if you want to define it a little more accurately it is a heart tendency. And we'll talk to you a little while. The heart, by the way, in the Bible is not this thing here that pumps blood.

The heart in the scriptures is used the same way as we use heart today. The guy says to a girl, I love you with all my heart. I love you and she hopes that he means I prefer you above Agatha and Garbage Alia and all these other people that I know.

See? In other words, you're my supreme preference. The guy says I have my heart set on buying a dune buggy. Then you know that's what he prefers above all other things, a dune buggy.

See that? And in the Bible the heart when used in terms of moral things means that which we supremely prefer over all other things. And Jesus said there's only two ultimate preferences. We can supremely prefer to please ourselves or we can supremely prefer to please Jesus.

And that puts the whole of man in two categories, not three or ten or seventeen, just two. Wham! Those who are selfish whose supreme preference is to serve themselves and those who are Christian whose supreme preference is to please Jesus even though it hurts sometimes to make the right choices. Do you see that? The heart.

That's why God says my son, give me your heart. Now out of the heart tendency to stir up lustful desire enters the base of selfishness. If you want a simple word for sin when you're witnessing on the beach and kids don't believe in sin, don't use the word sin, use selfishness and it will really hit hard.

That's what the Bible calls sin. Says all we like sheep have gone astray we've turned everyone to his own ways. And Jesus said if any man come after me let him deny himself take up his cross and follow me.

I'll write some scriptures on that quickly. Write down these scriptures. You can look them up in your own time.

Scripture, scripture, scriptures. Mark 7, 21 to 22 tells us that lustfulness comes out of the heart. 2 Corinthians 12 and 21 Paul says I'm going to cry over some of these people that have sinned and haven't repented of the act of sin.

of the sexual fornication that sexual intercourse between unmarried people or between one married person and a married unmarried person. And then finally he says lasciviousness which they've committed this tendency to stir up lustful desire. It's something you do inside.

Doesn't mean you have to come outside see. And then Galatians 5, 21 tells us how serious God considers this. Works of the flesh are manifest.

These things lust, lasciviousness is one of them and he says they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. So it's a very strong, strong thing here. Concupiscence is the next word and this means an abnormally strong and in this context sexual desire.

Now understand this. Feelings in the Bible are not sinful. They are not the measure of sin.

It is the will's committal to those feelings that make the thing right or wrong. I cannot be and slap you on the face like this you know. I guarantee you will feel angry.

I don't care how sanctified you are. Because God has designed us like this. He feels angry.

But God doesn't sin. The difference is this. If there's a heart committal to take revenge on that action to commit itself to gratifying that feeling when you know it's going against what God has said what conscience speaks to you about.

The Holy Spirit says uh uh. If you say I don't care what you say power. That's when you get problems.

Do you see why Jesus said if a man looks on a woman to lust after her he has committed adultery with already in his heart. See it's that will committal. Now it's simply this.

Say I was a chalk addict. You know and I really love chalk. I like to fix some chalk every now and then.

So I'm going past the area and I'm just going hmm
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hmm hmm hmm hmm hmm answered yes. Why I didn't take it. Ah but my habdit already decided.

The only thing that stopped me was another selfish reason. You find out a preacher was a chalk addict see. That that was my reputation.

My love of reputation was stronger than my love of chalk. See there? So understand that it is possible to make outward choices and still be wrong. Now the reason why I say feelings are not always wrong is because the same word used, same word as used of Jesus saying to the disciples, with strong desire have I desired to eat this Passover with you.

But it's not used in a sexual context, see that? And Paul said, I have a desire to depart and be with Christ, an overwhelmingly strong desire. But when used, in the Bible called it sometimes evil concupiscence, see, and used in a sexual connotation means when somebody's whole life is so stirred up about sex they can't think of anything else about it. Do you see that? The feelings have overwhelmed the reason.

Now I can tell a guy like this, see, he goes out on the beach or he's in school, you know, and he's like this. You know, you can tell him, eh, all over the place, x-ray treatment, that's the, all right, let me see now. I'd better give you some scriptures here.

Colossians 3.5, God says, through his word, mortify or put to death your members which upon fornication and cleanliness, inordinate affection, that's playing with fire, see, and evil concupiscence. That's that one there. Put to death them, God says.

And then a very important scripture, 1 Thessalonians, chapter 4, verses 3 to 5, and God says that every one of you should know how to possess his vessel, take care of his body, set upon for God in an honor, not in the lust of abnormally strong sexual desire, even as a heathen which do not know God. See that? Take care of your body, don't let it get stirred up. Defraud, now, is probably the most important definition I'll give you, other than these two on the board.

Defraud, defraud, defraud. Where's defraud? Defraud is this. It's a long definition, so I gave it to you last.

And I'm going to put it up at the top here, so people over here can see it. Defraud is this, to stir up sexual desire in someone else, in another, to turn somebody on that cannot be rightfully satisfied, or righteously satisfied, to stir up sexual desire in somebody else, when you know you can't go through with it, and still be right. That's defraud.

And I think most kids are guilty of those, when they get into sexual trouble, it's these three things here that they have to have. And eventually it winds up in something like masturbation, or fornication, or something else. But these are where they all begin.

It begins in this, it grows into that, and then usually it winds up in defraud. Defraud, then, is a sin against somebody else, as well as yourself. And I'm giving you a scripture here, 1 Thessalonians 4, 6-7, and I want you to change your word here, because the Greek text doesn't put in a word, it's just got that note, to go beyond and defraud brother.

So I want you to, in King James it puts, no man go beyond and defraud, you missed the whole thing. Change the word man, in italics, to girl, change the word his to her, and then you get the message that he's saying here. It's not simply talking about stealing somebody's money, because the whole context is sexual.

This is what it says, that no man go beyond and defraud his sister in any matter, for the Lord is the avenger of all such, for God has not called us to uncleanness, but to holiness. Or you can change the other word, like I said earlier, that no girl go beyond and defraud her brother in any matter, because the Lord has not called us to uncleanness, but to holiness. Now what God is saying here, do not you dare go out and turn somebody on, make steps or dress or act, so you'll turn on a brother or a sister, when you know you can't righteously go through with that, because you'll get into trouble with God, that's why.

Alright do you see those? Those are the three main things I think in dating. Now we're going to get into pitting and necking now, we're going to talk about pitting and necking. And some kids say, well how far do you go? I really want to know, you know, I want to know just how far I can go.

Do tell. Some kids say, well, where are you going to draw the line? You know, I suppose, you know, a kid came up to me, he says, do you, you know I've been talking about, don't get physically involved, he says, do you think it's wrong to hold hands? I said, what do you want to do, hold feet? You know, as well as I know, that there is kissing. And then there is kissing.

And then there is kissing. So the question most kids ask is, you know, where's the line? You know, is it here, or is it here, or is it, you know, where is that line? Now let's talk about necking and pitting for a start. First I want to tell you something I call a time bomb.

Time bomb has a very long fuse. Like this. The bomb is designed to explode eventually when you light the fuse.

The bomb represents going all the way. Sexual intercourse. The fuse represents the preliminary stages that lead up towards that.

That's the way God designed us. He thought he would make us different from animals. Animals only have this kind of thing, once every year, time comes around, you know.

But see, with human beings, God has placed this whole function under the control of the human personality. Now watch. You light that fuse, it is designed to start burning.

God invented it like that. Light that fuse, and there's no way you can stop it from going any further, but closer towards the bomb going off. That's the way God made you.

And it's no good you lighting the fuse and saying, oh God, take this feeling away. That's a dumb thing to say. You don't want to make you less than a person, and that's what he meant.

He designed this thing. So some kids figure, how much can I burn the fuse down? So what they do is they go, I light the fuse. And then, you know, they feel rotten about this, about here.

Oh, all of you. All right. Next time, you know.

Next time comes. Kid figures, well, that was really a thrill last thing. So they start burning it down again.

And they figure, I'll just stop here. See, same place. Oh, what fun that will be.

And you see, God designed this thing to go all the way. When you stop it like that, you get frustrated. So what you do is, you come to this point again, and it's not so much fun as it was before.

Because you know what's beyond, and knowing what's beyond makes it hard to be satisfied with less. So what actually happens is, next time, to get the same amount of kick, you got to burn a little further. And then each time, you just keep on burning.

Closer, and closer. Until one fine day after many frustrating times, you're right outside here. And about this time some kids start praying, Oh God, take this feeling away.

Give me all the fun I had back here. Without having to burn this close. Dummy.

Next time you light that fuse, it'll blow. It's a symbol of sin. Or you can get frustrated and the whole date life goes dead by just trying burning up this all the time, which is no good.

You know that. So that's why I said you don't get physically involved. I said you don't light the fuse.

That's where the limits are. Don't light it. You say, well, what is it that lights it? Well, we'll get on to that now.

The sin then is really not the simple act of the thing, but this. That heart committal to stirring up sexual desire, which is lasciviousness. Now, God has placed a little red light in your mind called a conscience.

It's designed to go off at certain times to warn you of trouble. Now, how many of you have seen idiot lights in cars? An idiot light is a red light that comes on and says you're an idiot if you don't do something about

this. The remainder of this message is on side two.

All right? The idiot light. Now, we're driving along the freeway, and here's an idiot light that comes on. Boing! No oil, it says, you know.

Or boing! No water. They both come on. Boing! No oil or water.

Boing! Temperature comes on, it says. You know, I look at that idiot light and say, idiot! Isn't that the worst you can do? Drive faster if I... After a while, the motor starts to sound funny. Smoke starts coming out my front.

It's making a weird noise. You don't like that noise, so you turn the radio off. After a while, smoke comes pouring out.

You can't see very well, so you wind the windows down. This car really makes weird noises. Everybody screams.

Scream as loud as you can. You drive down screaming and yelling until the whole car blows up in a ball of fire, see. You don't have to listen to the idiot light.

You don't have to listen to the traffic light either, see. Red light. Truck comes, boom! Flattened, you know.

They come and paint over the top of you. No good you leaping out in your flattened state and going up to the traffic light, kicking you. Boom! Traffic light, see.

That's your fault, you dummy. You never listen. Now, God has designed us with a red light called conscience.

When it flashes on, you don't have to listen. You can say, shut up and turn the music up. Shut up, shut up, shut up.

Boom! And I tell you, you'll still blow up. The light is there to warn you. Override it? You can do that.

Sure you can. You can say, shut up. You can give your conscience all kinds... Well, in this case, the red light ought not to be on because really frequencies are different.

You know, you can say all kinds of stupid things and still... You can give yourself a whole bunch of good excuses why you should do something that you ought not to do. You can say, you can... Well, you know, the following reasons are the reasons why I ought to sin in this case. Goodness me.

How sneaky our minds can get, telling us all these things. But, let's talk about necking now. I want to read you a letter from a girl here.

Here's a definition of necking first. Close to one line definition. From the neck up.

That's the necking definition. Here's a bigger one. Exchange of kisses and caresses, keeping both feet on the floor and all hands on deck.

Alright, that's... That's that. Here's a girl writes in to Ann Landers. She says, I'm a girl.

And I frankly admit that I like to kiss. What's so wrong with cuddling up with a nice guy and exchanging a few friendly kisses? If a fellow is good enough to spend his money on her, she should show him that she appreciates it. I've been dating since I was 13.

I'm attractive and have a swell figure. Modesty. This year, I've kept count of my dates and I've gone out with 37 different guys.

It's probably January the 3rd. And I've kissed all of these guys but two of them. And here's a philosophy.

You're 50 years behind the times, Annie. She says to Ann Landers. Why don't you give some real help to the girls who write to you about staying out night after night? Just tell them to loosen up and don't be so prissy.

Wise up, Granny. And she signs it, not ashamed. Here's Ann Landers' answer.

A lemon that has been squeezed too many times is considered garbage. That goes for garbage collectors, too. Any 16-year-old girl who brags about having kissed 35 different guys since the beginning of the year and thinks she has a good reputation is laboring under a delusion.

It's nice to be friendly, but you sound as if you don't have an enemy in the world. The fact that you've entertained such a parade of guys is proof that they don't ask you out a second or third time. So why don't you wise up, child? And she signs it, Granny Landers.

Now, uh, here's another one. See, the trouble with necking is this. You know, necking is just a little, you know, necking around and stuff.

The trouble with necking is it very quickly graduates. That's the greatest problem with necking. It doesn't stay there.

Ah, here's this girl. She's from a high school. My boyfriend is becoming very insistent.

Please tell me what I'm supposed to tell him. I'm 16, but I've always gone with older guys. Remember what he said yesterday? My present study is 20, and he's going to college.

He's very smart and majoring in psychology. He says, when two people are sincere, there's nothing wrong with expressing their love to the fullest degree. That's what he said.

I told him I wasn't brought up with such ideas, and what he had in mind would make me lose respect for myself. He claims these are immature rationalizations, and that I have no logical basis for my thinking. I saw Sigmund Freud, and he constantly shows me books that say that a person who refuses to give in to natural emotions becomes tense and develops personality problems.

He says youthful energy should not be pent up. He points out I'm depriving myself of a wonderful part of life. And he keeps asking me, why do I condemn something I haven't tried? What do I tell him now? Ann Landers writes back, ask him if he's ever tried sticking his head in a cement mixer.

Tell him he shouldn't condemn it until he's tried it. What your boyfriend has in mind ought to be more than just releasing youthful inhibitions to prevent developing personality problems. In our society, it is part of marriage and procreation.

His sales talk is designed for his own pleasure. If he were interested in you, if he were really in love with you, he would not risk your peace of mind, your health, or your reputation. I suggest he release some of that youthful pent-up energy on the tennis court or baseball diamond, or perhaps he can help his mother rearrange the furniture.

My mail is stacked sky high from girls who have lost the great debate, and wound up disgraced, ashamed, and alone. Now, let's talk about pity. See, now I know there are some kids who could hug each other and not be wrong.

I also know there are some kids who can't even look at each other without getting into trouble. That's why I'm not giving you some lines here and saying, Well, if you hold one finger, it's not sin, but if you hold two, it is. See, I'm not going to see inside your mind, and I'm not going to be sitting in the backseat of your car Saturday night.

I don't know. I'm just going to give you what the Bible says about lasciviousness and concubiness, and you better make your own decisions on that, because you're going to have to stand before God and give him an account. There we are, friends.

Petting is what we're going to talk about now. Here's the definition of petting. Petting is rubbing hands, kissing with a capital K, large kissing, see? Loose clothes for comfort, of course.

Given all this, somehow your feet leave the floor, and gradually you become too weak to sit up, and then you get into trouble, see? Now, the trouble with petting is that it burns down this fuse very, very fast, and it usually ends in an explosion of some kind, all right? Here's the thing. You never come closer to losing yourself in another person than you do in sex alone. That's why sex in God's context can be so beautiful, but out of God's context can be so devastating and so frightening and so blasting and so powerful, because it's just such a whole person involvement type thing.

I'll tell you a few things about petting before we get into the price of premarital sex. First, it can make you feel dirty, guilty, and ashamed, because you override that red light, see? You can't do that. You can't get away with that all the time.

It can ruin your reputation by giving you a reputation. It doesn't have to be all true. It just has to be one girl gives in a little bit to a boyfriend, he goes around and spreads it all over the school.

Oh, wow, you know, guys like doing stuff like that sometimes. You know, so-and-so, she's a dummy, she did this, she did that, you know, and girls go around saying, you know, she's a bitch, bitch, bitch. And then thirdly, girls, especially for you, this one, can cause you to lose your boyfriend, because after he goes further than he should, he may decide you're cheap and leave you.

And sometimes girls say, why do you always pick on us girls? I don't, but girls get pregnant. And fourthly, you can break your parents' heart, because you can wind up in trouble at some time. And fifthly, it can get you married too suddenly, too soon, or to the wrong guy.

It's as simple as that. Now, I'm not denying that heavy petting is not chilling, because why do you think God designed it? Part and parcel of His design. What I am saying is that it is possible to stir up sexual desires in somebody else that you can't rightfully finish, and you're guilty of the sin of defraud.

And God has reserved sexual love for one wife. That is marriage and marriage only. If you blow it, if you want to mess, then you go ahead, but you be prepared to be part of the statistics.

And I'm not just talking about getting pregnant. I hear the kids say, oh, how do you know? You don't have to get pregnant anymore. You could use the pill or something.

It's amazing how many kids never use the pill, even though they know it's around. You know why? They don't want to plan the thing, because they don't really want to plan getting in the sin. So here's the weird.

If the back of your head is this, well, you know, I'm not going to plan. I'm not going to take a pill. Anybody would think that I was planning to go all the way with this guy or something.

So right in the back of their mind they're thinking, no, I don't think I need that. And then they wind up in the same trouble as they would if the pill had never been invented. And some other kids say, well, I said you're going to talk about venereal disease.

Well, we could talk about venereal disease. Well, you say, there's a lot of, you know, stuff that you can take, and that will fix up venereal disease. Do you know the new forms of venereal disease that are not responding to any known treatment? Some of them are so bad.

Some have come from Vietnam and other places. Some of them are so bad, I have a friend, he went to one of the largest B-52 bomber bases in the world. The United States government had built a series of brothels and bars for the men there because they couldn't have their wives with them, so they thought they'd take care of this.

And every morning they used to read over the radio the numbers. Every girl who was a prostitute was assigned a number. They'd read the numbers of girls that they'd found had venereal disease.

And I'll tell you why they had to scratch those girls off their list. Because these venereal diseases are so bad, if you didn't catch it early enough, you got it, there's no hope of cure. And you know what the chaplain told them at the base? He said some of the guys here actually commit themselves to life sentences in prison rather than go home.

And some of them, there's a little ship out in the harbor, it's a medical ship. Some of them go out on that ship and spend the rest of their days before they die of the disease on that ship and they report home missing in action. They're so bad it's getting, it's an explosion.

So you just may, you may not pick up these things, sir. You may say, well I'm not going to get pregnant and I'm not going to get venereal disease and that's not going to be my problem. I'll tell you what the real problem is.

I don't think God simply had pregnancy or venereal disease when he said clean fornication, every other sin a man commits is outside his body, but he that sins this way injures his own body. Now watch. I talk with an awful lot of kids that have got messed up in sex and dating and it's a scary thing to have an 11-year-old kid come up to you and say I just found out I'm pregnant.

What do I do? 11 years old, goodness. How can I tell my mother? What a, what a thing. Or a girl writes you and says I'm pregnant.

You know, where do I go? I'm only 15 and I don't know what to do. That is a scary thing. Or some kid calling out and saying I'm just going to have an abortion.

I thought I'd better tell you. Some butcher lives on girls who made a mistake and can't face it. God has given us some laws and he hasn't given them for fun.

You add these three things when you add these things to premarital sex. You have premarital sex and you'll add three things into your sexual life and they'll carry on into marriage. And here's a weird thing.

Even if you are cleansed and forgiven, the scars of these will remain. There's no way you can erase them. And I want you to understand that.

The reason why so many marriages fall apart. I did a survey one time. I wanted to find out why marriages collapse.

They found one reason was because kids get married too soon, too early. And you know why they get married too early. They just had to get married.

There was nothing else they could do. And then the other one is some form of premarital sex. It dissolves marriages.

Here's the three things. The first thing that is added to your marriage life is guilt. Now remember this fuse we talked about burning down? God designed when this fuse burns to be burned down with openness and honesty and freedom between two people who have committed themselves publicly and openly to each other.

So that when they get together finally they've kept this area of their lives free and open before God. When they finally like this fuse they're paid a price. Of course they have the pain of waiting.

But when that thing burns they can burn it freely and openly. Do you see that? They can burn it freely down with no guilt. And what they do is they learn that petting and necking that leads finally to sexual intercourse.

They learn it with their own guilt. Now if you have learned to do this to have a big heavy petting and necking session keeping on blocking, blocking, blocking all the way down in case you get into trouble down here. Once you learn it's guilt all the way down your relationship.

And you learn to halt yourself and stop yourself all the way down. And when you come under marriage and you think it's going to be open and free and easy you've just simply carried over a whole bunch of habit patterns with you that will never be erased. Do you see that? Why do you think so many people I get into marriage I think it's going to be groovy and then I suddenly find they've sexualized on anything.

They learned how to be smart before marriage and they paid a price after. Now I know there's people, Christians who are married today who could tell you that. Have you went and asked them? You said, listen, how does this work out? You messed around before marriage, you told us that now tell me how it worked out.

Is it true that afterwards in marriage you are held back in this thing and they'll tell you yes, that's true. I know people who've broken up because of that. We have all these books about how to be a sexy swinger but nobody tells you these things.

Secondly, here's a funny thing, you can't love somebody you're afraid of. Now why has God said put some limits on before marriage? I'll tell you why he has because if you prove to each other you can keep within those limits with each other then you'll know for sure when you go into marriage you can stay within those limits and not get into trouble with anybody else. Let me explain what I mean.

If you have a sexual relationship with each other before marriage how can you be sure that either you or your partner will not have a sexual relationship with somebody else after marriage? You see, you knew each other you knew each other better than anybody else knew each other. And if you didn't keep within the fence or bonds of moral limitations how can you be sure that your partner is not going to jump the fence afterwards? And the answer is you can't be sure. I know some husbands who are insanely jealous of their wives and I know why.

Because they drop that standard early after they get married they're scared the moment some other guy looks at their wife they're scared that she's going to drop it again and go on with him. It's just like that. In other words, what happens is there's a destruction of trust.

Fear, you can't love somebody that you're afraid of. And you can't even love anybody else if you don't love yourself. And if you have broken God's laws you hate yourself for doing that thing because you can't love yourself, you can't freely love other people.

And here's another thing. The third one. Dilution.

The tribe before you buy philosophy is beautiful in every other place maybe except here. And I'll tell you why. You get tired sometimes of hearing kids walk in the beaches and you're talking about, they say, well, you know, I'm here for a little sex and that and you say, well, what do you expect? Well, I hope to find a meaningful relationship with somebody.

What garbage. Look, any time you share sexually with anybody that is a meaningful relationship because you've given the very most deepest and intimate part of your personality to share it with somebody else. Now the trouble is this.

You go around trying this out with 500 people so you can become sexually proficient. What you actually do is give away a small part of yourself to all those people and it's not something invested, it's something wasted and spent. You'll never get back.

Now in marriage, God takes two people and He ties their lives together like this. And what actually happens is there's an investment in each other's lives. They can come back to each other as a free, open, emotional home.

They can be themselves with each other. They can, when they share with each other like this, they're actually investing in each other's lives. They haven't spent their personalities.

They've given them to each other. You ever seen a couple that's loved each other for a long, long time and they start to look like each other? Seen a couple like that? I know some like that. Now, when you go around trying before you buy, on the crummy philosophy that if you don't really have enough practice you're not going to be able to do it properly.

What you'll actually do is just simply spend the vital parts of your personality and when you come and you wind up with somebody you'd really like to share everything you have with, you're just not going to have

everything of yourself to share. It's as simple as that. You've given away deep, important parts of your personality to somebody else and they just split off and gone away and torn pieces off themselves and given you these people running ragged around.

And why do you think that sexual love then in marriage breaks down and people have got to go into group sex and then into homosexuality and lesbianism because they're not getting enough kicks in their marriage and then finally they wind up having sexual intercourse with beasts, with animals. Why do you think that happens? Because you see, you can't play with fire and not get burned. When you mess with sex before marriage, you add those things in and it'll wipe out the enjoyment and the joy of sex.

Now, God is not a prude. You read, God is pure, but he's not a puritan, for goodness sake. He is not Victorian.

Read the book of Proverbs. You'll see that God honors sexual love in marriage. The Holy Spirit said to approve and sanction the union and the joy.

But, break it. Step out of God's bonds and you'll add those three. And I know some Christians that are still struggling with their marriages because they messed up before.

And the deeper you mess up before, the deeper the scars are afterwards. You can be forgiven of those things. It'll take you an awful long, long time just trying to pick over those scars in a marriage relationship.

If you've messed up before, then I suggest to you very strongly you stop hard where you're going now and deeply repent. And I mean this. Do not just feel sorry because of what's happened to you.

You feel sorry for what you've done to God. Because sexual love in marriage is one of the illustrations of God's great spiritual truth. And when you dishonor this area of your life, you break a whole pattern down.

I could show you. Those of you who have manuals would be able to trace the development from the civiousness to concupiscence so it lines up in the masturbation or fornication. By the way, the sin of masturbation is not again simply the act.

The sin of masturbation is concupiscence. It's just excited, stirred up, begins in the civiousness. That's what you ought to repent of if you're masturbating.

That's civiousness, concupiscence. And then it moves from fornicational masturbation up into deeper and deeper forms of perversion till it winds up in homosexuality and then from homosexuality up into bestiality. That's the way it goes.

When God sees that happen in the society he puts a cross mark right across the whole thing. And that's the end. And if the Christians don't stand up and live clean and holy then who else is going to? I'll tell you something.

What one generation allows, the next will enjoy. And by the time Christians start giving some standards I'd love to see, and I've seen it before a group of young people who go and apologize to each other for messing their date lives up get on their knees before God, ask God's forgiveness ask each other's forgiveness and then go out there and show the world what genuine love looks like. Can you imagine what would happen? You've got a bunch of kids who have cut clean from sexual immorality don't sit there in conventions praising the Lord and speaking in tongues hoping to get rid of their guilt.

That are really clean from the inside out who enjoy life and enjoy each other who can be free and open to fellowship and share that's the kind of kids we need. Can you imagine what happens when the secular kid sees two kids in love with each other and love with God? They have moral controls in their life what a mind-blowing thing that is. I know.

I had a young couple sat there and they looked a mess when I finished seminar they looked even worse. Because they were looking at each other a bit, you know. When I finished I said, alright, what you have to do is now sometimes it's costly sometimes you've just got to go back and say to your boyfriend goodbye I'm sorry, it's all over, finish, I've got to finish.

Sometimes a guy's got to go to his girl and say, I apologize to you, I've hurt you I've hurt God, I've been a stinking example, see. All kinds of things. Sometimes I say, well you may have to cut it off sometimes God may want you to go ahead get cleaned up and then start restructuring your marriage on the right line.

This young couple, they prayed God said, you go ahead you know, but you get cleaned up so they did they didn't feel it was God's will for them to break so they determined they'd have a Christian date life go out and do some New Testament dating for Jesus. So instead of going out to a big old petting and necking session again they had a prayer time and they said, well, we want to go out and witness. So he went and took her out to a restaurant they ate and they said, well, we're going to go out after look in the streets and we'll see if we can find somebody who has witness to us, you know.

They're sitting down in comes a guy, sits down right opposite her, just finished a meal he says, hi, what you been doing? The guy says, I've been serving Jesus. He says, what? You have an awful spine, see. He said, I've been serving Jesus.

Girlfriend looks across at him put her head down and he looks across at her and she's praying for him inspiration flicks in. He started preaching. He never preached like that in his life.

Still praying for him, you know. Love of God came in his life started preaching across the table. Five minutes later, boy, the guy started crying.

See, he couldn't handle it. There's double from the two sides. Ten minutes later gave his life to Christ right across the table.

What do you think those kids did? They didn't walk in, they floated in. Boing, boing, boing. Come back and they said to the rest of the kids get your day-to-day life cleaned up.

They went out, man. Kids went out all through school. We had thirty-five kids give their life to Christ in the school.

Boom, one week like that. We need some holy people who are pure in heart because only those see God. See that? Now, I'm going to give you two simple rules and I'm going to take this break.

Here's the two simple rules. Well, we'll give you a few other ones and then we'll give you the two simple rules. I wish it was sufficient to just say love Jesus and stay away from sin but I know it's not because everybody assumes they do that, see.

Here's your dating rules. One, keep busy. You know how David fell? He was a priest.

He's a prophet. He's a king. You know how he fell? He fell through laziness.

Lying around, not out there doing what God told him to do. Lazing around, looks out, sees a girl taking a bath. He should have said, oh, well, you know, girl taking a bath, praise the Lord, you know.

You know what he actually did? Hey, give me those binoculars there, see. And then wound up making David not only a adulterer but a murderer. And here's a man who's far higher than any of us has ever been in this room and who wrote all the book of Psalms and everything else.

Now, if a man of God could fall like that, so can you. So you keep yourself busy and active. What shall we do, for goodness sake? What shall we do? What shall I do? Jesus says, look, lift up your eyes.

Peals are white under... When I go in my life to Jesus Christ and I was so busy, I had one problem. How I get enough time to eat and sleep? We had a bunch of kids who were out. You know the chief complaint that parents have? Our kids are out too late.

They're witnessing till two o'clock in the morning. That's a good kind of complaint. I usually be out late, but still.

Now, I better say, I know one pastor, a friend of mine, and he was preaching this thing. And the parents, the kids stayed out till about one o'clock witnessing sometimes. And the pastor came back and he said, he said, listen, we can't have this.

These kids that are, you know, trying to do all this, this is a little bit too super spiritual staying out till one o'clock. And then a phone call came in. The rest of his kids, the backslidden kids, had got picked up for shoplifting in Disneyland.

They were in prison at two o'clock in the morning. And I said that was the judgment of God for them. I think that every Christian should fill their life with, you know, in your early things, with sports for Christ and get into music and have a hundred and fifty hobbies and talents that you can use for God.

You fill your life up with stuff for Jesus. And then secondly, stay away from bad scenes. Stay away from bad scenes.

What is a bad scene? A bad scene is an, any place that brings two kids close together to each other, takes them away from the, from the eyes of civilization, spills a voice of reason, is a place of trouble. Stay away. I mean unchaperoned beach parties, ski hunt or fish deal, little retreats where you go out for a little walk in the woods to see how things are like.

See? Watch out for the bad scene. Get on to another bad scene here. Set curfews for yourself.

Your parents don't care enough about you to set curfews. You set curfews. My struggle happens about eleven thirty on till about two in the morning.

So you just simply set yourself some curfews. Now the times you, you know, we have a little thing we call dime insurance. Dime insurance.

The parents are given, give the kid ten cents. That's a dime. The kid tells them I'm going to be in by such and such a time.

The kid can't get in by such and such a time then they use their dime insurance. They drop a thing in. They say, Mother, I'm going to be delayed a little bit.

I'll be back in twenty minutes, half an hour and that doesn't turn the parents' hair gray. See? But it sets a curfew. And you know, when you know you're supposed to be in by certain time, you can do that.

If you care enough about God and care enough about yourself. Set a curfew for yourself. Your parents don't care enough, you set one.

After all, remember, you're big boys and girls now. Four. Stay out of parked cars.

Stay out of parked cars. Why? Because a parked car happens to be transportation, mood music and a bed on wheels. That's why.

Now you say, I have trouble staying out of parked cars. Right. You're pulling up in the front seat here.

See? And your boyfriend says, switches the car off and you're by the, the moon is in the sky and the wind is blowing through the trees and there's soft music playing on the radio. I want you to imagine every time you turn that switch, a flick, whole band of tarantulas start crawling over the back of the seat. Cawing, cawing, cawing, cawing, cawing.

Wham! Wham! You're out of the car seat. Do that. Gets warm, the tarantulas start crawling.

Wham! Just made it out of a parked car. I could say, well Jesus is watching you, and you say, oh, that's nice. I know.

Five. Get wholly involved with Jesus. I'll tell you why.

Because you see, sex is a very strong thing. You can't just sort of sit on it. But you can channel that power.

And if God gets hold of the sexual vibrancy of your life and channels it for himself. You find that kids who sexualize their queen are creative. They get deep, consistent insight into the Bible.

They grab on all kinds of opportunities for Jesus. They go wham, wham, wham, and it's 300 directions. Get wholly involved with Jesus Christ.

All right, now, that's that. Now I want to give you the two simple set rules. If you forget all these other ones, please remember these two.

The reason why so many kids get into trouble is this, because guys basically are turned on by a look, and girls are basically turned on by a touch. The reason why I know that is because I've visited a lot of garages in my time, and I've seen a lot of pictures of girls posing around in various stages of dress or undress on calendars. But I've never met, in a girl's house, a bunch of half-naked men posing around on the wall.

That's very different. And the way God has designed us, this is the way he's designed us. Sometimes, you see, there's a little thing I call a ski slope that you girls ought to think about here.

Because of this difference here, sometimes a girl goes out with a guy, and she figures, well, there she is. She's sitting up on top of the ski slope. Got her skis on, see? She figures, well, I can come just this far, and if I go too far, I'll get into trouble, see, but just this far, see? I know the time I slide, you know, I'm just, just this far, and then if I go too far, now, I'll slide, so I'll just, so she comes up there, see? She figures that where she is is the same as where the guy is.

What she does not realize, because of this basic difference, the guy might be already halfway down the slope. That's why she can't understand afterwards. That's why I get letters like this.

I can find this then. Where is it? Came back to reality with a sickening thud. I wasn't drunk anymore, and nothing was funny now.

The party was all over, and I felt sick, cheap, and dirty. Didn't make me feel any better to hear him say, why on earth didn't you stop me before things went too far? You should have known what would happen. You could have called a halt at any time, but you didn't.

Now you just have the guy who always blames the girl. Because of this difference between the guys and the girls, I give you two simple guidelines. Keep these for Jesus' sake, and you'll avoid 98.5% of the problems in your date life.

First of all, we're going to talk to the guys, because you guys are supposed to be the leaders, right? Then why don't you start leading in your date life? All right, here's the first rule for the guys. Because you're going to get into trouble, you guys. If you're going to get into trouble with a look, then the first rule I give you is this.

Guard your eyes. Now, Job may have been the oldest dude in the Bible, but he had some pretty heavy things to say. And one of them was Job 31.1, when he said, I've made a covenant with mine eyes.

Why then should I think on a maid? Now listen, you guys. You go along, somebody comes up to you and says, hey, you seen this picture? Ah! You may see that, oh, that picture, see? You may not be able to help that first look. You say, oh, yeah, that was a picture.

But when you say this, what was that picture again? That's when you get into trouble. Listen, most of your problems are going to start right up to you. So what you do is, when you see something, just turn away.

It's as simple as that. You know, Peter Marshall has a beautiful thing about, he says, I see a pretty girl, and this thought comes in. So you go, hmm, yes, really? You introduce the pretty girl to Jesus.

See it right in your head. Pretty girl meets Jesus. Like that.

Praise the Lord for pretty girls. Right on. See? Turn away.

Guard your eyes. Eyes are going to get you in all kinds of trouble. Dirty novels, pornographic pictures, letting your eyes go where you know.

Who calls the signals on your eyes, you guys? Is it Jesus? Jesus gave him your life, you give him your eyes? And then secondly, because you're going to get girls in the problem for this. You know what I'm going to tell you to do? Keep your cotton-pickin' hands to yourself. Right? Keep your hands to yourself.

The Bible says, cleanse your hands, you sinners. Your hands are going to get you into trouble, going to get your girlfriend in trouble. So keep them to yourself.

You say, I don't know what to do with my hands. Right? If you're in this parked car, and you've shot all the tarantulas in the back, and you still don't know what to do with your hands, well, you guys are going to take with you a can of spray. I know that.

You're going to pull out, hmm, that takes care of the tarantulas. I know that. See? I don't know what to do with my hands.

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