

**General Topics :: what about driving in a car with a guy?****what about driving in a car with a guy? - posted by awakenwithin (), on: 2007/5/2 3:58**

what do you think about driving in a car with a guy alone?

Short and long trips?

what do you think about people who talk in a car alone?

What do you think about praying with a guy?

what do you think that there are times the Holy Spirit wants us to pray?

do you think the guy should lead, and leave?

Thanks in His love
charlene

Re: what about driving in a car with a guy? - posted by jordanamo, on: 2007/5/2 4:16

There's nothing at all wrong with being around another person of the opposite sex (even.. alone!) unless your conscience forbids you to engage in such a situation (i.e. if it's a guy that you believe is either "bad" in one way or another or is going to take your mind off God etc. or you don't think you're mature enough in one way or another for that situation.)

Just be careful and keep your focus on Jesus-- always, in all things-- and you'll be OK :)

Jordan

Re: what about driving in a car with a guy?, on: 2007/5/2 7:01

I'm just happy to see people still have "blushes and crushes".

If he's a God-fearing sort, maybe you ought to let him court you.

hehe >:')

Re: what about driving in a car with a guy? - posted by enid, on: 2007/5/2 7:14

The fact that you have asked this question shows that there are doubts concerning this situation.

We know scripture tells us to abstain from every appearance of evil, 1 Thess 5v22.

Scripture also tells us if in doubt don't, that's a paraphrase of Rom 14v23.

Also, if the journey is unavoidable, the passenger can sit in the back seat, not next to the driver, just like in a taxi.

As for praying with a guy, why? Is it needed?
Is it in the car or in a church building or where?

Wisdom is justified by her children, Matt 11v19.

And wisdom should tell us to just use what wisdom we have in any given situation.

I don't tell people what to do. They do as they please.

But it help if we just look into God's word to see if what we are doing is questionable, what it looks like to God, and what it looks like to others.

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We should not give the enemy opportunity to reproach God's name. And he will, if given the chance.

God bless.

Re: what about driving in a car with a guy? - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2007/5/2 8:15

i think you should never be alone with anyone of the opposite sex if it is not your brother/sister or mother/father, wife/husband, if you are you get into a dangerous situation where "youthful" lusts can come, i have no other reference then myself, and i know I'm weak, but the bible says stand fast against the devil and run from lusts....that to me is a great warning. Maybe some are stronger than others. But for me it is never be alone with the opposite sex, unless its family.

Re: what about driving in a car with a guy? - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2007/5/2 8:25

Whether you are in a car or any place alone with a fellow will not make as much a difference as your body language while with him. If you dress immodestly and behave like a heifer in heat*, you are inviting sexual advances from the guy, and I would guess this could be your fault. BUT if you conduct yourself in a manner that radiates purity, holiness, these questions would be of no issue....except for long trips...what do you call long? And why not ask others to go with you? That would dispel all questions/doubts! And remove the appearances of evil...

My suggestions and how a 60 YO views human nature....

ginnyrose

*if you wonder what this means, ask a cattleman. One sees this behavior all the time out in the public. And this is what I think all the time: that girl acts like a heifer in heat..

:-)

Re:, on: 2007/5/2 9:44

Even if there isnt a chance that anything sexual might happen... there is always the impropriety factor.

For instance, we're good friends with our neighbors. Our kids are constantly playing together on a daily basis, we're always getting together for meals, etc. But not one time have I ever been alone with my neighbor's wife, and vice versa. If I'm dropping something off at their house, and her husband or oldest son (who is college age) isnt there, I dont go into the house.

It's just a matter of being 100%. Billy Graham went so far as to have people from his staff go into his room when he checked into a hotel, and check it before he even entered it.

It's not a fear thing, it's a desire to be pure.

There probably isnt anything wrong with riding to church alone with a guy, but if you want to take that extra step toward purity, dont do it.

As far as praying alone with a guy... I would be real careful of that. Prayer is a very intimate thing, and draws people closer together. In a fellowship with other people, it's a wonderful God thing that happens. When it's a single guy and girl... not sure it's a good idea, unless there are people in the next room... and doors are open.

As for the Holy Spirit "leading"... one thing the Holy Spirit will not do is lead you into temptation. The Holy Spirit gets blamed for a lot of stuff, which is nothing more than us following our flesh and believing it was the Holy Spirit... when it wasn't.

The Holy Spirit is also used as an "ace in the hole" as well. When people question our actions we say "The Holy Spirit led me to do this..." which is nothing more than us trying to shut up our critics.

He ought not to be treated like that.

Krispy

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Re: - posted by PreachParsly (), on: 2007/5/2 10:22

If your really interested in Courtships and such, check out Denny Kenaston. He is on this site.

(<http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/viewcat.php?cid253&min20&orderbytitleA&show20>) Audio Sermons on Courtship

(<http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/articles/index.php?viewcategory&cid119>) Transcript of audios if you want to read

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2007/5/2 10:42

I do not think men and women of God should meet members of the opposite sex alone *for any reason*. Those who do so are not wise, they are immature in the faith and completely unsuspecting of the devil's vast arsenal. If a woman wants to speak with me and get advice concerning her marital issues, I'll ask her to call her husband also. If she is single, I won't discuss things with her unless my wife is in the room (ideally) or another Christian is nearby. I would *never* agree to meet someone alone of the opposite sex, in a car, restaurant, office, or otherwise. The negative factors involved are extensive, and we open all kinds of doors for enemy tactics. Temptation is only but a single threat. Lies, rumors, accusations can run amuck. Satan is also a master seed-planter, and can sow all kinds of filthy things, if not in your head, in the heads of others who can exponentially damage your reputation by slander and storytelling. The trick to survival is to give no place for the enemy to set up camp. If you are in the habit meeting alone with someone of the opposite sex you are transversing a land mine. Why even put yourself in such a predicament for the enemies of God to blaspheme on your account?

Avoid all occasions to ruin your testimony. Pursue perfection. The "old paths" upheld these standards; the new paths have inconspicuously converged with the world's lacksadaisical customs and Christians now venture into pastures not ordained by God, to their hurt.

Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss (), on: 2007/5/2 11:10

Hello...

I would like to add that my wife and I often drove together to visit her parents during our courtship. It was a two hour drive to her home, and we drove together in my vehicle. I never felt the least bit of conviction for driving with her. If I stayed overnight, I typically stayed with her parents in their home (I stayed in her brother's room on the floor), while my then girlfriend stayed downstairs or in the home of a sibling.

We often went out to eat together. We would drive alone to the restaurant and eat there. Sometimes, we would have a picnic in the park.

I think that it is a good warning to avoid the very appearance of evil. However, the definition of what appears "evil" will vary from believer to believer. The Word does not give an exact definition of everything that constitutes such an appearance. However, there are some pretty good definitions for the term "evil." It is my opinion that it is not at all "evil" to drive alone to a restaurant with my fiance. Nor is it "evil" to drive to the park for a picnic. The only "evil" is the sin in which we did NOT partake.

We must be very careful not to mistake "suspicion" or "opinion" for Biblical "conviction." The only individual that ever spoke to me about driving alone with my girlfriend was a very "spiritual" friend who felt the liberty to share his feelings with everyone else BEFORE he confronted me. He felt that my freedom for driving alone with my then girlfriend was an indication of sinful, ulterior motives. When I found out from others about my friend's publicized concerns, I confronted him. I reminded him of Titus 1:15 ("*Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is no thing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.*"), and how it is better to believe what is certain than suspect the worst (I Corinthians 13:4-7).

I have been to several "God-seeking" local congregations where I had heard such whispered suspicions before I had even met the target of the whispers. I wonder if Mary and Joseph ever encountered such whispers?

:-)

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Re: - posted by Nile (), on: 2007/5/2 11:13

Quote:

PaulWest wrote:

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Amen brother. Well said.

Re: - posted by awakenwithin (), on: 2007/5/2 14:35

Thank you all for your input.

I know in my heart what is right and what is wrong. I know I want to be pure with my thoughts and actions.

after being part of the prayer team were sometimes only one guy would come. I started thinking it was ok to pray with guys alone.

Krispy quote:

Prayer is "a very intimate thing.. draws people together." I agree. So was I in the wrong for praying, in my spirit I didn't feel like I was doing anything wrong. But now I can see how it can be unwise. I pray with so many different people, I really just love praying with people. Maybe praying at a Church or with others would be ok? I want to be pure.

I guess I was questioning being alone with this guy and praying. Because so many say don't ever be alone with a guy. I don't see any appearance of evil. I don't want to give room for the enemy to tempt us. You are all right and I agree I should not be alone with, but it seems that maybe in life not every thing fits in the box.

I do think that my heart was pure and holy in this, and I think his was too. But you are right we shouldn't give room for something to happen.

So maybe I am still immature and also him. So please pray I have wisdom.

Yes I think that this guy fears God, but I don't think courting is in the picture.

But I look at Denny - good stuff. Please pray I will say something and will keep myself from being alone with guys.

I would say a long trip 2 or more hours.

In His love
charlene

Re:avoiding the APPEARANCE of evil ? - posted by roadsign (), on: 2007/5/2 15:15

Quote:

----- The Word does not give an exact definition of everything that constitutes such an appearance.

There may be a good reason for this. Scripture was not left to the mercy of our impressions. What APPEARS evil is very subjective and dependent on people's imaginations. Jesus certainly appeared to do some evil things in the eyes of some onlookers.

Try out some versions that use language the way we do today:

“Avoid every form of evil.” NASV

“Avoid every kind of evil” NIV

“Abstain from every kind of evil” NKJV

Being concerned about what others may think, or how you may APPEAR isn't a powerful enough check for your conscience. It can lead to the temptation to "go underground" with sin. THAT doesn't feel wrong, because it APPEARS okay.

Quote:

----- Because so many say don't ever be alone with a guy.

It is important to distinguish between what the Bible says, and what man says. We are warned in scripture not to add to what's there. If the Bible does not say that, then don't add it. Doing so creates a lot of false guilt and all the troubles created by legalism - fear, self-absorption, judging, pride, etc.

Charlene, when I was a teen, there were certain fellows I just KNEW I didn't want to be alone with ever - even in a shopping mall. It's still that way. You have to use your gut sense, and don't let it get defiled with all kinds of legalism.

Above all, desire to remain faithful to the Lord. He will guide you.

Diane

Re:, on: 2007/5/2 15:22

Quote:

-----So was I in the wrong for praying, in my spirit I didn't feel like I was doing anything wrong.

I don't think you were sinning. I just think it was unwise. There is a big difference.

Just be aware of it in the future, and ask God to give you wisdom to see potentially dangerous situations.

Krispy

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Re: - posted by Abide, on: 2007/5/2 16:22

Charlene, when I was a teen, there were certain fellows I just KNEW I didn't want to be alone with ever - even in a shopping mall. It's still that way. You have to use your gut sense at times.

Hi Charlene,

May I answer this only because it has given me a headache, Please if you will show me where In the bible does it say that we must not, or that we should not want to be alone with ever. We are called to be light I understand that we should not be unevenly yoked with unbelievers but should we hide as Christians our faith, should we continue to separate ourselves from certain people?

How is this God's love? Please clarify so that I may understand. I for too long have stayed away from certain fellows and have even made a vow to God. I believe that there is a time when God will take certain people out of your life for a season, and then he brings them back again. It is not so that your relationship with them can be where it used to be, but in essence so that it can be taken to another level In Him.

If I am wrong please correct me.

Quote:

-----and don't let it get defiled with all kinds of legalism

Did you just add this?

Re: - posted by Humbled (), on: 2007/5/2 16:26

Dear Saints on Sermonindex,

I have been following this thread, and would like to contribute and share my opinion on this matter..

I think there are a lot of good things said. So if you feel this way about being with someone of the opposite sex or have problems with being alone with another gender or think it gives cause for a saint to stumble or might dishonor the name of Jesus, than do not spend time alone together.

However I think that there is nothing in scripture that forbids that a man and women spend (long) time alone together. I can imagine immature people reading this thread and making rules about it.. short trip is ok.. but we can not be with each other when the drive is more than 2 hours. Praying with 2 girls is ok, but praying with one girl should never be done. This is what the pharisees did, making all types of rules for all types of circumstances... now we would not want to be making our own do's and don'ts to place burdens on ourselves and others.

What to think of Jesus at the well, I can imagine the first disciples wondering why He would do such a "sinful" thing: And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her?

What would have happened if it was one of the disciples who was talking to the woman and the other disciples saw him, they probably would have dared to say why he did this thing. We never know though..

Paulwest wrote:

I do not think men and women of God should meet members of the opposite sex alone for any reason. Those who do so are not wise, they are immature in the faith and completely unsuspecting of the devil's vast arsenal.

These are very strong statements... Not wise, immature, unsuspecting of the Devil.. This could be, if it is done in ignorance and unbelief and flesh.. But I really do not think it is the Lords will a man and women who do not have an earthly relationship must never be alone together. Would it for a christian not be more in line with the saving overcoming message of the gospel that man and woman are able to spend time together alone in a car, a prayer meeting or anywhere else. What about giving in to Satan, because they ARE wise and mature in the faith? I have been to Israel once and many times a ultra orthodox jew passes or spots a woman or girl (not even dressed immodest) they take their hat off and put it between their eyes and the girl. They do not want to see such tempting creatures... Of itself it is not a bad thing, just like Job had a covenant with his eyes not to look at other women. But the freeing grace of God is more than the old covenant and legalism

stic laws of the jews is it not?

Even people of the world can have normal friendships and spend time with each other without anything sexual or tempting happening.

In my experience it is easier to remain pure in thought regarding women when she is a sister in Christ than when they are of the world. Especially when they are godly, it does not even matter if she wears a long skirt or jeans, because the attention is focused on Christ in her instead of the outward appearance. I think this is a blessing. On the other hand there are also people like roadside mentions: Charlene, when I was a teen, there were certain fellows I just KNEW I didn't want to be alone with ever - even in a shopping mall. It's still that way. You have to use your gut sense at times.

Krispy quote:

“Prayer is a very intimate thing.. draws people together.”

Jesus prayed that we might be one, why would we prevent a honest and upright brother and sister to become more one in Christ by laying some rule or personal conviction on them? I agree that it can be a drawing in a lustful way when the praye rayer is focussed on the other person who hears our personal things.

Awaken within had no convictions an upright heart and as far as she could tell the young man had too. They are praying together to the One who made them, focussing their prayers on the one who saved them. It's not a matter of two people of the opposite sex spending prayer together. You can be with 10 Christians and half of them might pay more attention or feel more attraction to the other gender attending than to the Lord whom is in the midst of them. After all Jesus said:

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

He did not say that He will not be there when 2 people of the opposite sex are praying.. It's all about heart issues I think just like Christ reminded his “spiritual friend”: I reminded him of Titus 1:15 ("Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled."), and how it is better to believe what is certain than suspect the worst (I Corinthians 13:4-7).

In the last days there will be a whole lot of people forbidding a whole lot of things which are in and of themselves not sinful:

Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

Bless God! And may God bless you!

All of you help me to grow in the faith..

edit: changed "head" of the jews in "hat" :)

Re: - posted by Here4Him (), on: 2007/5/2 16:40

'Humbled', I am afraid for you. The Bible says "he who thinks he stands, beware lest he fall". I am afraid that if you go on with this attitude you will be 'humbled'.

Can I exhort you my dear brother, I had reached the stage where I thought I had overcome (through God's grace) the sexual temptation struggle in my life. I thought I was 'mature', I thought that I didn't need an accountability partner because I had reached a stage where I wouldn't majorly fall in that area again, and my brother I did fall. I was humbled.

I am now afraid, I know I need Christ every hour or I am a goner. I am broken, dependant, aware of my weaknesses, and aware of Christ's strength.

"Can a man take fire to his bosom and not be burned?"

Be careful my brother, I guarantee that your heart is a lot worse than you know it to be. Maybe God has just not shown you that yet. I pray you don't have to learn the hard way.

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Protect yourself, do not put yourself in any even remotely dangerous situations. I exhort you for your sake and for Christ's sake

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2007/5/2 16:44

It should be noted that Joseph and Mary went on several "long" trips together, ALONE, before they were married. Such trips would have required sleeping in a tent on the road side, or finding an ancient "hotel" along the way.

Re:, on: 2007/5/2 16:46

Humbled... I've never seen anyone here take my words completely out of context and then misinterpret them... and then explain why I am wrong.

If you do that with my words...

By the way, I didn't totally disagree with a couple of your points. But I think you have missed the heart of what everyone has been saying.

Krispy

Re: - posted by Here4Him (), on: 2007/5/2 16:50

King Jimmy said:

Quote:
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I can't believe what I am hearing, I think it incredibly foolish to try to justify a Christian going on 'long trips' with a member of the opposite sex by referring to the example of Mary and Joseph.

We have to be so careful. Why would you want to do such a thing KingJimmy? are you mad?

Re: - posted by Humbled (), on: 2007/5/2 16:55

Thank you for your exhortation Here4Him,

I will take it to heart very much. The reason my name is humbled is indeed because I thought I stood and I did fall, same area...

I'm sorry if I come across as if we need not to be careful or to abstain from evil, I absolutely do not want to promote flirtations of any kind.

If anyone else thinks my previous message promotes wickedness or carelessness, this was not my intention.

I simply wanted to say that we can have a healthy normal relationship with people of the opposite sex. Not by our own strength, then we will certainly fall..

I hope my beginning statement was clear:

So if you feel this way about being with someone of the opposite sex or have problems with being alone with another gender or think it gives cause for a saint to stumble or might dishonor the name of Jesus, then do not spend time alone together.

I seriously pray my post doesn't stumble anyone.. I only wanted to edify

"humbled" (again)

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Re:, on: 2007/5/2 16:56

Quote:
-----It should be noted that Joseph and Mary went on several "long" trips together, ALONE, before they were married. Such trips would have required sleeping in a tent on the road side, or finding an ancient "hotel" along the way.

Which trips? When they traveled to Bethlehem they were husband and wife. They hadnt yet consumated it yet, but they were in a little different circumstance considering she was pregnant with God's Son.

The trip to Bethlehem was the first trip they took that I am aware of... and they were married.

Mat 1:24 Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife

This was right after the angel revealed her "state" to him.

Luk 2:4-5 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because (he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his **espoused wife**, being great with child.

Many think that word means engaged, as a fiance, yet you and I both know that in that culture, they were legally bound to each other... they were married.

"espoused"

1. to make one's own; adopt or embrace, as a cause.
2. to marry.
3. to give (a woman) in marriage.

The trips you're referring to happened **after** they were married. There is no doubt about this.

If you know anything about their culture in those times, they never would have been "alone" in the sense that we think of it today. She would have been considered "loose" if she put herself in that situation.

Krispy

Re: - posted by Humbled (), on: 2007/5/2 17:00

Krispy,

I'm sorry..

I guess I need to learn a lot about posting on forums and "listening" to what I read.

Re: - posted by Here4Him (), on: 2007/5/2 17:01

Well said Krispy, thank you for clearing that up.

Humbled, arent you glad that God gives grace to the humble?

Lets stay humble and realise we could fall again, so we must cling to Christ and be be ever so watchful.

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Re:, on: 2007/5/2 17:04

Humbled... concerning you turning my words on their head... I think my response was too strong. I was trying to be humorous, while making a point. Sorry about that.

Dont worry... I dont bite. I'm glad you're hear! :-)

Please continue to contribute. You'll get the hand of it.

Krispy

Re:, on: 2007/5/2 17:09

This hasn't been brought up yet so I thought I would share it.

For those who haven't listened to this three part series on dating by Paul Washer I highly recommend it: (<http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid13918&commentViewItemComments>) Dating

He addresses this issue quite strongly in his message on (<http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid14249&commentViewItemComments>) Moral Purity I believe.

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Just want to say I'm thankful for the wise counsel of some of the older saints here...Krispy, Ginnyrose, Here4Him, PaulWest, Enid, and the list goes on. You all have been around a lot longer than us younger ones and I'm grateful for you sharing your wisdom about these issues of life.

:-)

~Joy

Re: - posted by Here4Him (), on: 2007/5/2 17:13

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Joy, don't lump me in with our beloved 'older saints' on sermonindex- I'm only 23!!! :-)

Re:, on: 2007/5/2 17:16

Quote:

Here4Him wrote:

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Oops! I'm sorry...somehow I was under that impression, don't ask me how!
Well, you are a year older than me so I guess you're still in the category of 'older'. :-P

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Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2007/5/2 17:19

Quote:

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And Mary and Joseph are bad examples of righteous behavior?

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Who said I wanted to do such a thing? My fiance and I have had a very overwhelming schedule of late, and have had little chance to really have time alone and talk and just enjoy each other's company. I was thinking of taking her to the coast to spend a day out there, but decided not to do such once I realized just how long the trip was, and such would have required an overnight stay somewhere. So, I decided it was not such a great idea.

Re: - posted by Here4Him (), on: 2007/5/2 17:20

Roniya said:

Quote:

-----Oops! I'm sorry...somehow I was under that impression, don't ask me how!
Well, you are a year older than me so I guess you're still in the category of 'older'.

Don't worry Joy, I am honoured to have been included in such esteemed company!!! ;-)

Re: - posted by Here4Him (), on: 2007/5/2 17:32

I said:

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King Jimmy said:

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My friend im sorry if i was a little harsh, i was just suprised as to why you were trying to justify it by scripture with that example (which as Krispy pointed out Joseph and Mary took that trip when they were married). I think i reacted the way i did brother because i know how careful i need to be in this area, so please understand.

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We all should be careful in this area and seek to protect ourselves. But am i saying for example it would be wrong for you to go for a day trip to the beach or a picnic with your fiance? I'm not sure i am saying that. I guess you have to decide that between you and the Lord-it's your relationship with Him that counts after all. But do be careful brother, dont think it impossible that you could fall in this area. The devil would be only too delighted to see you fall with your fiance before you are married. He wants to destroy you, he walks around this earth seeking to devour. Lets just be very watchful, and very sensible, ok? I am sure you already are, i hope so.

Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiss () , on: 2007/5/2 20:01

Hi Here4Him...

Quote:

-----I guess you have to decide that between you and the Lord-it's your relationship with Him that counts after all.

Exactly. I make no apology for taking my then-fiance on a two hour trip to her parents. It is a good thing for a believer to express their concern, but not to express their own opinion as if it is the only one that counts. The important thing is to refrain from "jumping to conclusions" or "expecting the worst" from any believer who does such.

Quote:

-----But do be careful brother, dont think it impossible that you could fall in this area. The devil would be only too delighted to see you fall with your fiance before you are married. He wants to destroy you, he walks around this earth seeking to devour. Lets just be very watchful, and very sensible, ok? I am sure you already are, i hope so.

Good advice! I don't see how a driving trip can easily can turn into such blatant and sexual evil, but I suppose that it could happen. One should be careful and prayful: Not only is there a possible opportunity for evil, but worldly-minded individuals are prone to believe the worst.

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Re: - posted by KingJimmy () , on: 2007/5/2 22:41

Quote:

Which trips? When they traveled to Bethlehem they were husband and wife.

Now, now, let's not have sloppy Scripture reading :-). After your post, I considered that perhaps I had mis-spoken in regard to these things. However, if you look at Luke 2 closely, you will see Joseph and Mary were not yet married in any of their trips.

In Luke 2:5, when Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem, we read they were still just engaged. And after the birth of Christ, they went to Jerusalem 8 days later to present Christ at the temple. Still, they would have been unmarried. In fact, they would have been merely just engaged until they could consummate the marriage, so, factor in another couple weeks so that Mary could recover. For Matthew makes it clear that Joseph kept her a virgin until after the birth of Christ (Matt 1:25).

Now, I know "engagement" in Jewish culture is more significant than it is in ours. So much so that Joseph had considered giving Mary a writ of divorce when he discovered she was with child. However, they were not still considered fully married.

Re: what about driving in a car with a guy? - posted by babyVivian () , on: 2007/5/3 5:43

I am a female engineer, I have situations where I am the only woman in department of 40 engineers, and I am been an instructor training oftenly an whole entire male class.

It is up to an individual take the effort to protect your name and also others. I've been told that Billy Graham would not even share an elevator with another woman within.

To whom much is given, much is required.

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There is an situation where I and a male engineer were assigned to fulfil a job, 4 hours drive.

I would not do car pool trying to save gas, I drove up on my own and stay in a different hotel then the other male coworker, I only see him in the clients' office for work.

Sometimes, even there might be nothing indecent happened but people would spread rumours out of a suspicious situation. then if my coworker was married, then he also was marked.

When I am an instructor, I would have to coach sometimes one on one to a male engineer, I am always aware am I completely alone with one man in the classroom, otherwise I would have to change to a more public venue. Even with more than one person in the room, I always keep the door open to keep things proper. I dont have lunch with only one male student, I always have lunch w a group of them, if not I would have lunch on my own.

Don't compromise situation even if it cost more money or you might feel lonely, Jesus is on the trip, if I am travelling alone, it is great time to spend with God, listening to sermons etc..

This is how I protect my profession and the name of my company, and also the name of my coworkers.

I think in church work the same things applies.

Vivian

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Re:, on: 2007/5/3 7:43

Quote:
-----Now, I know "engagement" in Jewish culture is more significant than it is in ours. So much so that Joseph had considered giving Mary a writ of divorce when he discovered she was with child. However, they were not still considered fully married.

You're hanging on a technicality. Because they hadn't had sex yet you're saying they were not lawfully married... to which I have to concede. However as you noted, they were in a state of legal and cultural bounds in which they needed a divorce in order to be relieved from them.

They were not merely boy and girl on a trip... they were not even as an engaged couple in this society we live in, where all they have to do is say "the weddings off!" and they walk away.

They needed to divorce to end the relationship.

Again, KJ, I contend that it's apples to oranges.

Also, when they traveled to Bethlehem, and when they traveled to Jerusalem, they were far from being "alone". They would have been in a crowd of hundreds traveling there at the same time.

They did not travel alone, as people do today... secluded in a car, staying in a locked room at a hotel, etc etc.

And they were legally and religiously bound to one another. Scripture is not clear, but it is safe to assume that the reason they did not consummate the union was because she was carrying God inside her womb... and either it was commanded of Joseph, or he did it out of reverence.

In my way of thinking, this does not apply to what has been asked on this thread.

Krispy

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Re:, on: 2007/5/3 7:47

Vivian... what a great post! Welcome to the forum.

It is great to see such virtue. I hope everyone takes time to really read what you wrote.

Krispy

Re: - posted by babyVivian (), on: 2007/5/3 7:59

You are welcome, Krispy.

I really miss North Carolina, I used to work in IBM Raleigh research Triangle in NC, I can still close my eyes and remember how beautiful North Carolina was. :-D

Re: - posted by awakenwithin (), on: 2007/5/5 18:19

I think after reading all your post and praying I think it is best I am not alone with any boy in a car. YOU are right we have to do what it takes to be prue. To keep ourselves safe, and keep our heart guarded.

There wouldn't be a promble if Boy would act like men and leave? or Is the girl to say something?

Thanks
in his love
charlene

Re: what about driving in a car with a guy? - posted by vico, on: 2007/5/5 21:29

1Timothy 5:1-2 "Rebuke not an elder, but intreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren; The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity."

"...the younger as sisters, with all purity"

I realize that in the context Paul is addressing times of rebuke but i think that it would be safe to carry this over into the other areas of life as well.

As the body of Christ we ought to treat all older men even as we would our own fathers, the older women as mothers, with love and respect, and the younger women as sisters, with all purity.

Look at the two sides, a seeming paradox, or contradiction; First: To treat the younger women as sisters. Now that seems a little too close, don't you think? Most would view that as below the conservative standard. If you're not virtually shunning a girl, you're defrauding her, right? Paul says here that a young man is to treat the younger women as sisters, and this is true, and we should not treat them as anything less. To treat them as anything lower than a sister is below the standard of Christian living, below the standard of true Christian love. We must be sure that we don't throw this aspect of Christian guy/girl relationships out. Think about what that means, "as a sister" I'll leave that between you and God as to what that entails.

Secondly: "With all purity." Just like the first point, this one can be taken out of context and to an extreme. But Paul exhorts the young man Timothy to treat all younger women with ALL purity. To do otherwise would be to go beyond and defraud. In our relationships with the opposite sex, we need to make sure that we live above reproach, and to flee youthful lusts, that anyone speaking evil of us would be ashamed, knowing that we follow after righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. Evil claims could never stand against one like that, because his light is shining forth out of a pure heart.

These two must be coupled together. If you are not treating younger women as sisters, you are not relating to them in the proper Christian way, and you are just as much in the wrong as the one who does not relate to them in purity. And, you must relate to them in a pure way, not giving any occasion to the flesh to stumble, and thereby blaspheme the name of God among the unbelievers.

So, in summery, as a young man I will treat every Christian woman as a sister, and nothing less than that. I will not set a standard as to what that means, God does not, so i will not either. And, I will treat them in every pure way, (Remember, as the brother said, 'to the pure, all things are pure' the pure will not allow for any impurity.)

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to the honor and praise of God.

As we behold Christ, the Lamb of God, He will reveal His will and ways to us. So let us behold Him.

In Christ,
~vico

Re: - posted by awakenwithin (), on: 2007/5/6 23:15

I think this is very true!

Brothers need treat young women as sisters, nothing less, or more

Vico thanks for what you wrote it was Good.

In his love
charlene