

GSM

Mistakes with the Opposite Sex

I. Mistakes singles make with opposite sex

A. They fail to establish biblical love as the foundation of their relationship- It takes time to build on agape and build a friendship first! It takes patience and character. This is the same qualities that make a marriage work after you say I do!

1. Agape- **1 Cor. 13**

2. Phileo- **Amos 3:3**

a. Acquaintance

b. Casual

c. Close- There needs to be honest discussion here. If they are not a candidate for marriage do not go here.

d. Intimate- The relationship is serious!

3. Storge- Commitment- **2 Tim. 3:3**

4. Eros- Romantic- Hand holding, kiss?- Not found in the Bible!

5. Epithumia- Marriage/Sex

B. They misinterpret the actions of others- **Matthew 7:1**- Judge not!- This is declaring an **intent** of someone's actions.

1. They smiled at me!

2. They went out of their way to talk to me!

3. We have a tendency to make snap judgments about if people like us or don't like us based upon little or no supporting evidence.

4. If you really want to know if someone is interested in you ask them. But if they tell you the answer "no" you need to believe them!

C. They are not honest with each other from the start. **Psalms 51:6**

1. Often one single is not interested in a romantic relationship with someone but another really wants one so they say they are just friends.

2. Some singles lie to themselves and say they are just friends in secret hopes things will change. **THEY WON'T-MOVE ON!!**

3. Ladies- Be blunt in a nice way with guys. They do not take hints well.

D. They hang on to hopes of having a relationship with people that are not interested in them. **MOVE ON!!** - Forbidden fruit is desirable! Often a single will hang on in hopes of someone else liking them because they don't want them! They want to gain their acceptance and love. It is about them and not love. If they got that person they then would not want them. Ex. **2 Samuel 13**

1. If God has chosen someone for you then He will put you on their heart.

E. They often avoid or ignore warning signals. **Prov. 22:3, 27:12**

1. Lying
2. Anger
3. Lust
4. Breaking of commitments
5. Jealousy

F. They get bitter towards the opposite sex because of past hurts. Bitterness will be like sunglasses that will tint everything and everyone you meet.

1. Example of my hair cutting experience
2. Pour out your heart to God and receive healing
3. Live looking out the windshield and not the rear view mirror!
4. Take responsibility for your decisions- You married the bum or bumette! Be smarter next time!