

1 Timothy 5:1-2 Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father. Treat younger men like brothers, 2 older women like mothers, younger women like sisters, in all purity.

1. Critique of Secular Dating
2. **Model for Christian Courtship**
3. Practical advice before courtship

I. Preparation Stage

- A. Spiritual Maturity
-Galatians 5:22-23

- B. Emotional Maturity

- C. Financial Stability
-Proverbs 24:27

- D. Parental Training

- E. Household Training

II. Friendship Stage -1 Timothy 5:1-2

III. Possibility Stage

- A. Research

- B. Get godly counsel

- C. Pray individually

- D. Initial meeting

- E. Pray mutually

- F. Set boundaries

- G. Decision

IV. Courtship Stage

V. Marriage Stage