

“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (1 Peter 4:11).

DATA FOR DATERS

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YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE BEGINNING TO DATE, often wonder just how they should conduct themselves in their relationship with the opposite sex. Following are some guidelines for both boys and girls which will assure happiness, if followed:

Pledges For Young Men

1. I will always treat every girl like I want every boy to treat my sister.
2. I will not take my date into any company or place not conducive to good morals.
3. I will not use foul or suggestive language, or keep my date where it is being used.
4. I will always do my best to get my date home at a decent hour.
5. I will respect my date as I want to respect the girl I marry.
6. I will not date any girl with a bad reputation.
7. I will not go anywhere or do anything about which I would be ashamed to tell my mother.

Pledges For Young Ladies

1. I will never do anything I would be ashamed for my parents to know.
2. I will keep my mind free of lust and my body free from sin.
3. I will never be a play-toy for any boy.
4. I will treasure my kisses and caresses for the man I marry.
5. I will not do anything that will impair my ability to form a happy marriage.
6. I will dress to please God, not boys.
7. I will demand gentlemanly conduct as the price of my company.
8. I will always strive to be pure, not popular.

ADVICE TO YOUTH

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1. Remember your Creator in the days of your youth.

Come to the Christ before your zeal and enthusiasm are wasted in the service of Satan. (Eccl. 12:1).

2. Set an example of righteousness before others.

You do not have to sow wild oats. That is Satan's lie. Let no man despise your youth (Gal. 6:7-8; 1 Tim. 4:12).

3. Obey your parents in all things that are right.

Disobedience to parents breeds violation of the authority of the school, state and God (Eph. 6:1).

4. Help with the household chores and expect no pay for it.

Mow the lawn; wash the dishes, windows and car. Make your bed, clean your room, hang up your clothes and work in the garden. Working can be much more fun than idleness. (2 Th. 3:10).

5. Study hard at school. Your failure to do so will only

bring regret tomorrow. Be honest. Do your own work. (Rom. 12:17).

6. **Read some good books.** They will put you in contact with some of history's greatest minds. Good books help to mold great men. Above all, read the Book of Books — THE BIBLE. (1 Tim. 4:13).

7. **Engage moderately in unquestionable recreation and sports.** There are other things more important than having a good time; yet, bodily exercise does profit a little. (1 Tim. 4:7-8).

8. **Entertain your friends and dates in the home.** Give your parents an opportunity to know them. There are many inexpensive games and activities that can be enjoyed at home. (Eph. 6:2-3).

9. **Smile.** Be courteous, kind, sympathetic and helpful to others. Make the world brighter and more pleasant each day because you live in it. (Phil. 4:4; Eph. 4:32).

10. **Visit older people and shut-ins.** Send them a card to cheer their day. To know that

you care may be worth more to them than medicine. (Lev. 19:32).

11. **Contribute something useful for today and tomorrow.** Plant a tree. It will speak of your interest in mankind for generations to come. (Lk. 6:31).

12. **Learn thrift and economy.** Deposit a part of your allowance in savings. Invest your money wisely. (Mt. 25:14-30).

13. **Decide on your life's vocation and prepare for it.** Choose that which will better enable you to serve God, your family and mankind. (Mt. 6:33).

14. **Prepare yourself for marriage.** Mature mentally and emotionally as you grow physically. Keep yourself pure. (1 Tim. 5:22). Seek advice from your parents, elders, evangelist or teacher. (Heb. 13:4).

15. **Never do that which you sincerely believe is wrong.** Stand up for what you sincerely believe is right. Always keep an open mind and if you find that you are wrong — change; regardless of the consequences. Learn to face trials and

disappointments with faith and courage. (Rom. 14:23).

WHEN YOU ARE TEMPTED

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James 1:12-15 supplies aid for when you are tempted:

1. **It can be endured.** *"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him"* (v. 12).

2. **Don't blame God.** *"Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man"* (v. 13).

3. **You are not alone.** *"But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed"* (v. 14).

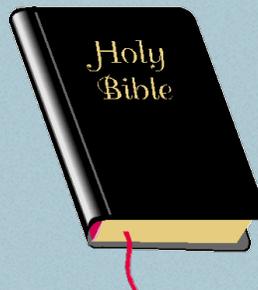
4. **Don't give in.** *"Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death"* (v. 15).

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