

Application Questions

Reflect back on the past sermons in this series. Which of them has been most helpful to you?

Can you cite some of the examples of courtship in the Bible? Do we see much in common between these? What is the precept we should gain from this?

As a young man and young woman come to a courtship, what should they be ready for? Consider SoS 8:8-9, Proverbs 31:10-31, and Proverbs 24:27 as you answer.

What is the role of the father in courtship? Can you cite biblical proof texts to support this? How do you feel about this principle?

If you were a father and a young man approached you asking to court your daughter, what would be your response? What would you use to determine his preparedness? What steps would you take?

Should a young couple be allowed unprotected time alone? Why or why not? Can you support your answer biblically?

What constitutes a successful courtship? What rules would change in your home as you went from courtship to engagement?

How would you handle conflict when it arose in courtship? What types of conflict can you imagine?

Reflect on Hebrews 13:4. How does courtship help achieve the spirit of this verse?

Have you been called to Jesus' wedding feast?

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who You are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following You as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of You that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that You promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed; but through You, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank You for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and giving me forgiveness and new life. Knowing that You have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

A note to our visitors

It is a pleasure having you as a special guest in our Sunday worship today. We hope that you feel warmly welcomed by those around you.

Our goal at Providence Church is to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ through biblical worship and through a lifestyle of community to others. We consider it a privilege to make ourselves available to you and your family, and would appreciate the opportunity to get to know you better.

Perhaps you are new to the area and are searching for a church. Whether this is the case or whether you are simply visiting, we hope that it will not be your last time with us. Feel free to contact us at the church office (309-387-2600) if there is any way that we can be of service to you, or if you have questions that you would like answered about Providence Church or the Christian Faith.