

Message Notes:

The Vow

Message Title:  
"Vertical Vows"

Text:  
Matthew 6:33

"Seek first God's kingdom and what God wants. Then all your other needs will be met as well." Matt. 6:33, NCV

"You have to receive His love before you can give it. His love must overtake you, envelop you, and fill you. Only then can you share it with another." Craig Groeschell.

"They are all looking for a marriage partner who will fulfill their emotional, sexual, and spiritual desires. And that creates an extreme idealism that in turn leads to deep pessimism that you will ever find the right person to marry." Timothy Keller.

Pursuing the Perfect One Before Marriage:

1. Single and loving it!
  - a. "An unmarried man can spend his time doing the Lord's work and thinking how to please him...In the same way, a woman who is no longer married or has never been married can be devoted to the Lord and holy in body and in spirit."
  - b. "Demote marriage and family in your heart, put God first, and begin to enjoy the goodness of single life." Timothy Keller
2. Simple rule: only date Christian believers
  - a. "...a house divided against itself will fall." Luke 11:17, NIV.
  - b. "Do not be yoked together with unbelievers...what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?" 2 Cor. 6:14-15, NIV.
3. Significance of the paper.
  - a. "God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin." 1 Thess. 4:3, NLT
  - b. "Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure..." Hebrews 13:4, NIV
4. Starting over.
  - a. "I've been out of step with you for a long time, in the wrong since before I was born. What you're after is truth from the inside out, Enter me, then; conceive a new, true life." Ps. 51:5-6, MSG