## COURTSHIP PROCESS

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<td>Commitment</td>
<td>Commit yourself to being sold out to Christ. Be involved in activities that instill spiritual growth. Learn to be fully engaged to Christ before entertaining the idea of a relationship with another person. Be confident of who you are in Christ and gaining acceptance, worth and identity in Christ instead of another person.</td>
<td>Be involved in ministry opportunities to utilize the talents and gifts God has given you. Learn what it means to serve, love, sacrifice, and yield your rights to others as Christ did for you.</td>
<td>Anticipate marriage and lay the foundation for a secure Christian home by completing practical preparations in the following areas: - Spiritual maturity - Godly character - Accountability - Emotional health - Financial stability - Vocational training - Parent training - Household training - Commitment</td>
<td>Focus on being totally content as a single engaged to Christ. Develop a life vision and direction about serving God through ministry opportunities. Avoid spiritual involvement with another individual. Discuss Christ and His kingdom in group settings or Bible studies, but avoid deep spiritual one-on-one talk.</td>
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### PHASE 1: IDENTITY IN CHRIST
- **Commitment**
  - Before becoming emotionally intimate with someone else, rid yourself of emotional baggage left over from childhood and past dating relationships. Recognize that unresolved sin will influence your emotional health.
  - No emotional intimacy. Casual interaction. Limited shared feelings. No one-on-one activities.

### PHASE 2: MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT
- **Commitment**
  - Before becoming emotionally intimate with someone else, rid yourself of emotional baggage left over from childhood and past dating relationships. Recognize that unresolved sin will influence your emotional health.
  - No emotional intimacy. Casual interaction. Limited shared feelings. No one-on-one activities.

### PHASE 3: FOUNDATION BUILDING
- **Commitment**
  - Before becoming emotionally intimate with someone else, rid yourself of emotional baggage left over from childhood and past dating relationships. Recognize that unresolved sin will influence your emotional health.
  - No emotional intimacy. Casual interaction. Limited shared feelings. No one-on-one activities.

### PHASE 4: FRIENDSHIP LEVELS
- **Acquaintance**
  - Anticipate marriage and lay the foundation for a secure Christian home by completing practical preparations in the following areas: - Spiritual maturity - Godly character - Accountability - Emotional health - Financial stability - Vocational training - Parent training - Household training - Commitment

### PHASE 5: COURTSHIP & ACCOUNTABILITY
- **Commitment**
  - Begin intimate spiritual talk at the deepest level. Discuss possibility of marriage and the purpose and process of courtship as it relates to your love for God. Discuss need for spiritual covering and accountability.

### PHASE 6: ENGAGEMENT
- **Commitment**
  - Begin the process of becoming one spiritually. Spend one-on-one time together through shared prayer time and church attendance. Commit your courtship to glorifying Christ and helping each other grow in Christ.

### PHASE 7: MARRIAGE
- **Commitment**
  - Experience quality improvement by becoming one through prayer, Bible study, church involvement, and ministry opportunities. Relate at the deepest spiritual level. Make marriage and family decisions as one in Christ.

### Time Alone Per Phase
- **0 Hours**
- **20 Hours**
- **80 Hours**
- **190 Hours**
- **Forever**

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