

General Topics :: Holding Hands

Holding Hands - posted by followinghim, on: 2006/2/4 23:41

What do you guys think about holding hands, is it physically too far because of the possible temptation for more or it is ok. Like myself there are a lot of people whose love language is physical touch, they can talk to someone for a while or have a hard time talking to someone because they really only feel connected like when they're holding hands, do you have any advice, I want my relationship to glorify God totally and also be able to get closer with my guy.

Re: Holding Hands - posted by pottershands (), on: 2006/2/8 13:32

Personally, I don't think there is a real way for someone else to tell you if holding hands is too far for you. The best way for your relationship to grow safely in the Lord is to make sure you are careful about the situations you allow yourself to be in. Make rules and stick to them. It is a good idea not to be alone together unless you are out in the open or in public. (This applies to the car, as well.) It is very important to make sure you pray together, share where God is leading you to go, and attend worship together. If you want to stay strong in keeping your relationship and also make sure it is glorifying to Christ, you must share your Christian walk and be committed to encouraging each other's growth as Christians. This is the best way to know if God wants a couple to be married, too. I have assumed that you are both Christians, so just in case I should caution you that being in a relationship with a non-Christian is one of the worst things you can do to your personal walk with the Lord. (I've been there, trust me!) As far as hand holding goes, if you both feel O.K. with it, try it with caution. Agree that if either one of you feels it is causing you to lust, you will be open about it and take a step back.

I am so very proud of you for caring so much what the Lord wants in your relationship! If you want to chat further about this, p.m. me!

Melissa :-)

Re: - posted by PreachParsly (), on: 2006/2/8 13:52

(https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?mode=viewtopic&topic_id6008&forum36&start20&viewmode=flat&order1) Dating

Here is an old thread that I think mentions things of this sort.

Re:, on: 2006/2/8 15:32

Draw a line in the sand... and then stay at least 3 miles away from it. :-) The main thing is not to see how far you can go, but how pure you can be. You have to decide for yourself what is too far, and too far will be much closer for your boyfriend than it is for you. Just 'cuz you may be feeling revved up doesn't mean he isn't. Trust me, I'm a guy.

Krispy

Re: Holding Hands, on: 2006/2/8 18:57

Anything physical is going to go too far when it comes to the male species. Touching can lead to a lot of other physical temptations. You could restrict your holding hands to be in public. If you are in a closed room, open the door. Try not to be alone with your guy, guys have in themselves the ability to lure their prey with spell binding words and touch. If you're a virgin then you need to stay that way until you're both committed to each other for the rest of your life, and you take precautionary measures. Do all your handheld stuff in the company of others and stick with it, otherwise your next forum thread will be, "I am pregnant".

Oh by the way, I too am a guy. :-P

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2006/2/9 14:16

Krispy's

Quote:
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This is a general truth as well as an individual one. Men and women respond differently to many things and the whole area is fraught with danger. A man's responses often arrive immediately and can dissipate quickly. A woman's, generally, are more immediate and longer lasting.

Re:, on: 2006/2/9 16:51

I think it would be appropriate to first inquire of the 'age' of a poster before we go too far with our posts.

I wouldn't talk the same to 14 year old as I would to 17 year old or 18-21 year old.

There is a sensitivity to age I think we need to consider when these subjects come up.

I found some posts on here, a bit over the edge for any age.

But I did appreciate, the "in public" part.

God Bless.

Re: - posted by pottershands (), on: 2006/2/10 10:03

Followinghim, would you mind my asking how old you are? Another thought... I recommend you include your parents and pastor in your dating relationship as much as possible. It may seem old fashioned, but coming from someone who did n't, it really is the best way! :-D Continue to remember your first love, Jesus.

Re: Holding Hands - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2006/2/10 17:52

You have gotten a lot of good advice on here and I am not sure I can add to it, but will try. I have been thinking about this for a few days, wondering how best to answer your question.

Obviously, you have a boyfriend and think a lot of him and perhaps hope to marry some day? And I suppose like all starry eyed females, hope to be married till death do you part. Now what can you do to assure you this is what can/will happen?

It may help to understand the female response to touch. We females love to be touched by people we love. We love to cuddle kittens, puppies, babies, our dolls, etc. The desire to cuddle is part of what we are, how we are made. God made us so and called it good. When we become moms we love to cuddle our babies, kiss their hurts away when injured. When we see anyone/anything injured our hearts go out to that creature. We are emotional: God made us so and called it good.

When it comes to the female/male relationship, the issue becomes a tad bit more complex. When you were young you loved to have your dad carry you, you loved to have him hold your hand when you walked together because when you have your hands in his you felt protected and loved and secure. When you get older, and become a woman, you still feel that sense of protection and love when you hold your beloved's (a male) hands. And not only that you also experience a thrill rip through your body when you do so for the first time. This is totally different what you felt when your father carried you or held your hands. So now you hold hands a lot because of the thrill it gives you, but soon the thrill is no longer as intense as it was at first and so you will now want to progress to the next thrill. From there on it becomes a part of the love-making process that ends in the sexual act. These thrills are necessary to ensure the repopulation of the planet and God called it good EXCEPT He designed it to only occur within the context of a marriage relationship.

Now let us focus on your relationship with your boyfriend. I am sure you want to make an excellent choice here, one in tune with God's will. In the meantime, you are learning to know him through your social interactions. There is one thing you do NOT want to happen and that is to become so emotionally involved with him you can not think with your brains....God did give female brains, too, you know. :-D So you will need to use 'em!!! When you become so physical with your guy, you are allowing the physical to blind your capacity to objectively evaluate him. You will need to determine how he thinks

, that process, and the conclusions he arrives at. Now do you approve of that process? Could you live with it for the rest of your life? You cannot allow yourself to think that you will marry and that if it doesn't work out, you can divorce and get another. Won't work.

Another thing about the differences between males and females. Males are turned on by sight which means that when a female dresses provocatively, it can really turn a guy on. Now the same thing happens when a female is touched by a beloved male. The sparks fly...you want more and more and this can take you where only married people are to go. And let me promise you, that if you are healthy, these feelings will not leave you, even after you get a little old, like me. If you preserve what God has called good for only the context within He designed it to be exercised, you will be in for a wonderful treat.

If you keep your feelings in check, guard your body and impulses, when you get to the wedding night you will have some glorious experiences for which you will thank God for and know it was all worth it! And you will be so in awe at how wonderful God has made the human body and how it responds to the opposite sex! I promise! Been there!:-) So why would you ever want to take the risk and mess it up??!!!

In conclusion, while holding hands will not get you into trouble immediately, it can lead you where you do not want to go. It will also interfere with your ability to think rationally about the fellow who is courting you.

Hope this helps....
ginnyrose

BTW, if your guy dumps you because you refused to get physical with him, consider that a blessing! And good riddance for bad rubbish!

Re:, on: 2006/2/10 19:37

Ginny Rose, Bravo, well done girl, well written and full of inspiring truth.

This is a question that I have had for a long time swirling around in my noggin. Has anyone ever played gospel music while having, er...a....you know what?

MODs: please step in if this is getting to personal, thank you.

Karl

Re: another question - posted by followinghim, on: 2006/2/10 21:59

this is some awesome advice, thanks... to address some things, the people in our lives are included in what we do, I am seeking advice from people and no he wouldn't ever dump me if we didn't hold hands, it actually hasn't even come up between us but I wanted to know what I thought was pure and right before it did come up.

Thanks again. Because you guys are so helpful I was wondering if you could give me advice on what to do. According to the bible and advice, I know pretty much how to be a wife, as much as you can know without experience, but I don't know how to be a girlfriend :- (I believe that it is God's will for us to get married one day. I don't know how to get from point a to b. I pray a lot before we spend time together but I never know what to say or do or what is acceptable. can you help?

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2006/2/10 22:25

Karl,
I am not totally certain what you are referring to, but I can promise you that gospel music will not interfere with raging hormones. Even if you are married.

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2006/2/10 22:51

Sister,

Are you asking how you can make the time spent with your boyfriend worthwhile? If this is the case, I will have to say this is an old, old question. :-?

Assuming this is what you are asking, the answer will depend a lot on your interests as well as his. Do you live in the city or in the country? Are you involved in a spiritual church? Are there any benevolent programs in your church that needs volunteers? Do you enjoy music? Singing or playing an instrument that you could do together? Do you have any old people in your neighborhood that would welcome a hand or two? In other words, look around and see if there is anyone who needs help and take your boyfriend with you and render assistance where it is needed. Then after this is all done, go home and fix him a very nice snack or meal! Do you not know the path to a man's heart is through his stomach?!! At least this is what my dad used to say.. ;-)

When we were courting, we used play a lot of games. Then after we married it was hard to get my DH to play games...he thought he had played enough..he was tired of it! and I still wanted to play! and if he did it was to humor me! :-x (FYI: He always beat me, too! But it was still fun).

What does your boyfriend want to do? What are his interests? This should give you a lot of direction on how you can spend your time profitably.

Above all relax and be yourself. Do not try to be something you are not. And do not try to be his mother. Males do not want to marry 'a mother', they want a wife who will mother their children. Get it? They want to be esteemed, admired, respected; women want to be loved.

Perhaps you could be a bit more specific in your question and we will try to help you.

You sound like a wonderful lady....

ginnyrose

Re:, on: 2006/2/11 3:53

Two great posts ginnyrose ... you're on a roll.

I'm enjoying the read.

Thanks :-D

Re: discretion, on: 2006/2/11 14:35

Hahahahahaha, God love you Sis. It was a thought that I had for many years because I wanted to see if christians might look at sex as dirty and therefore would have a difficult time playing gospel music. It was purely an innocent question.

I look at sex as dirty because of where I came from and I still see it that way, though I am very sure that it is not. I just haven't experienced the pure sense of the word. And as a celibate person that I am, I don't know if I will ever.

Someone PM me and asked that I edit the first question because there might be minors coming to this site. I agreed to edit it, but someone has already replied to it so therefore it's difficult to do that, as the thread won't make sense. So I have offered this explanation for any of those who might be offended, as that certainly was not my intention. As I recall in that post, I haven't mentioned anything sexual, with these I try to be as discreet as possible.

Karl

Re:, on: 2006/2/11 14:45

Dad always said:

Karl if your girlfriend buys fish and chips, then you buy fish and chips.

If she drinks Pepsi, you drink Pepsi.

But when you get married, buy whatever you want. :-P

Dad always talked that way when Mom was in the room, she'd give that look of disgust and say, "God you two are crazy" and Dad would turn to me and laugh.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2006/2/11 16:10

Karl, humor is the oil that that will silence a lot of potential conflicts! lol I love your dad's comment...sounds normal.

BTW: I grew up in a household of females and then when I married we had four boys and one girl. How I do love our boys (now men) but I am still their mom and will treat them that way....sometimes! e.g.: they are so dense in acknowledging birthdays, etc. So I decided to fix that! When their dad had a BD I called each one and told them to call and tell their dad "Happy Birthday!" They did and my DH loved it. Ditto to one of their brothers. By then they started to act like boys! Oh! well...such is life....

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by awakenwithin (), on: 2007/8/27 0:44

Quote:

-----https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=9419&forum=35

I Agree fully, sisters draw a line and stay far far away from it..

DO you think if we hunge out in group we would not as hard to keep the rules.
But when alone we are more tempted?

Re: - posted by awakenwithin (), on: 2007/8/27 0:50

Can holding hands open our hearts to quick?

Quote:

-----In conclusion, while holding hands will not get you into trouble immediately, it can lead you where you do not want to go. It will also interfere with your ability to think rationally about the fellow who is courting you.

This a good question what how can we be pure?
What does the world do and are we starting to act like it?

Is there anyone out there that didn't hold hands, until they were married?

I know from my past,, stay away far away...

what do you think about all these guys and girls dating and hanging out alone, holding hands.. which leads to other things. How as a body of Christ to act in these relationships?

In his love

Re: - posted by freedbyjc (), on: 2007/8/31 7:57

(<http://www.boundless.org/>) BOUNDLESS WebZine-a college-age ministry of Focus on the Family- has an awesome series on (<http://www.boundless.org/2005/articles/a0001401.cfm>) Biblical Dating that you might look into... it has really helped a divorced young lady I'm working with who is reentering the dating 'scene' after 7 years of marriage and desireing to do so in a manner that keeps her pure and gloifies God.