Title: 3 Seasons of Relationships

**Text:** "The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight." (Proverbs 4:7)

Target: Honor God in every Season

- Singleness-Season of <u>Preparation</u>: "I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord" (1 Cor. 7:35)
  - a. Deepen your Conviction: (Romans 12:2, Colossians 2:6-7)
  - b. Discover your Calling: (Ephesians 2:10, Jeremiah 29:11)
  - c. Develop your Character: (Proverbs 10:9, Galatians 5:22-23)
  - d. Desire true Contentment: (Phil. 4:11-13)
  - e. Deepen your Community: (Hebrews 10:24-25)
  - f. Devoted to your Consecration: (1 Thess. 4:3-5)
- **2.** Dating-Season of Evaluation: "Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life" (Proverbs 4:23)
  - a. Are they a Christian? (2 Cor. 6:14, Matthew 7:16)
  - **b.** Do they share the same Convictions? (Amos 3:3)
  - c. Do they possess Character? (Romans 12:9-10)
    - i. Honor their Commitments?
    - ii. Pursuit of Purity?
    - iii. Truthful even when it's Hard?
  - d. Are we Compatible? (Phil. 2:2)
  - e. Is there healthy Communication? (Eph. 4:29)
  - f. Is there Chemistry? (John 17:20-21)
- **3.** Married-Season of <u>Demonstration</u>: What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate. (Mark 10:9)
  - a. Husbands: (Ephesians 5:25-33)
    - i. Leads Her Spiritually: (1 Cor. 11:3)
    - ii. Serves Her Intentionally: (Mark 10:45, John 13:4 \*5 Love Languages
    - iii. Edifies Her Constantly: (Proverbs 16:24)
    - iv. Values Her Publically: (Proverbs 31:28-29)
    - v. Protects Her Emotionally: (1 Peter 3:7)
    - vi. Supports Her Financially: (1 Timothy 5:8)
    - vii. Respects Her Sexually: (1 Cor. 7:3-4)
  - **b.** Wives: (Ephesians 5:22-24)
    - i. Support him Spiritually: (Proverbs 31:26)
    - ii. Treat him Respectfully: (Ephesians 5:33)
    - iii. Encourages him Personally: (1 Thess. 5:11)
    - iv. Honors him Publicly: (Proverbs 12:4)
    - v. Patient with him Daily: (Colossians 3:12)
    - vi. Pursue him Intimately. (Song of Solomon 7:10)

Takeaway: In singleness, grow in Christ; in dating, honor Christ; in marriage, reflect Christ.