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## **Christian Dating Online: Yay or Nay?**

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Being "unequally yoked", as the Bible says, may be the very reason why Christian dating sites started emerging. These sites are mediums of where people with a common faith can meet. Almost everyone has tried online dating at least once so why can't Christians give it a try?

Almost everyone would probably agree to a statement that online dating is becoming more and more acceptable in society. It may not be totally accepted as the norm since the "boy meets girl and they both have dinner somewhere" scenario is still in play. However, the bigger question is: Is christian singles' online dating going to be acceptable in the church? Let's take a look at this topic closer and let's base it on two things: 1. What a Christian single may think about it and 2. What the Bible says about love and dating.



### What the Bible Says About Love

For most Christians, love comes when it's ready. It's the way that they were brought up and it's what was taught to them in church. You'll find several lines from different books in the Bible that support this. These lines may be paraphrased a little bit but the thought is exactly the same. There is one line, however, that embodies the essence of this idea perfectly.

It can be found in the Song of Songs 8:4: "Daughters of Jerusalem, I charge you: Do not arouse or awaken love until it so desires." Now, if you look at Christian dating online again, isn't it finding love in your own way? Isn't it trying to "awaken" love?

Whatever a Christian believes, it must all be well within the teachings of the Bible and it's pretty clear what it says about love — it will come when it's ready and when it does, you'd have to be prepared for it. You won't actually know when the right time will be, but for sure, God promises that this "right time" is coming.

# What a Christian Single May Think

Ever since, the Bible has been black and white about certain things but for those that avidly read it, it cannot be denied that there are a few grey areas that exist. This doesn't just apply to the topic of love or dating but it also applies to other topics in peoples' lives that many don't consider as self-indulgent. A few examples of this would be drinking alcohol, going out to clubs with friends, eating and so much more. That's probably why 1 Corinthians 10:23 says: "I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but not everything is constructive."

This is true especially to younger Christians that believe that what the Lord sees is your heart (or your intentions). And so, signing up to a Christian singles' dating site and setting up your online dating profile may very well be harmless depending on "what" your intentions are. If you're pretending to be a Christian just for the sake of finding someone who won't cheat on you, then that's not acceptable, but if your intentions are to sign up and get to know people who have the same beliefs as you then that's alright, isn't it?

### What's your take on it?

We all have our own takes on online dating, whether it may be online dating for Christians or not. What's your take on the topic? Is it acceptable to take part in online dating sites for Christians or is it too much into the grey area to be tampered with? We'd love to give your ideas and insights into the topic.

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