# **MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS:**

- I will memorize Matthew 6:32–33 (NLT)
- I will accept Christ for the first time
- ➤ I will join the New Life church family
- > I will trust God with my future
- I will join the church-wide fast starting on March 7<sup>th</sup>
- I am interested in the Dating Workshop

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## The Relationship Code: Unlocking the Secrets of Healthy Relationships

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The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." Genesis 2:18 (NIV)

## 1. I MUST UNDERSTAND IT IS OK \_\_\_\_\_\_ TO BE MARRIED.

"Now to the unmarried and the widows I say: It is good for them to stay unmarried, as I do. But if they cannot control themselves, they should marry, for it is better to marry than to burn with passion." **1 Corinthians 7:8–9 (NIV)** 

## Q. HOW TO KNOW IF I HAVE THE GIFT OF

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A. YOU CAN GO THE REST OF LIFE WITHOUT

"That is why I say to run from sex sin. No other sin affects the body as this one does. When you sin this sin it is against your own body. Haven't you yet learned that your body is the home of the Holy Spirit God gave you, and that he lives within you? Your own body does not belong to you. For God has bought you with a great price. So use every part of your body to give glory back to God because he owns it." **1 Corinthians 6:18–20 (LB)** 

- IF YOU NEED, SEX THEN
- IF YOU NEED MARRIAGE, THEN DATE
- PROPER DATING REQUIRES YOU TO \_\_\_\_\_ UP

2. I MUST DECIDE THAT IS OK TO \_\_\_\_\_ TO BE MARRIED.

"He is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways." James 1:8 (ESV)

#### 3. I MUST DECIDE TO

"When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways." 1 Corinthians 13:11 (ESV)

## 4. I MUST UNDERSTAND THE

#### WITH DYSFUNCTIONAL DATING.

- Leads to intimacy but not commitment.
- Skips the friendship stage of a relationship.
- Mistakes a physical relationship for love.
- Isolates a couple from other vital relationships.
- Distracts young adults from their primary responsibility of preparing for the future.

## 5. I MUST DEVELOP A \_\_\_\_\_\_ FOR DATING.

 A "MUST-HAVE"/"CAN'T STAND" LIST "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)

"There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood." Proverbs 6:16-17 (NIV)

 DECIDE TO ABOUT EVERY POTENTIAL DATE

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done." Philippians 4:6 (NLT)

## DECIDE TO PLACE PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL

## **BEFORE THE DATE**

"A prudent person foresees danger and takes precautions. The simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences." Proverbs 27:12 (NLT)

"Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God." Romans 6:13 (NLT)

"Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit." Ephesians 5:18 (NLT)

#### DECIDE TO TRUST GOD WITH MY \_\_\_\_\_

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding." Proverbs 3:5 (NLT)

> **MEMORY VERSE:** These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. Matthew 6:32 33 (NLT)

I WILL DECIDE TO \_\_\_\_\_ WITH A PURPOSE!