

“DISCERNMENT ABOUT DATING” Pt.1

* Colossians 2:8

A. Discerning the HISTORICAL DECLINE towards the Dating Model

1. Historically and biblically, the prevailing model for couples getting married has been _____
_____.

2. Before World War I (circa 1915), mixed gender activities were almost always _____
and society was not segregated by _____.

* *What social factors contributed to this shift?*

3. In the post-World War II era, “_____” became the common practice.

* *What other factors contributed toward the spiritual decline towards the modern dating model?*

* *What spiritual fruit has our modern dating model produced?*

B. Discerning DIVINE vs. COUNTERFEIT LOVE

1. The world’s counterfeit love is based primarily on a _____.

2. The world’s counterfeit love is primarily for the gratification and fulfillment of _____.

* *How does infatuation relate to genuine love?*

3. Genuine divine agape-love isn’t based on someone’s _____ or on how we
_____ but is _____. (Rom. 5:8; 1 Cor. 13)

* *How was God’s love best exemplified?*

C. Discerning the DANGERS of Dating

With the modern dating model there is the very real danger of . . .

1) . . . _____ to the world system instead of Jesus Christ. (Rom. 12:1-2; 2 Cor. 3:18)

2) . . . _____. (1 John 5:21)

3) . . . _____ and _____. (Col. 3:9)

4) . . . living by our _____ instead of _____. (Jer. 17:9; Rom. 8:5)