

Family Matters

So, You Want to Date My Daughter? The Interview

As your daughter's father, you are ordained by God to be her priest, prophet, provider, and protector. When you walk her down the aisle, you are transferring that divine role to her husband. This is *hugely* significant. Just as you would interview a prospective employee to make sure he's qualified for a job, it is even more critical to interview your daughter's suitor. After all, he is applying to be the CEO of the most important organization in human history; the Family.

If you're a single mom, the role of Interviewer may fall on you. Without dad in the picture, The Interview is even more critical, and God will give you the strength, courage, and discernment for this.

The Interview

There aren't any magic words to use in The Interview, but the following will help remind you of some main points to address:

- 1. A woman is God's creation, a beautiful creation, a fine creation.** You've certainly noticed that my daughter is pretty, attractive, and has a cute figure, haven't you?
- 2. The attraction of a young man to a young woman is both normal and good.** I'm glad you like her and want to spend time with her.
- 3. I understand and remember what the sex drive of a young man is like.** Believe me, I've been there. I know what you're dealing with.
- 4. I'm going to hold you accountable for your relationship with my daughter.** Expect me to ask if you're dealing uprightly with her.
- 5. I'm going to challenge you to purity.** I want you to guard her innocence, not just her virginity.
- 6. I want you to respect and uphold the dignity of my daughter by keeping your hands off her.** Keeping this one precaution will keep you from getting into further trouble.
- 7. Do you understand all of what I've just said to you?** Are we clear on what I'm expecting and what you can expect from me?
- 8. When you're a dad someday, I hope you will challenge your own children to abide by these standards and that you will interview your daughter's dates.** Can I count on you?

For a thorough discussion of this subject, check out the book *Interviewing Your Daughter's Date* by Dennis Rainey.

Great Spring Events Coming Soon for Marriages & Families

Date Night, Sunday April 10th.

Enjoy a romantic dinner and showing of the movie *War Room*. **Register online now or in the lobby next week.**

Summer Kickoff Campout, May 29th-30th.

Celebrate Memorial Weekend under the stars with friends and family on the "back 40" of the FCF Campus. Registration coming soon.

Need help? Contact Marriage & Family Pastor, Bill Reinke, at BillR@FCFchurch.com.

