

Essential Quality #3: Sensibility

Introduction:

Statistics show that the majority of American women and men will marry before 31 or 35, respectively. That means that for most collegians, marriage is approaching in the next four to eight years. And marriage is a lot of tough, serious work as well as joy. The choice of marriage partner, though, is something for which collegians should begin to prepare. That requires sensibility.

1. What does "sensible" mean?

a. Some aspects of the term

- i. She is in her right _____/her mental state is never questioned.
- ii. She is temperate, discreet and _____.
- iii. She is morally _____.

b. Synonyms

- i. Discretion...to show good judgment and display discernment.
- ii. Temperance. ..to be temperate, moderate in all decisions.
- iii. Self-control...sacrificing immediate _____ to secure ultimate purposes.

c. Sensibility is an essential requirement.

d. Sensibility is the most-repeated quality in Titus.

2. How should sensibility apply to the young woman?

- a. Her _____ should never override her reason.
- b. _____ should not be dictated by romanticism, fantasy or Christian idealism.

- c. _____ must be thought through and handled sensibly (e.g. eating, spending, sleeping, dressing habits).
 - d. Her words are controlled.
 - e. The sensible woman seeks to be controlled only by the Spirit of God, and is in bondage to nothing.
3. If being sensible is so crucial, what should be the response?
- a. Make a lifetime of asking yourself, "What is my _____?"
 - b. Know, love, read, memorize and depend upon Proverbs sensibility.
 - c. It is not an option to be trained by an older woman to develop sensibility.
 - d. Never give your heart to a young man unless he meets the basic essentials.
 - i. Fruitful Christian
 - ii. Consistently Spirit-filled
 - iii. Fills out his masculine role as found in the Word
 - iv. Has direction and purpose and is in the obvious process of seeing them actualized
 - v. Knows and lives the Word of God
 - vi. Has the approval of parents (in most cases), godly leaders and closest friends
 - e. Becoming sensible requires teachability.
 - f. To become sensible, you must pray about _____.
 - g. The sensible woman is cautious in relationships with men and knows her _____.
4. How do you start?
- a. Compel yourself to do right (including the older woman relationship).

- b. Get _____ and accountable in your weakest areas.
- c. Cancel out wrong choices you've made as much as possible.
- d. Make covenants in _____.