

# 44 Fellowship with the Opposite Gender

## Chapter

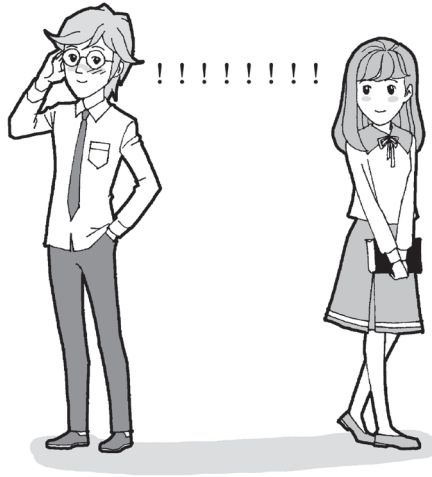
Genesis 2:18–25, 1 Corinthians 6:12–20

### Today's Lesson:



1. To understand the correct meaning of fellowship with the opposite gender.
2. To understand and apply the correct principles of fellowship with the opposite gender.

Open Your Heart



James: There are guys who have girlfriends at our school. Seeing them, sometimes I want to date too.

Charlie: Yeah? I keep noticing the sisters at fellowship. I keep wanting to look good in front of them.

James: But, why do the adults keep telling us to not date?



## Understanding Today's Lesson

During the teenage years, most people spark interest in the opposite gender. One starts to have feelings for someone or wants to be in a relationship, and this is a natural feeling that God has given us. After God created Adam, he created Eve as a helper, seeing that it was not good that he be alone. He had them join together to become one flesh.

However, God says that there is a time for all things. In the Bible, it explains that love and unity within opposite genders should occur with marriage in mind. 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.' Becoming the head of a household, the brother ought to be ready to lead a family. This does not only include one's mental and physical maturity but also having the obedient faith discerning the Word of God and being financially ready to support a family. The sister must be prepared as well—loving God, having the attitude of obeying her husband, and being ready to give birth and nurture children. When one marries with that being prepared, they are able to fulfill the blessing of the Word of 'be fruitful and multiply' and become a family that is precious to God. Love without marriage not only creates chaos but also easily brings about irresponsible actions, and that is allowing Satan to feed into a great interference. The teenage years are a time to prepare the future by growing in faith, being faithful to one's studies, and keeping one's body and mind pure. Within the church, we ought to treat the brothers and sisters with a clean heart, respecting one another as the creation of God and uniting together to fulfill the will of God.

Notes:



## Memorizing Bible Verses

Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father, younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, with all purity.

(1 Timothy 5:1–2)



Meditate

## On These Verses

1. After you have meditated on the following verses, give a title of the verse or write a short summary of the verse. Also, write down things you have felt about the verse, or other verses that it has reminded you of.

(Proverbs 6:20–29)

(1 Corinthians 15:33–34)

(Proverbs 31:28–31)



Changing

## Directions

Read Genesis 2:18–25 and answer the following.

1. What did God say in regards to Adam being alone?
2. What do you think is the meaning of Adam's statement about the woman in verse 23, "This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh"?
3. "A man shall leave his father and mother" in verse 24 explains the meaning of marriage. Think about in what aspects a man must leave his parents with marriage and write them below.
4. ( ) is the One who saw the need of a helper for Adam and created the Woman. Also, ( ) is the One who brought her to Adam. This is the reason Jesus stated that marriage is what ( ) so man cannot separate (Matthew 19:6).
5. In the world, dating and physical affection without marriage as a precondition is becoming more prevalent. Are you in agreement or disagreement with this notion? What is your reasoning?



Applying

## The Word to My Life

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.  
(James 2:26)

1. Please write down how you will apply what you learned today throughout this week.

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2.)

3.)

2. Look back and reflect on how successful you were at applying last week's lesson.



Praying

## To Live According to the Word

I pray that I keep myself pure and refine my faith until I meet the person whom the Lord has prepared for me.



# Our Story

## The Reason for Giving Me a Heart of Desire



We search for water when we are thirsty, because there is water!



We desire food, because there is food!



We want to rest, because He has given us night, the time to rest!



We have a desire for the opposite gender, because there is someone to love!

God has given it in our nature, because there is a recipient for it.

By nature, man has a desire for eternity.  
God has given the desire for eternity to mankind that can't live but 70–80 years.  
The reason is because there is an eternal realm.

**He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end. (Ecclesiastes 3:11)**

## The Marten that Keeps its Cleanliness

The martens that live in northern Europe are famous for their white fur. By nature, the white-furred martens have a strong will to keep their white fur from getting soiled. It is known that hunters use this characteristic to catch them.

They paint charcoal soot on the entry of their habitat cave and gather the white-furred martens that are playing out in the forest towards their cave.

The martens that have come to the entry of the cave cannot enter into the cave in fear that their furs will get dirty, and they are caught in the end.

There are many things that tempt us in the world. And, many Christians fall to those temptations. Then, they try to justify themselves.

"I couldn't help but to fall to it!"

"Anyone in my shoes would have had no choice but to do the same!"

However, God has commanded us to give our bodies as a holy and living sacrifice that is pleasing to Him. When many things tempt us, we must pray to God to keep ourselves clean. The purest treasure is the honor of cleanliness.

"Lord, there are many temptations in the world. Help us to keep ourselves clean from those things, so that we may offer up our bodies as a holy and living sacrifice that is pleasing in your eyes!"





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