

# The Amazing Date

## PRINCIPLE # 1 - TRUST GOD



### WHERE ELSE COULD WE BEGIN?

1. Right now, before you can go anywhere, as you sit in your car, silently ask God to open your heart to whatever, and wherever, the evening may lead you.
2. Share with each other a time that God has blessed you most in your relationship.

***Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.***

***Ecclesiastes 4:12***

3. Ask your spouse how you can specifically be praying for them daily this week.  
**And then do it.**



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## PRINCIPLE # 2 - CULTIVATE COMMUNICATION

### **Select a place for an appetizer &/ dinner.**

Dine on Dimes @ Chick-fil-a, McD's, Moe's  
Or... Dine on Dollars @ Bravo, Outback, Mad Mex



### **Appetizing Conversation (before your food comes)**

If you could plan a vacation for just the two of us where would it be?  
Would you rather have one wish granted today or 3 wishes granted in 10 years?  
Would you rather have an average house and a vacation home or your dream house?  
Would you rather take a one week \$5,000 vacation, or FIVE \$1,000 long week-

### **Meat of the Conversation - Answer at least 3 (during/after food)**

What was your favorite date or trip we have ever been on?  
What was your favorite thing we did when we were newlyweds (outside the bedroom)?  
I get a kick out of watching you \_\_\_\_\_.  
When we were dating I tried to impress you by:

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## PRINCIPLE # 3 - HURRY HOME

- Select a store to buy your spouse a \$2 or less gift.  
(Walmart/Target/Dollar Store)
- Once in the store, separate.
- In 10 minutes or less, buy a \$2 gift and meet back at an agreed upon location (bench/car/tree)

**It is important to be on time**

- Give your gift and the explanation behind it.

There is not enough time to get it all done.

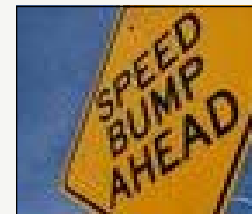
**Someone is going to feel left out... CHEATED**

So the question isn't, "Are you cheating?"... It's "**Who are you cheating?**"

For a marriage to thrive, schedules must reflect our spouse being the 2nd priority, right behind God.

So, if you have to cheat, choose elsewhere. **Do NOT cheat at home.**

We are praying that you will... **CHEAT WISELY & HURRY HOME**



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## PRINCIPLE # 4 - FINISH TOGETHER

### **Two Forks, One Dessert**

Pick a favorite dessert place....

Dine on dimes @ Brusters, Taco Bell, Steak n Shake

Dine on \$ @ Chili's, Longhorn, Outback Steakhouse



*Give your server a budget and ask them to surprise you.*

Note: You are allowed 1 stipulation (ex. No nuts)

**Answer the following questions over dessert:**

- In “The Five Love Languages”, Gary Chapman identifies five ways most people communicate and receive love: Words of Affirmation, Gifts, Quality Time, Physical Touch, and Acts of Service. What language communicates love to you?
- How can I best speak that language to you?

**CROSSROADS BELIEVES GOD PASSIONATELY WANTS YOUR MARRIAGE TO BE GREAT.**

- What part of our marriage do you think makes God the happiest?
- What part of our marriage do you think God wishes we would change?

*Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 –<sup>9</sup> Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: <sup>10</sup> If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!*

*<sup>11</sup> Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? <sup>12</sup> Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.*

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## PRINCIPLE # 5 - CELEBRATE DIFFERENCES

- *Think of a way to communicate one difference between you and your spouse in a picture.*

Example: personality, movie genre, likes/dislikes, sleep habits, clothes style, etc.)

- *Take the picture on both of your phones.*
- Make that picture the wallpaper on your cell phone.
- *Optional, IF APPROPRIATE, email your picture and story to :*

[amazingdate@crossroadsame.org](mailto:amazingdate@crossroadsame.org)

God designed men and women to be very different.

It's crucial for us to not just accept, but seek to understand each other's differences. Celebrating these differences can only strengthen the bond to our spouse.



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## PRINCIPLE # 6 - NURTURE ROMANCE

*On your way home, in great detail, tell your spouse what you love most about them. Start this way:*

*The thing I love about you the most is \_\_\_\_\_.*

Hopefully, you've discovered what the prize is for your "race":

**You've taken one step towards YOUR great marriage.**

Once you arrive home, park in the driveway, turn on some slow music (probably 92.9 FM), roll down your windows, and

- ♥ *Dance in your driveway*
- ♥ *Kiss on the steps before you enter the house*
- ♥ *\*Once in the house (after the babysitter is gone, if applicable), the rest is up to you?*

\*Smooth guys have turned off the car by now.



**Tomorrow Morning**, email us a story of your night (good, bad or ugly) at [amazingdate@crossroadsumc.org](mailto:amazingdate@crossroadsumc.org). (Best true story gets their next Amazing Date on us!)