



Week 4: Five Rules for Dating

If you don't want a relationship like the majority of relationships, don't date like the majority of daters. In this message, Andy Stanley gives five rules for dating.

Discussion Questions

1. If you could use one word to describe dating in today's culture, what would it be?
2. If you find dating to be complicated, why is that?
3. Look over and discuss the five rules Andy gives in this message:

- **Rule #1. Guys: Ask girls on dates.**

Ask someone to do something specific on a specific day at a specific time. Clarity is honoring.

- **Rule #2. Ladies: Agree to dates.**

Don't agree to just "hang out." If he asks you to "hang out," ask if he has a specific plan in mind.

- **Rule #3. Don't ever mistreat anyone**, even if they don't seem to mind being mistreated.

Be truthful. Don't mislead.

- **Rule #4. Don't allow yourself to be mistreated.**

If you saw a relative being treated the way you are being treated, would you be upset?

- **Rule #5. Don't do anything that makes you a liar for life.**

You are writing your story. Write one you aren't afraid to be asked about.

Changing Your Mind

It can be easy to blend, bend, and pretend in order to get in or stay in a relationship. But we need to ask ourselves: *Am I losing myself in order to do so?* If so, it may be worth considering taking a break from dating. Next time around, you'll be more prepared to exercise your muscles of courage, self-control, honor, and intentionality.