



## THE APPOINTED TIME

### Song of Solomon 2:7 (Message)

Oh, let me warn you, sisters in Jerusalem, by the gazelles, yes, by all the wild deer: Don't **excite love**, don't **stir it up**, until the **time is ripe**—and you're ready.

## HOW DO YOU KNOW?

- **Natural connection**
  - friendship is the foundation
- **Spiritual confirmation**  
**Proverbs 3:5&6 (NKJV)**  
 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways **acknowledge Him**, and He shall direct your paths."

## HOW DO YOU KNOW?

- Does the person **inspire** you to **seek the Lord**?
  - serving God together
- Spending time in a **group**
  - free to be yourself
  - see how a person interact
  - if we serve Jesus we are forever changing

## HOW DO YOU KNOW?

- Do not be unequally yoked
- 2 Corinthians 6:14–18 (The message)**  
 Don't become **partners** with **those who reject God**. How can you make a partnership out of right and wrong? That's not partnership; **that's war**. Is light best friends with dark? Does Christ go strolling with the Devil? Do trust and mistrust hold hands?

## HOW DO YOU KNOW?

Who would think of setting up pagan idols in God's holy Temple? But that is exactly what we are, **each of us a temple in whom God lives**. God himself put it this way: "I'll live in them, move into them; I'll be their God and they'll be my people. So **leave the corruption and compromise**; leave it for good," says God. "Don't link up with those who will pollute you. I want you all for myself..."

## HOW DO YOU KNOW?

- Do **not** be **unequally yoked**
  - No missionary dating
  - No mother Theresa dating
  - You have the **privilege** to **choose right**



## HOW DO YOU KNOW?

- Be **friends** for as long as possible
- Be **accountable**
- Do not ignore **warning signs**
  - abuse
  - addictions
  - unfaithfulness

