

**Title:** The Art of the Chase  
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### Assumptions

1. God is into relationships

#### **Genesis 2:18, 24**

<sup>18</sup>And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him..." <sup>24</sup>Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

#### **Proverbs 18:22**

<sup>22</sup>He who finds a wife finds a good thing, And obtains favor from the LORD.

2. You want to do it right – the Godly way
3. You want to be the best possible husband / wife

#### **Acts 18:35**

<sup>35</sup>"I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

4. Every relationship asks one question
5. Everybody is somebody's spouse

### Look to the right source

#### **Proverbs 19:14**

<sup>14</sup>Houses and riches are an inheritance from fathers, but a prudent wife is from the LORD.

#### **Mark 10:9**

<sup>9</sup>"Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

### Who should be looking?

#### **Proverbs 18:22**

<sup>22</sup>He who finds a wife finds a good thing, And obtains favor from the LORD.

#### **Proverbs 31:10**

<sup>10</sup>Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies.

### 1: Preparing for the hunt

#### **Guys:**

- Pursue wholeness
- Target practice

#### **Girls:**

- Pursue wholeness
- Be in the herd
- Enjoy life!

#### **Proverbs 18:24a**

<sup>24</sup>A man who has friends must himself be friendly...

### 2: The right place

#### **Guys:**

- Look in the right place

#### **Girls:**

- Be in the right place

### 3: The right target

#### Guys:

- Physical beauty?

#### Proverbs 31:30

<sup>30</sup>Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised.

- Fear of the Lord
- Wholeness
- Gentleness

#### Proverbs 27:15

<sup>15</sup>A continual dripping on a very rainy day And a contentious woman are alike; <sup>16</sup>Whoever restrains her restrains the wind, And grasps oil with his right hand.

#### Message

<sup>15</sup>A nagging spouse is like the drip, drip, drip of a leaky faucet; <sup>16</sup>You can't turn it off, and you can't get away from it.

#### Girls:

- Inner beauty

#### 1 Peter 3:3-4

<sup>3</sup>Do not let your adornment be merely outward - arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel - <sup>4</sup>rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.

- Confidence
- Self-worth
- Vulnerability

### Beware: charm & flattery!

- Does he / she inspire you to draw closer to God?
- Can you trust him / her?
- Do you want your children to be like them?
- What if he / she doesn't change?
- Love is not enough

### 4: Line up the shot

#### Guys:

- Patience
- Wise counsel

#### Girls:

- Trust
- Stay within range
- Don't get restless

### 5: Pull the trigger

#### Guys:

- Know you want the prize once you have it.