

Developing Healthy Coed Relationships

I. Introduction

II. Principles

A. Negatively stated

1. Coed relationships should not be a replacement for brothers and sisters
2. Coed relationships should not be for learning about guy/girl differences
3. Coed relationships should not be viewed as a “friends with benefits” package

B. Positively stated

1. Coed relationships should respect male/female differences
2. Coed relationships should be viewed in light of a future marriage
3. Coed relationships exist for the glory of God

III. Objections

- A. How will our children know what to look for in a potential marriage partner if they aren't becoming close friends with those of the opposite sex?
- B. Aren't close coed relationships just common to teen development?
- C. Can't I protect my children from the negative effects of close coed relationships?

IV. Conclusion