



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

