

# The Muslim's Courtship

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According to the Webster's dictionary, the word Courtship means; (noun) 1. The act of soliciting favor. 2a. The act of wooing in love; 2b. Solicitation of a woman to marriage.

The definition that relates to this subject is definition 2b. (Solicitation of a woman to marriage.) Solicitation is the act of soliciting. To solicit means to make a request for solicitation.

When a F.O.I. sees a sister that he thinks will make him a good wife, he should mention this to the Minister, Captain, or the Lieutenant. He should first find out if she is available for marriage, then he should ask to be introduced to this sister; in order that they can get better acquainted. If she is available for marriage and desires to get better acquainted with him, it is proper that they correspond with each other by mail or by phone, but they must keep the conversation clean. The sister must never invite the F.O.I. to her home unless there are other (Muslim) adults present. They shouldn't sit together and must never stare at each other nor touch each other.



Holy Qur'an 24:31

....."Say to the Believing women that they lower their gaze...and do not display their adornment except to their husbands, or their fathers or the fathers of their husbands..."

They should never be alone in a room by themselves. After the F.O.I. and M.G.T. have gotten better acquainted over a period of time and still decide to marry, the only thing to do then is to set up plans for marriage.

However, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad instructs the female to check her prospective husband, not to just take him on the surface level. Check his character, take note of the type of friends he keeps. If possible, find out his family background. Is he an honorable man? Can his word be trusted? Is he able to support a wife? Will he be able to support a family? What is his attitude towards children? These are all very important points which a female must consider in selecting a husband.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad also teaches the F.O.I. to look for a clean and respectable woman for a wife, a good homemaker. He should check into the background of the woman he wishes to marry. He may also, learn of her character by the people she takes as friends. He must, also, know if she adheres to the laws of Islam.

Messenger Muhammad teaches the woman in Islam, "Do not be in a hurry to marry. Wait, Allah (God) knows you. He is going to find you somebody. Have patience. Do not grasp at just anything.

When a person gets in a hurry, in just a few days after the hasty marriage they wish that they had never bothered with the person they married. Coldness comes between the two people. Wait for the

warm love which ALLAH (God) brings to true mates."

All Praises are due to ALLAH, for Messenger Elijah Muhammad.



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