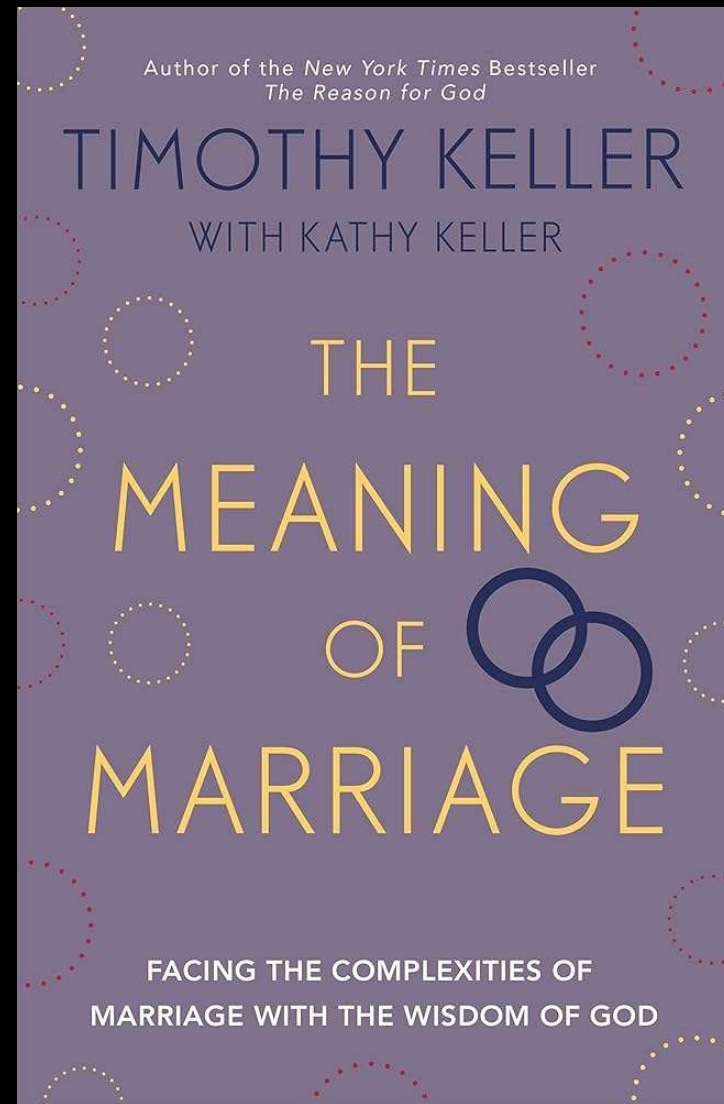
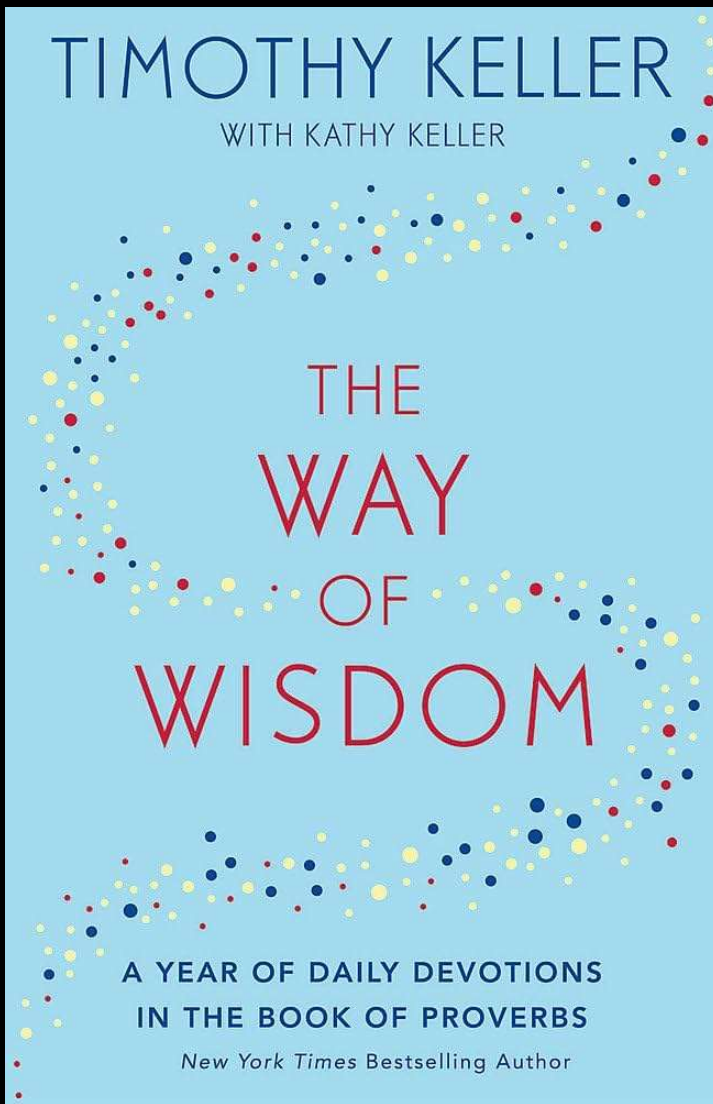


Wisdom for life: dating

Proverbs (various verses)

Slides from John Percival's sermon at the morning service
Sunday 24th May 2026





Proverbs 30v18-19

¹⁸ There are three things that are too amazing for me,
four that I do not understand:

¹⁹ the way of an eagle in the sky,
the way of a snake on a rock,
the way of a ship on the high seas,
and the way of a man with a young woman.

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- Prayer

Proverbs 16v3

Commit to the LORD whatever you do,
and he will establish your plans.

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- Prayer
- Trust in God's sovereignty

Proverbs 19v21

Many are the plans in a person's heart,
but it is the LORD'S purpose that prevails.

1. How should we date?

- Prayer
- Trust in God's sovereignty
- In community

Proverbs 12v15

The way of fools seems right to them,
but the wise listen to advice.

Proverbs 15v22

Plans fail for lack of counsel,
but with many advisers they succeed.

“Marriage should not be a strictly individual, unilateral decision. It is too important, and our personal perspective is too easily skewed. The community has many married people in it who have much wisdom for single people to hear. Singles should get community input every step of the way when seeking marriage.”



Tim Keller

2. Who should we date?

Proverbs 31v29

“Many women do noble things,
but you surpass them all.”

Proverbs 31 v30

Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

3. Practical advice

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- For those not dating who want to – be active
- For those dating right now – evaluate
- For everyone else – pray and include

Remember the perfect bridegroom!