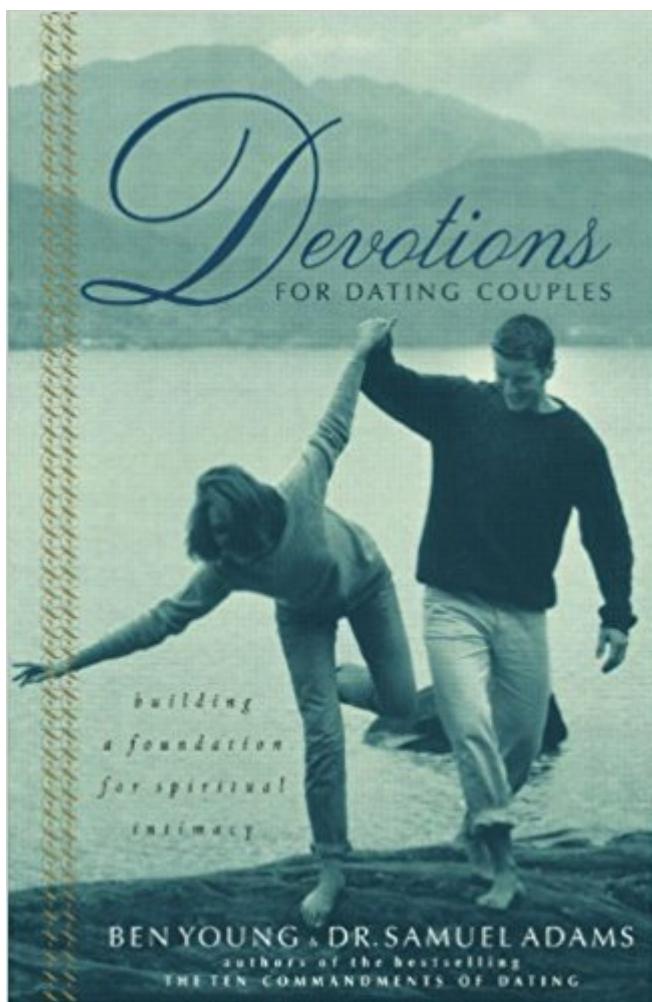


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# Devotions For Dating Couples: Building A Foundation For Spiritual Intimacy



## **Synopsis**

HOW DEEP IS YOUR LOVE â “ FOR GOD?If you are like most dating couples, you are looking for more than just a companion â “ you want a soul mate! The essence of a true soul mate relationship is that of deep spiritual connection. This dynamic book, Devotions for Dating Couples, offers guidance for deepening your commitment to God as individuals and as a couple. Through short chapters focused on such essential topics as prayer, simplicity, community, and purity, you will discover how to make your most important love relationshipsâ “with God and your potential mateâ “strong, lasting, and radiant.Relationship experts Ben Young and Samuel Adams, authors of The Ten Commandments of Dating and The One, give user-friendly tips for nurturing your personal walk with God and enhancing your spiritual connection as a couple. As you read through the devotions each day, you will:Become a great lover by learning to love God firstDevelop the essential disciplines of a lasting relationshipFocus on the important things in lifeDiscover a sense of spiritual purpose and meaningUnderstand that grace is not just for "beginners" â “ it is for you, every dayWhether you are dating seriously or engaged to be married, these daily personal devotions and weekly couple's devotions will help you discover the way to lifelong love.Â

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## **Customer Reviews**

Young, host of the syndicated radio show The Single Connection, and Adams, a clinical psychologist, present a nine-week course of daily devotionals for committed Christians involved in long-term relationships and aiming toward marriage. Weekly "disciplines" focusing on foundational spiritual themes-love, prayer, simplicity-are divided into daily meditations meant to be read in

solitude. On Saturdays, suggest the authors (The Ten Commandments of Dating), couples should spend the day together and discuss their thoughts about the week's theme; Sundays they ought to attend church. The Monday-to-Friday anecdotes, which often use the prosaic to illustrate the profound (the shame of a messy dorm room, for instance, teaches the importance of "healthy self-talk"), can feel a bit judgmental and preachy. But each week's summary questions will help partners reconnect with their spiritual selves, and may even settle questions of compatibility. Successful relationships take work, the authors remind us. Their somewhat didactic approach, however, might turn off some readers, and the length and intensity of the course may mean that others lose steam partway through. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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Despite the very 90's picture on the cover, my boyfriend and I enjoyed the format of this book and discussing our Christian faith together each week. It definitely helped give us a strong foundation.

It is good, but it focuses more on the individual self relationship with God. It does bring some aspects of a relationship into the picture, but not as much as I was hoping for. I was really looking for a devotional that had interactive questions after each session or day. This only has questions for once a "week" is done.

It was easy to read and the devotions were on point. The questions kept us focused and were a good starting point for us to share our views and feelings. I found it relevant whether you are a new Christian or have gone through many devotionals already. I would recommend it.

I love this book. It has helped my boyfriend and I grow closer and learn how to have more open conversations about religion and God. The analogies used in the passages are relatable and easy to apply to everyday life. Rather than do them every single day, though, we have staggered ours to twice a week with the intention that it will take longer to complete. It is working out well for us.

I like the material but I don't like the fact it doesn't give questions after the devotion to facilitate discussion.

Truly a gigantic help in further my personal, spiritual walk with the Lord God and it is also aids in helping couples stay unified spiritually and emotionally.

Takes the focus off of you and your significant other throughout the week and helps you really dwell on and seek God. I have really enjoyed going through the devotions. Starting from the basics, you learn about the true gospel and God. Love, Grace, Prayer, the word. All of it. Then each weekend you are encouraged and to talk all about Christ and learning more about each other's spiritual walk. Great devotional. Perfect opportunity. Would recommend to anyone seeking to learn more about God and their significant other.

My husband and I did this devotional while we were dating. Great questions and it prepared us for many of the topics we discussed in pre-marital counseling. I would recommend this to any couple that is serious about dating and honoring God!

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