

Hernon Ground Rules for Dating

- ❖ The purpose of dating is to get to know each other, help the other person become a better version of themselves, and grow in your ability to love (sacrifice for the good of the other).
- ❖ Every relationship must keep three areas in balance: communication, physical intimacy, and commitment. There is progression from friendship, dating, courtship, engagement, and finally marriage.
- ❖ We expect you to be a gentleman – respecting, loving, and protecting our daughter at all times. She has been well loved, protected, and provided for since her birth. She is pure and has a good reputation, we expect you to return her with the same.

1) Every time you are out on a date there needs to be a plan and you need to stick to it. Please let us know where you are all at all times. I would appreciate a call or text if there is a change.

2) If you are at our house at dinnertime, you are always welcome to join us. We look forward to getting to know you better.

3) You may not be in her bedroom, and she may not be in your bedroom. This rule applies even if there are other people, such as siblings around.

4) The two of you may not be alone in our house or your house. At least one parent/adults needs to be home.

5) If you get cold while watching TV/Movie, you may not share an afghan or blanket with our daughter. You can have your own blanket—we have plenty.

6) You may hold her hand if she wants.

7) You may put your arm around her shoulders if she wants but never during church. Also, if you put your arm around her shoulders, do not let your hand flop down in the general vicinity of her chest.

8) You may put your arm around her waist if she wants, but do not let your hand or arm drop to her rear end. Do not put your hands in one another's back pockets.

9) You may kiss her if she wants.

10) You may not lay together on a couch, bed, floor, in a car, etc.

11) You may not sit with your legs across one another.

12) You may not take a nap together. If you are sleepy, please go to your house to nap alone.

13) Whenever you come to pick her up, always come in the house to get her. Don't honk the horn or text her to say you are in the driveway. Bring an umbrella if the weather is bad.

14) If you are driving our daughter, do not text or talk on a cell phone. In this way, you are protecting her and showing respect for her safety by giving driving your full attention.

15) When you bring her home, always walk her to the door. You are welcome in the house if you want to continue talking.

16) You may not go “parking” with our daughter (“parking” is making out in a car somewhere secluded).

17) You may not go into lingerie stores (e.g., Victoria’s Secret) with our daughter or help her pick out a swimsuit.

18) If you are watching a DVD or television with our daughter, keep the remote nearby. If a sexually suggestive scene starts, it is your responsibility to quickly find the remote and fast forward past that scene or to quickly switch the channel if something sexually suggestive comes on the TV. Do not take our daughter to see sexually suggestive movies in the theater. In this way, you are protecting and honoring our daughter.

19) Do not discuss your private body parts with each other.

20) Do not send sexually suggestive texts, e-mails, Facebook posts or messages, or phone messages to our daughter. We are on Facebook and look forward to being one of your Facebook friends.

21) If you are with our daughter at an event or party, and you discover that alcohol or drugs are being used by minors, we expect you to get her out of there immediately.

22) You may call us “Mr. Herson” and “Mrs. Herson.” Please put our cell phone in your phone in case you should need to call us directly: xxxxxxxx and xxxxxxxx.