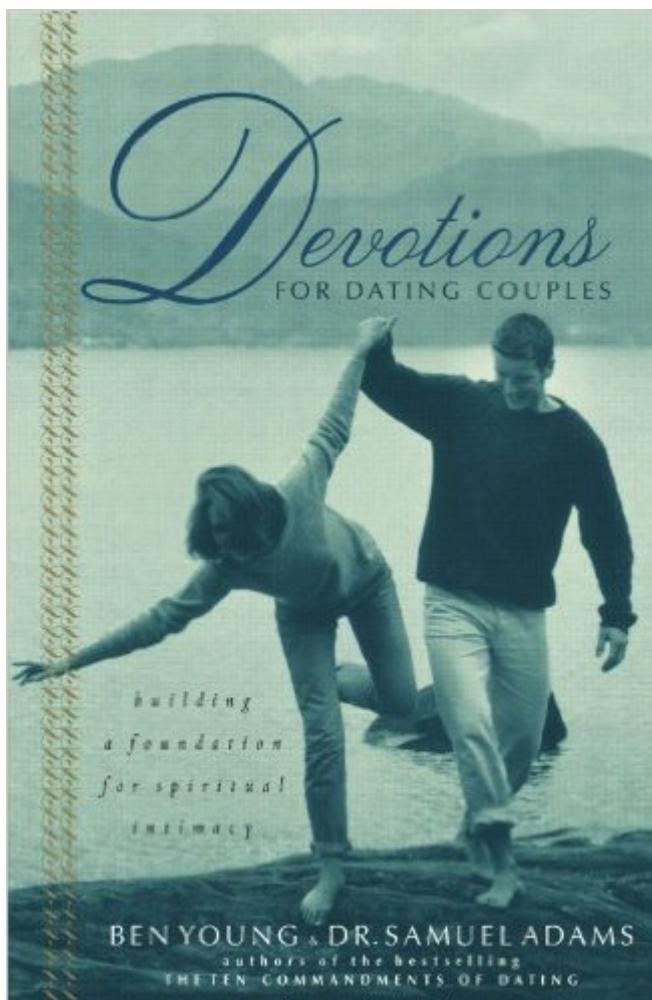


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# Devotions For Dating Couples: Building A Foundation For Spiritual Intimacy



## **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 first Develop the essential disciplines of a lasting relationship Focus on the important things in life Discover a sense of spiritual purpose and meaning Understand that grace is not just for "beginners" â “ it is for you, every day Whether 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**

I like this book and recommend it as a starting place. My boyfriend and I are both strong adult christians with a view towards marriage and family. We attend church and consider God a foundation to us. However we were both a little shy about starting out to pray together, or read the bible

together and so on. This book is a nice start. It is not overly heavy; each reading is short. It is not deep into theology nor does it preach. It is a nice easy starting point for us. Also I come from a more full-faith background while he is more conservative; this book has walked a nice middle ground.

Well, I don't know about not getting anything out of this book if you've been a "long time" Christian. Aren't we always supposed to be learning, seeking truth? Anyway, for any couple that feels they are ready to explore their individual spirituality with each other, this is a great way to start. My favorite part about this devotional was that each of us can do our devotionals on our own (which is great when you're not married/living together and can't necessarily nail down a time to be together every day of the week with work and school to balance) and then at the end of the week, we can discuss it together. This gives you time to really explore how you feel about the week, where you are spiritually, and where you'd like to be. I have another devotional which I didn't particularly care for because it does not include any guidance questions. In "Devotions for Dating Couples" I love that guidance questions get us started, and then we continue the conversation into what we really enjoyed, learned, and how we can help each other. When I bought this book, I really didn't know what I was buying... it was so much better than I thought it would be!\* The week is set up so that you can do one devotion each day for five days, and the sixth day has questions to ask and discuss. The devotions are also very short and not as time consuming.\*\* Buy two books so that you can each write comments, underline, and do the devotionals alone, then you will have your thoughts handy on Saturday (or any day of your choosing) to discuss the week! God Bless!

My girlfriend and I were trying to find a book that would just help us get in the habit of doing devotions together and praying together, and for the most part, this book did the trick. While some of the topics covered will seem old-hat to people that have been raised Christian or been Christian for years, they sometimes serve as a nice "refresher course" - something every Christian needs now and then. Overall, I felt this book was very non-threatening, and a good way to accomplish the goal we were trying to meet. If you're looking for a way to introduce devotions into your relationship without making it seem like a chore or a source of conflict, this book is a good bet.

My wife-to-be and I could not wait to consume the incredible insight from this devotional book. We especially loved the blend of deep spiritual thought with the "bottom shelf" practical application. This book is a must read for all dating couples, who are serious about finding THE ONE. Two enthusiastic thumbs up!

My boyfriend of 1 year and I just finished this devotional a couple weeks ago. We chose it specifically because of 1) the focus (building a closer relationship individually with God foremost), 2) the format (5 days a week solo reading, then discussion and prayer on the 6th day), and 3) the demographic (dating couples, as opposed to married). I have to say, it was a great \$12 investment into our respective relationships with God and with each other...however, neither of us would say it was due to the book's content, which is why I give it 3 stars. For what we got out of it personally because of our own determination, though, I would say 4.5 stars! It's not a deeply theological book (and that's okay!) but the core is solid. We are both life-long believers but at different stages of spiritual maturity, so this was a good middle-ground. Mainly it got us thinking, gave us some daily structure and Scripture reading, and stirred up some really great conversations. A lot of the discussion questions at the end of each week didn't resonate with us or were repetitive, but we addressed them as best we could, and then we made up our own questions or let them lead us into deeper thoughts. As a result we are now much more comfortable talking about our faith and personal struggles. The 9 weeks flew by, and now I really miss our Saturday devo talks! If you choose to use this devotional as a resource for building your faith and dating relationship, take the initiative of going the extra mile where the book itself can't take you...and pray a LOT! :)

This devotional is unique in the fact that most other couples devotionals are for married couples. This one can be applied to those who are dating and already want to strengthen their spiritual walk together. Great topics of study across the chapters and I LOVE the way it is set up. I have recommended this devotional to every couple I know who is looking for a more meaningful and spiritually strong relationship. FIVE stars all day long. My girlfriend and I loved this devotional and everyone I have recommended it to has as well. Strongly recommend you try this couples devotional before buying one for married couples if you are in a dating relationship. However, the topics and the spiritual depth involved do require an intimate and open relationship in order for both of you to come out stronger. This devotional is meant for a dating relationship that is on course for marriage, not for a casual dating relationship. I would recommend this devotional for anyone who is looking to further and strengthen their long-term relationship.

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