

Why do we believe that courtship is better?

There can be many reasons, here are a few, some taken from the Internet:

1. Fewer broken hearts and hurt feelings *"Because the goal in a courtship relationship is not to achieve emotional and physical intimacy, the couple can terminate the relationship without leaving a piece of their heart behind.* (Harris, Joshua, "Dating Problems/Courtship Solutions," *New Attitude*, 1(2):4-7.)
2. No fornication – Statistics say that kids that have been in a relationship after a few months, they're likely to engage in sexual immorality.
3. Being involved in many dating relationships before marriage promotes lack of commitment.
4. No temptations for abortion because of an unplanned pregnancy.
5. Inter-family relationships with in-laws will be much better.
6. No date-rapes because the couple is never completely alone.
7. No "standards of comparison" from other male-female romantic relationships. Because there is never any "dating around," there won't be any comparisons of you to your spouse's previous dating partners. This will be a blessing to your marriage relationship.
8. Eliminates the temptation to fantasize or reminisce about "old flames" when things aren't going well in the marriage.
9. Because people who court, **save their bodies and emotional feelings for the one they will marry, their marriages will be built on a stronger foundation.** The chances of getting a divorce will be greatly reduced. Pretty good results! Just look at the growing divorce rates now compared to during the early history of our nation when courtship was more the pattern.
10. **Courtship allows a single man or woman to use his or her time wisely**, concentrating on serving God and preparing for life instead of wasting time on temporary dating relationships.