

# The Dating Dilemma Part 1

By Bob Stone

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The moon was shining brightly across the water little ducks were going across. [Duck noises] then he started planting one right on her while he was doing that. She started giggling finally he got so curious he stopped kissing her and said Woman What in the world are you laughing about. She said I've got your gum so no you don't know I was just clearing my throat. I thought I'd better start off real gross. OK.

Now I'm co-author of the dating dilemma that came out two years ago and we're excited about the beautiful responses we've got from it. In fact I got one about two minutes ago. Thank you sir. And I'm gonna be sharing some of the content from. That book. Now I've been working on this for twenty five years OK. One chapter in the book is called the biological hand grenade ladder. OK. This is kind of weird but so am I never been happier since I've been weird. All right. Let me explain the title biological because it has to do with bodies. I'm probably gonna give you fits because I move around lady okay. I think every single person should have one body. And I am one of those guys that believes that when two people go out on a date one should be a man and one should be a woman.

[Applause]

All right. So biological. Now hand grenades hand grenade is something very powerful right. Oh boy when it goes off it. Has lost Its intended value. It's gone. Oh OK. So that's guess why I've dealt with women that have been gang raped all night long. I dealt with a 16 year old that raped he and another guy raped a girl during the adult choir rehearsal and that wasn't very fun to hear that alright. I've had three cases where the man was having sex with animals and you won't believe this but about three months ago I had my first case in 35 years where the woman was having sex with animals.

So I got your attention now. Biological hand grenade ladder so a ladder has rungs on it. Right. So let's let's just go back a few years. And dip into the junior high days and we'll get to where you are pretty soon. OK so hang on. Bottom rung of the ladder. We've got way down here see I call

that just a natural appetite natural and normal God gave it to you. And it kind of gets to that place. And so bottom rung he wants to hold her hand.

Now if you ever have you ever watched a smooth operator. I mean he's not one of those guys who goes out in the day and just reaches over there and grabs on her palm. I mean he kind of rubs knuckles for a while see kind of rubs knuckles and he watches her face see. Smart guy watches her face and if she's going oh oh no sir not yet man. Not yet but as she started to go there now he grabs her a little pinky right. And then after a while man Is this her whole hand. Now every time you see him go down the road holding hands but that didn't satisfy that hand grenade went off. He wants to go to rung two. So have you ever noticed ladies how tired guys get on a date. I mean they get so tired they can hardly stay awake and they. Stretch method right. They all stretch method and then all of a sudden he's watching her face. Maybe maybe they're third game watching the. Basketball team go down to the hardwood court you know and he's watching her face. She thinks he's watching the game at the other end of the court. You know but he's watching her face and he says there she goes boy. He straightens up but she's all right now what do you see. Every time they're together holding hands and trying to get to class you know hey man. And after a while. What's so great about that.

That anger needs gone off now our publisher wouldn't let us do this. But see when I when I've been teaching this around the country and in colleges and everything I've got a ladder that goes on the natural appetite two rungs on down on that level. And then I changed the direction of the ladder and start upward. So the publisher wouldn't let us do it that way so why why do I change the direction of the ladder the way I like to do it when I get to rung three because rung three is the mouth when you include the mouth. I think that's when the juices can start flowing. Mm hmm. But this is one of those little hit and runs on the front porch. Man she hardly knew he was there. And then he's on his tenth speed he's heading home to come back. So that at hand grenade goes off.

I was at LeTourneau University in Texas and I made this statement and I and I think every single person knew what I was saying. Even the faculty I didn't put a scripture verse scriptural verse on this or anything I put put it this way. Do you ever try to eat one potato chip so aren't there are yet more lands to [Indistinguishable]. There are yet more lands to conquer so he wants to go to the next. That didn't satisfy that little hit and run on the front porch right. And so he wants to linger for a while. That's next rung lingering for a while. And now. Good night. The next rung. The little beads of sweat are coming across his brow his hair starting to fro the windows are all

steamed up. And then we got. A light petting and then we get heavy petting I had one girl come up to me at the University of Illinois I was doing some sessions in between Christmas and New Year's with nineteen hundred teenagers there from four different states and she came up to me after and she said I've never I've never had the courage to ask anybody this but could you could you tell me the difference between necking and petting. I said Oh I'm glad you asked a simple question because I'm not very smart. I had an IQ test last fall and I failed didn't even register. And so I said necking is from the neck up and petting from the neck down. Oh thank you. She went off. Hey you know what I'd say to you now. Hey maybe there's another definition for this. On on petting between light and heavy. Maybe light petting is uh from the navel to the shoulder and heavy petting his knees to the shoulders maybe light petting is on the outside of the clothing maybe heavy petting is skin to skin. Then you know what the top rung is intercourse. And I had a chance to go back to my own home high school back in Detroit suburb of Detroit Ferndale and speak to the twenty eight hundred students there one time and hey would you ever like to do that if you were given opportunity to go back to your own home high school and speak to the whole student body.

Now some of you would have a hemorrhage right there you know. Let's put this on pause. You know what. When I was a teenager I couldn't get up in front of a group of them more and three there. I'm telling you the truth. I was so shy and such an introvert I didn't think anybody wanted to hear anything I had to say. I didn't have a sense of humor. I was very quiet withdrawn. Man you talk about being self-conscious. I thought they were talking about me in the huddle at the football game. I mean that's self-conscious. All right. So I went back to their own home high school and had a chance to share some stuff like this to the students. And after it was over the principal came up to me said Hey you are allowed in our school. Now this is a long time ago and guys like me were allowed in the public school and come back tomorrow or anytime and go class to class stay as long as you want to. I said Wow. I'll be back tomorrow. I did five classes. They put two or three classes all into one classroom they're sitting on the window sills and out on the heaters and out in the hallway trying to hear. And one girl asked me this question. She said Do you think you can go from the bottom rung to the top rung and miss all that in between stuff. I said No I believe that's absolutely impossible.

Dear lady now you know what she did to me right there. She took me and she said if you think that I don't think you know much about your subject. Oh. Okay. Here we come. Now I said okay. May I ask you some questions in front of all these people since you brought that up. She's asking you do you want to. Are you married? Ah no. I am. Do you have any children? No. We have

two. Not tooting any horns here. Just putting on the table have you ever had a chance to talk to thousands and thousands and thousands and thousands of people about this subject on a personal basis? She said well no. And I said well I have. And if you think you can go from that bottom rung to the top rung and miss all that in between stuff. I think you don't know much about this subject. Because let me draw the scenario that I'm thinking all of a sudden these two people go out on a date and all of a sudden they have sex and when it's over she says well what just happened. Yeah I haven't got the slightest idea lady. I don't know. Did we didn't have intercourse. I don't know like Bill Cosby I don't know. Knows. I said hey it happens here long before it happens with the rest of the body. Friend My mommy done told me alright now.

I don't know very many big words but I want to give you some. Today there is one of them. Have you seen that lasciviousness? Say it on the count of three. One two three. Lasciviousness. OK. What in the world is lasciviousness? Well it's stirring up of sexual appetites that can't be fulfilled outside of marriage. No kidding. I had one guy come up to me at a camp I used to do this kind of stuff. At camps. I'm a lot smarter now. I don't go to camps. Six hundred teenagers there and I presented something like this in the first session and I was out in the back near the lobby of the auditorium and one great big six foot 5 guy who's a freshman walked up to me and said What are you trying to do. Make all our women into frigid airs. And I said no looking right in his navel. I said no. Oh I see. So have you ever. Have you ever gone out with Miss Warmth I've asked that question as I go around the place and a lot of guys would have to say I went out with Miss Warmth? One time man she got in that car and I said aren't you kind of lonely over there. Boy she slid right over there jumped up on the console. You know you can always tell those girls to go out with those guys because they get their neck kind of twisted like this too close to the ceilings either. And so. Boy you said Hey come here and every move you put on her. She was right there. Like I'll give you an hour and a half to quit that. Oh yeah. So how do you think she got like that to give you an answer?

I'll give you an illustration. Sanford University is about three miles from our house. Did a chapel there about a year ago. All right couple of came in to see me. They've been engaged they're going to get married. Their date set but a year in advance and as soon as they sat down I said why are you here and I looked over and tears are kind of trickling down this woman's cheeks. I said what's happened. She said while we're engaged. And I loved Ronny and he loved me and and she is I'll just tell you right off. Bob Stone we've had sex about a dozen times now said OK. She said I never let one guy touch me one place where he shouldn't touch me through junior high dating senior high. And she was a sophomore in college. She she's until I met Ronnie she said

why did I give in so I went through my checklist. OK. Number one doesn't count. Number one. It doesn't it doesn't figure because I want to ask her have you gone out with a bunch of guys. One took you partway up that ladder then you broke up and then the next guy you went out with.

You want to kind of pick up from where you left off with the last guy. Right. Everything you done on other dates now were Mickey Mouse. So that didn't fit. She hadn't gone out with any guys letting them do anything she they shouldn't have done. All right. Now what in the world would you ask? Next to a person like that. What kind of relationship you have with your father. She looked at me the guy's marvels of all rolled to one side. What in the world is my father had to do with this. Oh besides love and acceptance. Watch this. I think a girl needs three things from her father. Number one communication got to have a dad who listened to her. Most dads don't listen. I'm talking about not listening just with the ears my friend. I'm talking about listening with the eyes. If you don't listen with your eyes. You may not see that frown which means they don't understand or they disagree if you don't listen with your eyes you may not see that tear come down over here and kind of hanging over here on the chin but you got to think listen with your heart. You know when you listen with your heart you won't get hung up on words. The person saying you'll be able to go beyond that is is this what you're really trying to say to me. You don't want to go to the Sears tool department on our next date. Is that what you're trying to say? And so communication got to have communication from father a father who will not only listen to her but talk to her and talk to her below surface. I call it the unzipping of the heart. When you unzip your heart you begin to share what's what's gone on in there. What's going on in there? Some of the fears some of the goals some of the pain some of the absolute greatest talks I've ever had in my life have been with my wife and our two daughters Jill and Kari K-A-R-I. Case you wondered.

The second thing of a girl's gotta have her father attention now I think a lot of fathers don't know what to do with girls how they take it personally when you lock him in the closet you know when they played a line on the football game they take it personally when you knock them down and stuff like that. And a lot of fathers don't know what to do with their daughters.

Third thing. Affection not the kind I deal with the right kind of pure kind and then a lot of fathers they they feel kind of odd about that. She was sexually involved. I'm putting that illustration on hold. You've got you've got to follow me real close are you. I'll lose you way back in the desk. She was sexually involved with her father from eight. You won't believe this now to 24 she got married when she was 22 and in her second appointment with me. She put her hand into a circle.

Now when I counsel I counsel around a roundtable OK and she put her head down on the table and was crying and she hit the table and pulled her hand back and hit the table and pulled her hand back about 10 times in a row and finally I looked at it as said Glenda are you stabbing your father. And she said yes always keep a big box of Kleenex there and counseling you never run out of Kleenex. You just never do that. So she blew that stuff out of her nose there for a while and finally looked up at me and said no. She started to smile and I thought Hold the phone that was a quick emotional change there and I said what I'd be allowed to know what you're what you're thinking right now Glenda. She said yes about the greatest thing that ever happened to me in my whole life. And I said Glenda what was that? She said my father died he finally died.

I watched that woman who is thirty nine years old then apply the truth that I'm going to be sharing with you in the general sessions on how to deal with hurt and about forgiveness and how a wall goes up between two people. I watched a woman I'm not kidding you absolutely come alive Oh a lot of sons and daughters have been sexually molested by parents. I got more stories there and you could stand to listen to all right now what happens to this girl who doesn't get these three things communication attention and affection from her father. She goes out on a date the guy listens to her. She. This is beautiful I love it a guy who will listen to me and you know a lot of women they don't come up for air when they just [Indistinguishable Sounds] good night woman put your jaws in park will ya. Come on. Man. They can ask more questions and talk about more details. Good night. So a woman doesn't talk in sentences. She talks in chapters.

Hope I get out of here alive. All right so. So this guy listens to her and then he talks to her. He starts going. Telling about some of his experiences and well my parents got a divorce and I was three and so did mine. Oh. And they feel they understand each other and oh boy it coming together. And then he starts giving her some attention was thinking about you the other day when I saw this card in the drugstore the couple running through the field right. Where did you get those flowers little note in the history of CIV book. You know and gives her attention makes her feel like a queen. Special stuff. Oh yeah. And then he starts putting the moves on her and she thinks the guy's in love with her. He might be using one in two to get to number three lasciviousness. He's that's stirring up a sexual appetites that can't be fulfilled outside of marriage. All right. What about another big word since we're going big words. Have you ever seen this woman before defrauding?

Oh yeah I've seen that. OK. Some places in the New Testament it means to cheat oh to stir up sexual appetites and someone else so here I am talking to this couple from Sanford. She says I haven't let one guy touch me one place where he shouldn't have. I had a good relationship with my father. So where am I gonna go now. I looked her right in her third eye and I said is this the first guy that ever really won your heart instantly. I'm not kidding you. She started to cry. Oh he won her heart. A lot of those other guys were real neat you know and everything and had some good times as beautiful memories. Some stuff in this scrapbook and all that stuff but never had any of those previous guys won her heart Oh Dear ladies you got to watch out got to be cautious you got to know about the opposite sex got to pray for discernment all right. So you could actually end up defrauding a girl. This is the basic way a guy defrauds a girl by taking her up that ladder. That's why maybe you came along and she was Miss warmth because there she'd been up that ladder partway all the way three quarters of the way whatever with other guys. Now the question I of often get is this. Where do you draw the line? Well you think I'm going to come all the way from Alabama to tell you where to draw that line. Some of you would you would laugh me out of this auditorium Hey man you got your head in the sand you don't know what's happening don't you know this is this and this is a lot of fun. And some of you would do the opposite if I drew it up here. You'd go on with our closing prayer Brother I got things to do. Right.

So it depends on what kind of person you really are and what kind of person you want to be. You know your dating life will affect your marriage if you get married. A lot of people have gotten married at a nice wonderful people have gotten married. I remember a couple coming all the way from Tennessee to see me and we sat down there and my first question is why are we here. Well our ability to communicate with each other has just gone down the drain and I'm already thinking something nasty but I can't come on that strong right. So I said Well was there ever a real ability to communicate deeply with each other. Now I always start with a man always start with a man on that one and about nine times out of six he'll go Oh why we really communicated then I'll look over the woman and she'll go mhmhm. I was never fulfilled in the area of communication but both of them answered yes almost went into cardiac arrest right there. Man I couldn't believe this. So then I asked a loaded question even married six years what happened here to your ability to communicate with each other. Because we don't know. That's why we came all the way in Tennessee to see you Am I allowed to ask anything I want. Yes were you sexually involved. Prior to marriage I look at the guy first and he went yeah like well sure. So I then say I've got the soft approach proverbs 15 ones is a soft answer turns away wrath. Well since that's true wouldn't

a soft approach? So I got this soft approach. I don't hit him by with my Bible. I looked at him and I said well is premarital sex wrong. And he went no. I looked over at her and she went yes okay.

Turn back to him it's not wrong you just get a little tight with me said not talking to you about any kind of force. I never rape this woman. This was an expression of our love for each other. How many times have I heard that one? And I said well am I allowed to use scripture with you. Now here's the here's the turning point. The possible turning point in this counseling session. Because if he says No I'm hung right. It's his view against mine his opinion against mine.

But am I allowed to use scripture then it's God's word against his views. He said Sure you can use scripture. Whew Alright. Give me a little first Thessalonians chapter four 3-6. I've got this memorized in the Phillips translation. Let me lay it on you. God's plan is to make your holy you knew that but out of all the places he could start look worry starts gang. And that entails first of all a clean cut from sexual immorality. Every one of you should learn to treat his body with respect. Keeping it pure never regarding it as an instrument for self-gratification. Oh you cannot break this rule without in some way cheating your fellow man. Your partner now it gets real nasty and heavy at the end and you must remember that God will punish all who offend in this matter don't get hung up on that last part. In case you've gone up the ladder I believe there's unconditional forgiveness found in Christ Psalms eighty six five says he's quick and ready to forgive he's waiting for you if you haven't already come to him with open arms ready to forgive you Oh but tomorrow I'm gonna talk to you about consequences of messing around on that ladder all right how does a girl defraud a guy if the major way a guy defrauds a girl is by taking her up the ladder what's the opposite what's the major way a girl defrauds a guy I've got to be honest by the way she dresses. Yes.

One girl said to me Well the dirty old guys don't have to look I don't know if this is too old fashioned for you and then you know I'm 81 years old so I'm getting kind of old here but as a Christian lie maybe you don't have anything for sale you don't have anything to give away. Don't advertise. I remember one girl said to me I loved to go to choir rehearsal late so why would you enjoy that. She said because I walk in front of the men to get to my place in the choir. I'd even get looks from those married men. I said you know what you're doing. She said Yeah. I said No I mean do you really know what you're doing. What do you mean? I draw out the ladder on a piece of paper and I said OK you. You could be responsible of defrauding hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of guys that you've never even dated. Have you ever thought of that. No

Ever thought of this sometimes prayer is a sin so before you get to your president and have me kicked out of here with some heresy let's let's draw the scene. OK. She goes out with him finally accepts. He keeps asking so she accepted. And they went out on their first date and he says now before we leave now let let's let's get something straight. I believe in prayer. And so what would you like me to pray about. Sitting in the front seat the car and she says. Wow. A guy that is interested in spiritual things. Where this guy come from maybe Montana and so and so then she says well what would you like me to pray about. And so he tells her some things and he says well let me start off. Okay dear Lord I thank you for Susan. She is I think one of the nicest women I've ever met in my life. She seems so compassionate. She has such a warm spirit. Her her her face just radiates. And I I I feel so accepted by this woman I just can't hardly express it to you Lord. I just feel a oneness with her and every time I've ever seen her I've been. How ya doing sir?

Audience Member:  
and say I'm 91

Bob Stone:  
You're 91? Ten years older than I am. Good. All right.

Now what happened in that car all see you you know that Satan tries to counterfeit right? Sometimes he does a good job at it. God wants to unite our spirits. Satan knows that he knows. Prayer is powerful and the hearts begin to beat as one then he Satan comes along and tries to counterfeit the oneness by trying to draw their bodies together. So I made this statement one time and I thought it was so good I had somebody to write it down and then they gave it back to me later. So I wouldn't forget it. Don't use the physical to try to accomplish something spiritual. All right. So sometimes prayer can be a sin one more big word concupiscence. What in the world is concupiscence? It's an abnormal or very strong sex drive. Have you ever thought of this? How do you go up the ladder? OK here's some answers that I've got.

One by what you watch on screen by what you read. This is what I call MR mental recreation. In other words fantasizing I had a 15 year old girl come up to me at a camp one time and said I think I can trust you with this secret. I've had mental sex with my youth pastor I've had mental sex with. The music director at this camp and I need help. So we just thought it was the guys that did that kind of stuff. This could be absolutely silly but I just flashed in my mind when I was

teaching my college class of 165 students in Virginia. I had a a married woman come up to me and say it's not just the guys who are excited by sight. Bob Stone and you might want to write this down in your little insight notebook. I have an insight notebook. I got three of these just full of stuff that I've been working on for years and years and years. All right. You might want to write this down in your insight notebook. It's not just the guys who are excited by sight. She said I can't watch a pro basketball game on television. And I said why can't you. She said you see those hunks come out there on that court. They're about six foot thirty. You know they got muscles about as wide or their shoulders about as wide as this auditorium beautiful hairy legs and. Muscles. She's man I just I just get all kinds of sexual thoughts. Okay. Thank you for sharing that with me.

Concupiscence so you can go up the ladder by what you view on screen by what you read. Mental recreation or fantasizing and what's done on dates. Now did you just see something there? You can go up this ladder without ever going out on a date one of the first three or combination of the first three got to be careful what you read and view what you think about get into that. On Friday so concupiscence.

Let's take your binoculars and take them off your feet and look down the road as we wind up here. OK. Let's say. He goes out with this girl takes her partway up the ladder. They break up and have you ever seen this when you were in high school. Do you ever see the couple that went together broke up went together broke up went together. No. Don't you walk out of here with this nasty thought that every single one of them fall into this category. But I bet you some up did they were getting involved on that ladder and she couldn't stand it. Because we're gonna find out tomorrow that a woman thinks with their soul and then she says here is your stinking ring and here's the pictures that we took down at the park and here's your stubs from games and here's the worm. We stepped on in front of the courthouse. And boy made the bird of paradise you know. And he says Well you're no sack apples yourself woman and off they go and then finally they can't stand being alone. And he sees her in the Caf and says You know I've been thinking about ya I've missed ya. I've been missing you too. Now you're not gonna get down and beg right there. Take me back woman and take me back. Nah. He's gonna be cool see all right. And so finally they. Okay I promise I promise I'll be a good boy. I will be a good boy and put the ring back on and pictures and stuff in the worm all that stuff. Now if he's got concupiscence friend what Oh it'll feel a lot better when it stops hurting. All right. So now that he's good for about 20 minutes on the next date right about 20 minutes and he's back up that ladder he's got concupiscence an

abnormal very strong sex drive. Now let's say he settles down finally. Okay I'm gonna I'm gonna. I want to marry this woman.

She's special and whether they have sex or not prior to marriage. That's not the major point here. But let's say they get married. If that guy's got concupiscence you know what ladies. There is a possibility he'll care more about that than he will you think. I don't know what I'm talking about after 35 years in counseling. I have met with women whose husbands wanted sex when they had the flu. I know a case and I'll close with this. My wife's a registered nurse. She stayed out of nursing for 19 years while we raised our daughters. She went back for her refresher course for eight weeks read an eight hundred page book through twice and met a woman from New Jersey who had also dropped out of nursing but for another reason. So my wife out of curiosity one day said would I be allowed to know so my wife and I both use that approach would I be allowed to know why you dropped out of nursing. And she told my wife this horrible story his wife had abdominal surgery she was in the hospital the day after surgery recuperating from that. And the nurse taking the meds and the medications room by room by room all the patients went to this one room and couldn't get in and a chair blocked up against the door. She knew how to work that so she just kept until that chair slipped out and opened the door. And that husband was in bed with his woman his wife having sex with her and ripped all of her stitches out.

Why would a father mess with his daughter gone up the ladder has concupiscence goes up another level. So we got normalcy. Concupiscence perversion. That's where I put homosexuality. That's where I'd put bestiality sex with animals. Couples swapping group sex incest you mess around on the biological hand grenade ladder there's all kinds of consequences.

And if you're able to take it come back tomorrow and I'll give you some of those consequences physically mentally socially and spiritually. Father I pray that this has been enlightening or a good reminder. For those who needed either today in Jesus name amen.