# **COURTSHIP IN CRISIS**

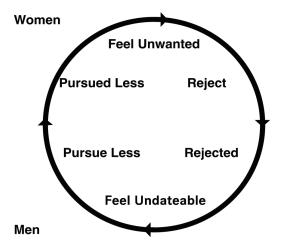
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women frequent opportunities to dress up and feel beautiful. Subsequent verbal encouragement from the young man on the other side of the table helps boost her confidence.

I should point out here that men also need verbal encouragement. Women also gain confidence from past success. While each person is unique, I don't know anyone who draws confidence from insults, failure, or constant silence.

#### The Confidence Crisis



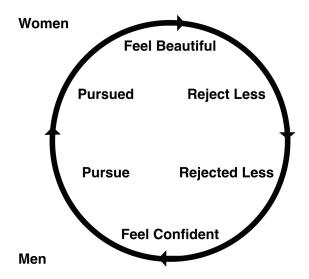
Our insecurities can form a vicious cycle. When men don't pursue women, women tend to feel ugly and unwanted. A woman who feels unwanted is more likely to hide and more likely to reject men, because the men's words sound insincere in her ears. "How could he really like me? He must be lying." So they reject men, and that makes men feel less confident. In turn, that makes men less likely to pursue women, and so the cycle continues.

Courtship encourages singles to "spend time in groups" without realizing that most group interactions are gender-segregated. There are few girls at the game night and few men at

sonally experience the love of God, you'll never be the same.

God wants to shower you in love in such a way that you can experience it. All you have to do is ask Him.

# From Vicious Cycle to Virtuous Cycle



As men overcome their fear and pursue women, women will feel more beautiful, which will make them less likely to reject the men around them. This will encourage more men to pursue them and the positive cycle continues.

All it takes to start the change is a simple compliment, an invitation to coffee, or a yes to lunch. You can do it!

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