



THE *Great Date* EXPERIMENT

THE GREAT DATE ROAD MAP

Welcome to the *Great Date Road Map!* Hope you have been enjoying the class and challenges of *The Great Date Experiment*.

This date focuses on the two of you spending time together (very important to any date) and nurturing a little romance.

There are 6 steps that will take you to several different places. All you need is your spouse, this guide, a full tank of gas, and some spending cash. The cost of this date can be as cheap or expensive as you want. It all depends on what you decide while following the steps. Have a Great Date (pun intended), and begin with the challenge below...

Date Night Challenge – While on your date, do the following:

- **GUYS:** Incorporate into the conversation 3 of the following pet names before the night is over – Cowgirl, Honey Bunches Of Oats, Bambi, Duckling, Eye Candy, Gangsta Baby, Magic Princess, Mamacita, or make up your own.
- **LADIES:** Pat him on the Gluteus Maximus at least 3 times in public before the night is over



STEP1: Whet Your Appetite


WHAT IS A FAVORITE PLACE FOR AN APPETIZER? GO THERE NOW!

food4THOUGHT: While you enjoy an appetizer, take turns answering some of these questions...

- When we were dating I tried to impress you by _____.
- What was one of your favorite things for us to do when we were newlyweds? (*outside the bedroom*)
- What is your favorite date date or trip we have been on?
- If you were to plan a vacation for just the two of us, where would it be?
- If you had to pick a different city for us to live in, and proximity to family and friends did not matter, which city would it be?
- I get a kick out of watching you _____.

STEP2: Picture This

With your camera phone, take a fun or creative picture of the two of you. Use the picture to change the wallpaper on your phone. Remember to email it, along with your names, to greatdate@mynorthside.com. Each week, we will choose a winning couple, and they will receive a gift card for a future date night.



STEP3: The Way to a Man's Heart

WHAT IS A FAVORITE PLACE FOR AN ENTRÉE? GO THERE NOW!

Would You *Rathers*, for While You Wait

- Would you rather take a one-week \$5000 vacation or go on five different long weekends that cost \$1000 each?
- Would you rather eat and never gain weight or speed and never get caught?
- Would you rather have an average house and a vacation home or your perfect dream home?

food4THOUGHT: Over dinner, discuss these questions together...

- Which of these Love Languages¹ are most important to you? How can I best speak that language to you?
 - **Words of Affirmation** - I like to hear affirming words
 - **Gifts** - I feel most loved when I receive gifts
 - **Quality Time** - Your undivided attention is important to me
 - **Physical Touch** - Gentle appropriate touch really speaks to me
 - **Acts of Service** - Actions speak louder than words to me
- I am impressed with how much you know about _____.
- Something I find special about you that not many people get to see is _____.
- What part of our marriage do you think makes God the happiest? What do you think God wants us to change in our marriage?
- If I prayed for you for five days in a row, what would you want me to pray?

STEP4: The Thought is ALL that Count\$

WHAT IS A GREAT PLACE TO BUY A \$2 (OR LESS) GIFT? GO THERE NOW!

Once in the store, go your separate ways. You have ten minutes to purchase a gift and meet back at the entrance. Go to a nearby location or back to your car and exchange gifts. Tell your spouse why you picked that gift.

¹The Five Love Languages were taken from Gary Chapman's book, *The Five Love Languages*. To discover more about the five love languages, check out www.5lovelanguages.com.

STEP5: Sugar and Spice

WHAT IS A GREAT PLACE FOR DESSERT? GO THERE NOW!

Married Couples can forego dessert and go to a secluded place and kiss in your car. (*Northside is not responsible for any arrests and/or incarcerations - due to trespassing and/or lewd behavior.*)

food4THOUGHT: While enjoying your dessert, each person should answer these questions...

- One of the nicest things you have done is _____.
- Without you I never would have _____.
- I look at you and say, "Wow", because _____.

STEP6: The Beginning of the End

ON YOUR WAY HOME, ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTION...

- The thing I love about you most is _____.

ONCE YOU ARRIVE HOME:

- If you want, turn on some music in your car, roll down the windows and dance in the driveway.
- Don't forget to include the classic date staple...a kiss on the doorstep

SERIOUSLY DATING/ENGAGED COUPLES:

- This is where your date ends. Unless you took a detour and got married while on the date... stranger things have happened.

MARRIED COUPLES:

- Now the rest is up to you...