

Thoughts on Mark Ballenger (Apply God's Word Youtube)?

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Been watching a lot of his videos recently and wanted to know what you guys thought of him. A lot of what he says makes a lot of sense to me, but interested to know what others think.

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I've watched a few of his videos before I swallowed the pill. Admittley, I'm not fully competent on the worldview he presents. However, just from the videos I've seen, he does come off a bit Blue Pill. (well intentioned, but missing the mark)

My suggestion would be to read the r/RPChristians sidebar, as well as everything u/red-curious and u/deep_strength has posted and use that as your platform for discerning "Christian dating advice". The two themes that you will see constantly in that sub and in the sidebar are 1. **Pursue your God given mission (i.e. make disciples)** and 2. **LIFT**. Obviously there is much more that goes into that, but those two things will be the defining factors in initiating and facilitating healthy relationships with women.

I have not seen any material from AGW that calls men to live in that kind of framework.

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Yeah I've seen a few of his videos. The wording of the titles are troublesome, but he does specify in all of them that they are not the final word on our exact situations. They are merely suggestions as to what God *could* be telling us in certain seasons.

I've actually found him helpful, but I don't see him as more than an entry level figure for Christian teaching on relationships and following God.

I'd find him more helpful if he went into depth on certain issues rather than staying surface level. By that I mean he stays consistent on "follow God" and his suggestions are direct and to the point. But he doesn't deeply divulge into them. They are designed to be this way in order to target young Christian's who are browsing youtube. (Excellent marketing strategy)

To conclude, Mark serves his purpose which is pointing young Christians towards God's word for counsel in their relationship struggles (which is 80% of the time: "why don't I have 10/10 Godly bf/gf yet???"). However, if you want deeper advice you should stick to the RPC forum and the relevant reading materials suggested.

canldigit • 1 point • 29 March, 2020 06:39 AM

I'm subscribed to him but I don't really watch a lot of his videos. In some of his videos, a lot of his points felt common sense to me at my stage in Christianity. I thought his videos about addiction and porn were pretty insightful and helpful.