

E-Course Article 1 of 10:**Leverage your “extra decade” to appeal to 20-something women**

Dating younger women is expected in Hollywood, but regular guys who aren't Harrison Ford or Donald Trump can win a “trophy,” too. Girls in their 20s can be very attracted to older men - especially once you learn to balance the best of your maturity with your youthful attributes.

You might need to overhaul the wardrobe, run a few miles each week and throw out your old Members Only jacket. But if you focus on the advantages you can offer as a mature, stable guy, you could be in. They include:

- ⊕ *A relationship* - Post-college guys are looking to add notches to the bed post, while an older man is much more likely to want to settle down and provide a girl with the holy grail of a relationship.
- ⊕ *Experience* - You've been around the block, have discovered some of the red flags that scare women away, and learned - perhaps the hard way - that doing your belly button puppet at dinner on the first date is a ticket to a trip home alone.
- ⊕ *Financial stability* - You live alone (presumably) work a career instead of a job, and have a bit of disposable income. You don't have to impress her with Champagne and jewelry, but you can take her out for something better than wings on \$5 pitcher night.

Women in their 20's and early 30's have more options and they know it. They also are conscious of age gaps - though they will overlook that so long as you don't scream “old man.”

Many younger women are attracted to significantly older men - 20 percent according to some research. But assuming you are a decade older than you're the object of your desire, there are some common mistakes to avoid.

1. Be patient. A common pitfall is for an older man to make his move too early. She might think you are a player or even a pervert! A key factor is gaining her trust, and a good way to do that is to let her make the first move. You can even seem reassuring by holding her off and suggesting she consider what she is getting into. This role reversal could make her want you more...