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I Want to Marry, What Should I Know? Over 60 Questions Young People Are Frequently Asking is a book intended to tackle problems young people face during courtship and choosing a marriage mate. The book will mostly help persons of Christian faith. However, I encourage anybody to read, criticise it and give me feedback.

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INTRODUCTION

In this book young persons would like those already in marriage to describe it to them. They also want to know what value a partner would add to the life of the other when they decide live together.

Can you marry someone that is poor but really love you? That is a question young people are asking.

So there is this certain man who we crossed paths early last year and made out. Whenever I talk to him through phone or am around him, I get so much peace. He is the only man who has ever made me feel safe; I would not be worried if I got married to him. But this doesn't mean that I am desperate, don't get me wrong. So I have started fasting today for 21 days so that I can get to know if he is my ideal spouse. I want a confirmation from God that he is the one or he is not, I am ready for the answer. And I know prayers work because I have a very close relationship with God. Is this a good idea or I just forget the whole thing? That is a question asked by a young woman, please read and find out the answer!

If a fiancée is taken for introduction to her lover's parents, is it normal to be given work the first day because what I witnessed yesterday I will never forget. We went for introduction with my husband to be and after we had lunch his mum told me to wash utensils from the previous night's meal and the lunch we had. I was in high heels shoes, and when I requested for slippers she told me that they were bare feet and nothing pierces them. After

I had finished, I was told to chop kales for supper. A whole bucketful of kales and given that we were not spending the night there, my fiancée asked his mum why his sisters would not chop the kales as I had cleaned the utensils and the mum said they were tired since they had cooked for us. I was so mad and on our way home, my fiancée noticed and tried to soothe to me but I told him it was okay. Is that what happens in courtship? I am sure you would be glad to know.

Please I need your help; I am in a new relationship with a guy who I love very much. So there was a day I paid him an impromptu visit and found a lady's shoes at his door steps. I turned around and left without entering the house. I later asked him about them. He was annoyed and I was forced to ask for forgiveness for fear that I might lose him. Now yesterday we met and decided to fix the issue, however, he told me that he wants us to split for our own safety and also to help him regain his spiritual life which he claims he had lost it since he met me. What would you do if you were in the young ladies shoes? Find out by reading this book. I am sure you will enjoy.

Chapter 1

WHAT ANYONE PLANNING TO MARRY SHOULD KNOW

1.00 What advice will you give to someone who's about to get Married?

Answer: One should plan carefully. It is important to heed Jesus' counsel that whoever wants to build a tower should first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he can actually complete it. The main cost is acquiring values such love, joy, peace, long-suffering, goodness, faith, mildness and self-control. Women should nature 'the secret person of the heart' than accentuating their physical appearance. Modesty and soundness of mind should be the guiding principle. Men should learn to treat women in a kind and respectful way. They should be decisive, shoulder responsibility, remain humble and modest.

I highly recommend you marry a person who shares your faith. This would make your goals to flow in the same direction. Most people like to listen to Congolese music or Reggae. Yet nearly everyone does not know the lyrics of the songs. If you ask them why is the music interesting? They would quickly tell you the instruments! They are an expert synchrony of drums, guitars, trumpets, percussion instrument and cymbals. Though the instruments are totally different, yet they have been skilfully merged to produce enticing music. That is how marriage partners are. They may not have anything in common but if their

goals are aligned in one direction, they produce the best marriage. It is easier to align goals in same faith unions.

A lady has to find out the character of the man; the sort of friends he has, if he exhibits self-control. Does he esteem elders? What type of family does he come from? How does he interrelate with family members? What is his outlook towards money? Does he misuse wines and spirits? Is he moody or erratic? Could the lady totally revere him?

A man should find out if a lady loves and venerates God. Is she capable of caring for a home, what expectations does her family anticipate of the man, and if the woman is prudent, conscientious and economical. What does she talk about, is she self-centred, a busy body, is she reliable? Is she willing to accept the man's leadership or she is obstinate and rebellious?

One should enter the marriage knowing it is a permanent bond and one should not think he can dissolve the union at any time. One should be ready to love the other spouse unconditionally. The spouses should respect each other. The husband to be should provide Christ like leadership. The husband to be should be ready to converse with his wife about her activities, her problems and her views on various matters. He should take time to listen to what she says. The spouses should communicate in such a way that pleasant words are sweet to the soul and a healing to the bones.

2.00 Good marriages do not happen by accident. It takes daily work. It takes prayer and love and grace and forgiveness. It takes hugs and kisses and tears. Marriage is work, and a good marriage is hard work. But it is always worth it to enjoy the gift that God has given you in your spouse.

Answer: Thanks for your judicious comment. Marriage is team work. Two persons who are discordant each with his/her goals and vision come together. They have to harmonize their goals, their habits and hope to live in harmony. In addition in-laws place on them their expectations which they have to squeeze in their life.

Fortunately, God has provided guidelines that would ensure spouses live effortless. The psalmist said that unless God builds the house, builders build in vain. If God does not establish ones marriage, all hard work is useless. The preacher said that a rope of three cords does not break easily. This implied that a man and woman were a rope of two cords, adding God in their life was making the rope to have three cords; this is what ensures stability in marriage.

God is love, and whoever does not love, has not known God. By loving God, spouses reflect his love to each other. They would apply his principles to settle any dispute between them each day before the sun sets. They would bear with each other even if one has a credible reason to be annoyed with the other and

forgive freely. They would use Biblical counsel to solve their differences and communicate with each other effectively.

By loving God, the woman will recognize man is the head of the family and subject herself to him willingly; respect him since she knows no authority exist without God. The man will use his leadership imitating Jesus Christ and loving her wife as he loves his body. This means he will not beat his wife as he cannot hit his body. And as he cherishes his body; feeds it, nourishes it and takes care of it, that is how he should lovingly and tenderly take care for his wife.

3.00 Plan elaborately before creating another life. It's exceedingly painful and sad to knowingly bring a child (ren) in this world just to suffer. It is mind searing and nerve wrecking to a child to watch wealthier children ravishingly munch on pizzas and drown it down with cokes while it swallows a heavy mixture of mucus and saliva. Many children are suffering because they were born as a result of fun. Their parents had no plan whatsoever for their futures. I am of the opinion that one should remain single if he has no means of bringing up a child.

Answer: Thanks for your sensible comment. While Pizza and Coke are not the healthiest of food available, those who cannot afford them will surely envy those who eat them in public places. It was God's intention that children should be brought up by both parents in the best environment possible.

While some child suffering is unavoidable, it is true most can be avoided if potential parents planned and obeyed God's law. If people shunned fornication and adultery, they would not have unplanned kids. If people obeyed the Bible counsel to prepare themselves in the field then go build their house, they will not start families before learning some trade or getting a job to give them income to sustain the family.

But let us not judge parents of these kids harshly as some were pushed to poverty by man's activities. Like in Africa when colonial governments left, the African governments shared land and property previously owned by white settlers among their cronies leaving majority of persons displaced and homeless. Unfortunately, sex is their only entertainment with the results we are trying to castigate. Wars and civil unrests have given the same results. It is only the message of hope that can lift these people's spirits to awaken the potential in them, to make them know they can rise above the life they have resigned to and live a better life.

4.00 What advice would you give to all the singles and those still searching for the right partner?

Answer: They should look for a God fearing partner. Someone once said, if you fix the vertical relationship, the horizontal one fixes itself automatically. This means, if you love God have good relationship with him, you automatically have love your fellow human beings and have healthy relationship with them. Women should look for a man having ability to earn a living presently

and in the future. Men should look for the inner person in women as opposed to outward appearance.

Singles should know marriage is a permanent commitment therefore; they should be serious and never play with anyone's emotions. They should avoid fornication during courtship and adultery after marriage.

5.00 I think I have a problem, why it is that am single but single men don't approach me, I am only approached by married ones, I feel for my future.

Answer: You attract what you want or what you think you are missing. In spreading the Gospel, we show tender care, empathy and love to those we deliver the Gospel to. Most ladies have construed our love to be amorous love.

In having small talk with them, I realised they have absentee fathers, the dad gave up the ghost, he is drunk, terminally ill or detached from the family. Therefore these ladies crave fatherly love which they cannot get from their fathers in one way or another.

Unfortunately married men, even if they are harsh to their wives, they are tender hearted to other women especially work colleagues. The affection the ladies who crave fatherly love miss, they see it in married men and thus get attracted to them.

Now because you crave fatherly love, you do not engage in small talk or flirt with the unmarried men. So they either see you

as inaccessible or aloof. You don't need to know you are craving fatherly love, your subconscious works automatically to give you what you yearn for and you are missing. On the other hand, the married men see you as mature and they are drawn to you for various reason. One, you look a sure bet that if they had extra-marital affairs with you, the relationship is likely to be clandestine. Two, they want to protect their marriage and you look like a woman who would be grateful for their love thus you won't trouble their marriage.

You can remedy this by acquiring knowledge of God. He is your eternal Father. Men may forsake you but God won't. He is intent on rewarding those who earnestly seek Him. He is the father of the fatherless and orphans. Then instead of waiting for men to approach you and show you love, approach them! Don't tell them you are seeking love or anything related. Look for an item of their attire that is conspicuous and ask questions about it.

It may be a label on the T-shirt, it may be a watch, it may be a cap, shoes or shirt buttons. For instant if it is a watch, indentify the manufacturer, and learn more about watches brands and manufacturers. Next time you see him wearing the watch approach him and say, 'I have always admired your watch, is it reliable I buy one for my brother?' Then you can talk of watches that day, since you have learned about watches, you will be an active contributor. Then let him fix the rest, I am sure next time he will approach you for small talk, just be open and accommodated him. With time you would strike a rapport and start dating in sincerely.

If none of his attire is eye-catching, talk of his car or something common you have seen, just make sure you learn more about the item and related items. Deep knowledge of the item shows you care and have interest which may tilt the tide towards you.

6.00 Why are marriages not long lasting like in the past? What's wrong with the recent generation in matters of marriage?

Answer: The preacher once said, "Do not say, 'oh why were things so much better in the old days?' It is not an intelligent question". Fittingly, the statement is true today. Without statistics it difficult to conclude if in the past marriages lasted than the present. I am sure if we take the ratio of divorce to marriage in the past and compare to the ratio of divorce to marriage in the present, they are likely to be the same.

Divorce in the past was so easy; nowadays the legal hurdles one has to jump and thereafter losing a substantial part of his property makes divorce complicated.

In making my assertions here, I have completely ignored cohabiting or come-we-stay relationships. Those are not marriages but sex misuse relationships. It is fornication. It is sexual promiscuity. Such relationships did not exist in the past. If you have included this on marriages that don't last, then you are wrong since these relationships are not meant to last. They cannot last as partners have not committed to each other and they are not legally binding.

Genuine divorce revolves around extra-marital affairs. Authentic separation orbits around desertion or denial of conjugal rights and violence endangering a spouse life. Any other divorce other than that based on sexual immorality is wrong in the eyes of God; parties to that divorce would be committing adultery if they married again. Therefore divorcing one's spouse because he has lost a job or properties, consider that not to be divorce but parties pursuing sexual misuse.

Additionally, the Englishman said 'no news is good news'. With existence of mainstream media, the internet blogs, social media and mobile telephony, news is delivered quite fast. The news has to be juicy for all these media to earn something. Then your bet is as good as mine, the media will not talk of happy marriages. They will constantly be highlighting divorce and extra-marital affairs. So if you read or watch or hear these Medias, you are tempted to think no one is faithful, people are divorcing right-left, back-front and up-centre-down. You are also made to believe everyone is committing extra-marital affairs.

Therefore without figures, we cannot rely on what we hear or few divorces we witness to say marriages were stable in the past than the present marriages.

7.00 I have strong feelings for this guy by the name Mpoa, we chatted through the messenger and I explained to him what I'm experiencing, the guy told me God's time is the best. I kept sending him messages. This guy clarified to me that he's married and is not ready to cheat on

her partner. I requested him that he gives me a kid, but he doesn't want this. What do I do to with this man? We are not familiar with each other and have never met, I don't have his mobile number but I did send mine to him. He is always telling me that my partner is on the way, I have never known such a principled Man like Mpoa.

Answer: Paul advised that youth should let that period he calls 'the flower of youth' pass before making a marriage decision. This is a period where the youth's sexual desire is so intense that they rebel or knowingly ignore unquestionable decrees. The bible is definite that Christians should not be yoked with sinners, yet at the period of the flower of youth, they want to marry non-believers. The bible expresses disapproval of adultery and fornication; but the youngsters during the flower of youth want to commit fornication, experiment with homosexuality and sleep with married men.

You are passing through this period. A wise man once gave his seventeen year daughter a bag with two kilograms of weight stuffed in it. He told her to carry the bag for the whole day without putting it down. If she must put it down, it should not be more than 30 minutes. By the end of the day, the girl was so worn out and frustrated that he entreated his father why he was punishing her as such. The father told her to carry the bag for one week, and sleep with it all night, unless they stroke a deal. The girl opted for a deal. The father explained to his daughter that the bag represented a child. If she was unable to cope with

carrying a lifeless bag, could she carry a living baby that needed her attention?

He therefore added that she should drop all her boyfriends and concentrate on her studies, otherwise to prove she was ready to welcome a child; she should carry the bag for the whole week. Then he as the father would grant her permission to date her boyfriends. Luckily she saw the logic and decided to concentrate on her education. And I think someone needs to jog your mind as you are asking for something you don't understand.

Are you ready to be a single mum? Do you have the income to fend for yourself and the baby? Since you are dating blindly and you are intimating you want unprotected sex, are you ready to live with venereal diseases? Do you know strangers could rape you and actually kill you? Do you know strangers could drug you and shoot a pornography video of you? Are you ready to live with such consequences?

Relationships are no secret. Involve your parents and they may give you a second opinion of any man you are dating. Avoid fornication and let sex be within marriage. Take control of your vessel, the desires will subside.

8.00 My 24 year old girl got a job in a cosmetic shop and they are paying her 12,000 shillings per month, she told me instead of wasting money on transport she would rent a room near her job, I took her to the house hunting expedition and we found a good one bedroom house with a monthly rent of 4,000 Shilling and I thought that was reasonable

because she would remain with 8,000 Shillings from her salary. She could save quite a big portion of it as we could still cater for her other needs and foodstuffs. But barely three months on the job, she has shifted to 15,000 shillings three bed roomed house. I have interrogated her how she would manage a 15 000 shillings house on a 12 000 shillings salary, but she is flimsily avoiding the issue, what do I do because I feel something is not right, I don't even want to tell her father about it because hell will break lose.

Answer: Make that difficult decision of involving her father. There are many possibilities. Either she has decided to live in debt having a lifestyle that is not her own or a man is paying rent for her. Most likely the man is married.

In songs of Solomon, the brothers of the Shulammite lady asked, “we have a young sister, and her breasts are still small. What will we do for her when a young man comes courting?” They answer their own question by saying, “If she is a wall, we will build her a silver tower. But if she is a gate, we will protect her with panels of cedar”.

In simple language the account meant that when their sister had full grown up breasts, men would automatically try to beguile her to fornicate. Being a wall meant she would not give in to their advances, instead she would keep them off just as it is hard to pull down a wall. Being a door meant she would be flattered by their words and would smile from ear to ear encouraging them on. If the Shulammite lady did not entertain the young men's

nonsense, the brothers would give her more freedom, building a tower for her was elevating her so she could see anybody passing below, and that meant the lady had a lot of liberty.

On the other hand, if she was a door, because they feared she could sleep with men at any time. They would deny her freedom. She would be confined at home, and her freedom to meet people restricted. That is, protecting her with panels of cedar or building a fence around her, like a paddocked cow, she could only graze within the fence.

You gave your girl freedom by allowing her to rent her own house. She has abused the freedom by allowing a man who is not keen on marrying her to rent a house for her, or she has started unwisely using debt. Talk to your husband, deny her that freedom, and let her commute from home. Put her under curfew that she comes home immediately after the job. Explain to her why the freedom has been taken away. Let her henceforth inform you of any man she is dating.

9.00 The truth about marriage is you won't know for sure whether you've made a good choice of a spouse until after you married them.

Answer: Everyone is work-in-progress. If you chose someone that loves God, then you made the correct choice. God is love and we can only love if we love God. John said, 'my dear friends, we are now God's children, but it is not yet clear what we shall become'. Every day we are growing and developing, you and your spouse, nobody is ready made. We have to grow

and adjust to each other, the key is one should be God Loving. He who does not love has not known God for God is love.

10 I am 24 years don't you think I am ready to be married?

Answer: Anybody above 18 years is an adult and can marry. However, Paul advises us to be patient until we are past the flower of youth before we contemplate marrying. The flower of youth is a period where the body produce a lot of sex hormones that the objective thinking of a youth is impaired. Youths at this period make decisions without consulting facts. They are driven by sexual desire instead of assessing if their mate is a suitable spouse. The youth at this point do not want to listen to anybody's guidance.

11 Everything about Wedding (Including its Preparation) is a waste of other People's Time and Money. Couples can successfully marry off without a Wedding Ceremony and still THRIVE in Marriage. Wedding isn't Necessary, in fact that Nonsense sickens people.

Answer: There is no way one can marry without a wedding Ceremony. That would amount to cohabiting and for that reason the couples would be committing the sin of fornication. Marriage should have at least four persons, the couple and two witnesses. Perhaps if you were suggesting that a wedding should be private to reduce its cost, that is okay. Weddings are not entirely useless, intelligent people use the weddings to network and solidify business partners. It is at the wedding of Cana that Jesus used the opportunity to perform his first public

miracle. Meaning you can use a wedding to market your business.

12 Which childish behaviour can one not shun even if he/she is married?

That depends from person to person, some must pee in the bathroom before bathing, some must turn and look at their bowel movements keenly before flushing it, some must lick a plate after a palatable meal, and some must wipe the yoghurt cup clean with a finger and lick the finger. Anything harmless, one has got to enjoy life. For King David, it was dancing. David wearing only a linen cloth around his waist danced with all his might to honour God...Michal, Saul's daughter looked out of the window and saw King David dancing and jumping around in the sacred dance and she was disgusted with him.

13 Those already in marriages, how would you describe it to those who haven't found themselves in it?

Answer: Marriage can be described as this, 'two are better off than one, because together they can work more effectively. If one of them falls down, the other can help him up. But if someone is a lone and falls, it's just too bad, because there is no one to help him. If it is cold, two can sleep together and stay warm, but how can you keep warm by yourself? Two people can resist an attack that would defeat one person alone. A rope made of three cords (God, Husband and Wife) is hard to break.

14 What value can partner add to one's life if they start a relationship/marriage?

Answer: There is that value of decision making; you have someone to give you a second thought and prime up your decisions. You have someone to cheer you up when you are down. You live with a purpose as a man as you understand it is your obligation to care and give your family a secure future. There is that undeniable benefit of sex; acts as exercise relieve stress and make you happy. It gives you an opportunity to serve God with a clean conscience, because you know you are not fornicating.

15 Can you marry someone that is poor but really loves you?

Answer: When you decide to marry, sit down and calculate the cost. Who among us who wants to build a house would not sit down and calculate the cost least he is unable to complete the house and he becomes a laughing stock? Prepare yourself in the field and when you are ready come and build your house.

What I mean is try to describe the Poverty in the person you are trying to marry. If the person is poor, his thoughts are just poverty and he feels condemned to be poor, do not marry such a person. In marriage life you need to foot bills, money becomes the answer to everything. But if the person has no material possession, he is intelligent and optimistic, he has a talent, he has a skill or he is developing a skill, you can marry that person.

Your look at a person's current and future potential to earn a living; whether he is rich or he is poor materially.

16 What challenges can one get on ones first date?

Answer: Actually there are no challenges if the dates know each other, say they are from the same church, neighbourhood, classmates or colleagues. But problems might arise if the dates are strangers like they met on the internet or somewhere else just once. But bear in mind both of you are nervous, just behave naturally, if the other date cannot take you at that state, or gets repulsed with you immediately, thank heavens for saving you from future problems. Do not despise yourself if you fall out on the first date, you are valuable; the other person is not worthy your value.

Chapter 2

HOW DO I CHOOSE THE RIGHT PARTNER?

17 So there is this certain man who we crossed paths early last year and made out. Whenever I talk to him via phone or am around him, I get so much peace. He is the only man who has ever made me feel safe; I would not be worried if I got married to him. But this doesn't mean that I am desperate, don't get me wrong. So I have started fasting today for 21 days so that I can get to know if he is my Kingdom spouse. I want a confirmation from God that he is the one or he is not, I am ready for the answer. And I know prayers work because I have a very close relationship with God. Is this a good idea or I just forget about the whole thing? Can anyone fast for a specific person? Note: I only want a God ordained marriage.

Answer: You are on the right track fasting to know if the man is God ordained for you. However, fasting for 21 days is quite unnecessary. This is because you want to make a decision where there is so much information. The only plausible thing to do is ask God to open your spiritual eyes to determine if the man meets His qualities and that requires only three days fasting.

You have first to find out the potential of the man to earn a living now and in the future. If the man is jobless, does he have a

talent or has he developed a skill that will ensure he earns a living? If the man is wealthy, what is the source of his wealth; can he maintain it in future? Suppose he inherited his wealth, does he have ability to maintain or increase it, or he will squander it, and make it dwindle?

Secondly, does the man sincerely love God and he is not pretending to woo you? God is love; nobody can love you if he does not love God. If he loves God, after fasting you will clearly find out if he freely admits his mistakes and accepts advice. He should also be generally cheerful and optimistic; being gloomy and frequently complaining is not a godly quality. After fasting the Holy Spirit will clearly show you if he has the fruits of the spirit such as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self control.

Esther fasted for three days and implored the Jews to fast and pray for her as she prepared to meet the King. No one was allowed to meet the king un-invited and she could instantly be killed once she entered the king's court. But with the lives of Jews being at stake, Esther risked meeting the king so she sought divine intercession. In your case, since you also want to make a decision and need divine guidance, three day fasting is sufficient. This is because you only need Gods spirit to show you if the man has qualities enumerated in the Bible.

You can fast for 15 hours, or 12 hours or 8 hours a day. If you have health issues like being diabetic, you can eat all the three meals as usual, only you will avoid fine foods like meat, bread

that has yeast, all refined foods, wine and any alcoholic beverage. Go for simple foods; Israelites ate bitter herbs and unleavened bread, John the Baptist ate wild honey and locusts only and Daniel avoided fine foods and wine.

What I am trying to mean is that fasting is putting aside the spirit of indulgence and wearing the spirit of self-denial and self-control. Therefore it does not mean you shun food completely. In this period, one meditates on God's word at least seven times per day. The longer the period of fasting, one has to eat food. The shorter the period, one may abstain completely from food but can drink some water. The human body is God's temple and He would like you to take utmost care of it. Therefore the kind of fasting that is injurious to the body is not pleasing to God.

Below is a 12 hour fasting program per day you might like to follow in your three day fasting if you are busy or working. If you are not busy and not working, you can consult my book, '**Never Get Weary or Weak; How Meditating and Fasting Gives You Vibrant Strength and Detoxes Your Body**' for guidance.

Fasting when seeking God's guidance to determine if your boyfriend is God sent (Day 1).

Wake up at three in the morning. Sing three praise and worship songs. If you do not have any praise and worship songs recite **Psalms 119** audibly, but be careful you do not disturb other persons. It would be ideal to be in an isolated place. If this is impossible, just move your lips but make no sound.

Then make the following declarations loudly if you are in an isolated place, but if you are in a place you are likely to disturb people, read them moving your lips but making no sound.

1. Thank you my Heavenly Father for this opportunity to use the most powerful provision you have given me to find out if this man (**name the person**) is a suitable husband to me. You said a man who loves you will not blatantly sin against you. If the man coaxes me to fornicate, wants us to be mainly in secluded places, wants to intoxicate me with alcoholic beverage so that my decision to remain chaste is weakened, protect me, give me courage to break the relationship and walk away.

2. Oh God, bring an opportunity for me to see if the man offending me, will he apologise? If he sins, does he feel remorseful? Does he repent in all sincerity and do all he can never to repeat the sin?

3. My father God, show me how responsible this man is physically, spiritually and financially. Does he have a personal Bible study? Is he clean and keeps his environment clean. Is he saving at least 10% of all his incomes? Is he giving charitably at least 10% of his income? Does he borrow to spend on pleasing me or pleasing himself?

4. Does this man depend on you always even in severe difficulties? You have said God that you are jealousy and will not put up with any other gods. Does this man believe in witchcraft and can resort to divination when between a wall and a hard

rock? Does he gamble or use any get rich quick schemes to fix a financial difficulty. Does he have taboos rooted in witchcraft or keeps some charm, amulet or good luck object?

5. Is this man ethical? Can I trust him? Is he straightforward and would not cheat me? Does he do the right thing and say the right things?

6. Has this man cultivated the fruits of the spirit such as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self control? Can I see this clearly in him that he optimistic, positive and joyful?

7. Is this man forgiving? Does he keep a grudge? Can he settle any dispute with me each day before the sun sets according to your word or will he keep carrying forward and bottling issues?

I humbly request answers to these queries and any other I have not mentioned as the Holy Spirit shall guide me in the Mighty name of Jesus Christ, my Lord.

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Then make the following declarations loudly if you are in an isolated place, but if you are in a place you are likely to disturb people, read them moving your lips but making no sound.

1. My Father in heaven, thank you for this day you have made. Thank you for the gift of life. As I make this important decision, please guide me. Does this man know he will be the head of the family and he is intent on marrying me lawfully as opposed to cohabiting and fornication?

2. Will this man love me as he loves himself? Will he treat me as Jesus treated the Church even humbly washing his disciples' feet and dying for our sins? Will he honour and show me respect, never hitting or mistreating me?

3. Is this man industrious? Does he know his obligation is to care for his family, provide food, clothing and decent housing? Does he show any signs that he will lead his family to learn about God and his requirements?

4. Does the man know you do not encourage separation as a way to solve minor problems? Does he know sex relations

outside marriage is sin against you and against me? Is he ready to be faithful to me?

5. Does this man avoid sexual immorality and other unclean practices by the mainstream world? Which literature does he read? Which movies does he watch? What are the qualities of his friends? Do all these help him to remain morally clean?

6. Oh God, whenever I talk to him via phone or am around him, I get so much peace. He is the only man who has ever made me feel safe. Is this because his thoughts are clean and pure or it is because he is saying what I want to hear? Is he truthful, am I infatuated? Is he lying? Is he using unclean stories or dirty jokes to please me?

7. Oh God, does this man know you are the highest God in his heart or he is pretending to woo me? You created everything, you are highly magnified, show me the way, guide me to find out if this is the man.

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1. Oh God, you deserve all praise and honour! Thank you for guiding me during this period I have been fasting and praying to you to determine if this is my future husband or not. You said it is not for kings to drink wine or crave for alcohol. You said a king should not spend all his energy on sex and all his money on women, guide me to know if this man has these qualities.
2. God, you have declared wealth has its dynamics and cannot be handled by everybody, you have asked, "why should fools have money in hand to buy wisdom. When they are not able to understand it?" Show me if this man can handle wealth and increase it, let me know if he can put money to good use without loving it.
3. God you have said you visit descendants of those who hate you even to the fourth generation. Open my spiritual eyes to determine if the man has any generational curses following him.

If you have blessed him and cut all generation curses and demons that could have disturbed him and made my life difficult, let me be aware.

4. Does this man practise any form of spiritism? Does he call upon spirits to protect him, harm others, foretell the future or perform miracles?

5. God you have said your servants must hate what you hate. Does this man hate fornication, adultery, bestiality, incest, homosexuality and other sexual orientations outside the wedlock? Does this man hate lying, gambling and stealing? Can this man control his temper? You have said you hate a violent person. Does this man have self-control? God you hate drunkenness since drinking too much can ruin ones health and disrupt ones family, it also causes one to give in easily to temptations. Does this man hate drunkenness?

6. God you have said wives are good helpers. They do not eat the bread of idleness and thus work hard to support their husbands. Search me God, if this is the man; am I ready to have deep respect for him?

7. Oh God, will our communication be equated to your word, 'pleasant words are sweet to the soul and a healing to the bones'? Will our words be always gracious, seasoned with salt? Will we speak consolingly to each other when one or both of us are facing a difficulty? Will our answer to each other be mild and

turn away anger? Will we be careful not to belittle or condemn each other when one pours out her heartfelt feelings?

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Fasting begins at 6 am and ends at 4 pm each day. At the end of the fasting period, the Holy Spirit would reveal to you the answers and give you wisdom beyond human understanding. Since your man is also a Christian, he should have more than 50% of these qualities otherwise do not ignore the Holy Spirit, drop him. If he were not a Christian, you will be surprised he would possess more than half of these qualities. Good men naturally live by God's principle even though they may not know about them.

18 Ladies, if they must go into relationships, then they should search for a responsible and reasonable man with a good Character, not just a man who is rich and good looking. A man can have money and be irresponsible and unreasonable. Identify responsible men and move with them. A responsible man will never rape you or force you to have sex with him. A responsible man will never request for sex on the first

few days into a new relationship only until you are married. A responsible man will ask for your hand in Marriage so that you are officially married couple before anything. A responsible man will respect and cherish you. He will not use and dump you. Be careful with men who promise to give you Heaven and Earth, who promise to build you a ship where there is no water. Don't be carried away by all those sweet impossible lies. They are scams. When they are done with you, they will dump you and run away. In these difficult times, boys deceive girls with indomie, drinks, little money, rice, etc. Don't be like a rat that is fooled by a piece of meat on a trap, or else you will be caught in the trap and never be able to eat the meat.

Answer: That is a sagacious comment. Ladies should look for a God fearing, intelligent man capable of earning a living. Whether the man is wealthy or poor, if he adores God, is bright and skilled to earn a living, that man will make a good husband. Riches can acquire wings and fly into oblivion if the man is thick but inherited or stumbled on wealth in one way or another. But an intelligent person will maintain it to be inherited by his grandchildren.

A God fearing man has an obligation to stay with a wife as long as he lives. Other persons may solve petty problems by divorce but a person who loves God has to forgive and allow his partner to grow. He knows that he has to love his wife as he loves his body and be ready to sacrifice himself to improve the standards

of living for his family. Just like Jesus died on the cross for our sake so that we may live abundantly.

A God fearing man knows that a woman is a weak vessel and handles her tenderly, speaking to her sweetly. He knows among the things God hates are lies, violence and fornication. As he talks to her woman sweetly, he will not sweeten his speech with lies, he will not beat her, and he will not rape her or sleep with her before marriage.

19 When a lady or a man is born again, is it okay to get married to a person who is not? NB: the person despite not being born again is of good character goes to church and takes Christianity seriously only that he is not born again.

Answer: A lady that is born again is under obligation to marry a man that is born again. A man who takes Christianity seriously, goes to church only that he is no born again, is he really serious? Satan disguises himself as the angel of light. Therefore that man is not serious. However if he just started attending church recently, what is the hurry for? Give him time to manifest his decision then you can marry him.

A lady who saw the light and got saved when he was married to a non-believer should continue living with unbeliever.

20 How to Identify if You Are in the Right Relationship. Here are 10 signs on how to know if you're in the right relationship. These can also be considered signs he is right for you.

20.1 You feel comfortable with your partner. In many cases, being with the right person will make you feel comfortable. They won't pressure you to be something you aren't, and they will allow you to be yourself. When they are able to handle you unfiltered, this is a clear way on how to know if you're in the right relationship. If you were with someone incompatible with you, they may try to change you.

20.2 There is complete trust. Are you wondering, is this relationship right for me? Think about whether you trust your partner or not. Consider when your partner goes out with his friends, do you worry about what he is doing or if he is being true to you? If the answer is no, this means that you trust him.

20.3 You can picture your future. Another thing to consider when you are asking yourself are you in the right relationship is if you can picture your future together. Picture in your mind where you think you may be in your relationship in the next few years. Can you see yourself moving in together or married?

20.4 They excite you. What happens when you think about your significant other? Do you get excited or feel butterflies in your stomach? When you become excited when you think about your partner or you notice a smile come to your face, this is one way to know if you're in the right relationship. While you may not feel this way all the time, if this still happens for you, there's a good chance that you may be in the

relationship that is right for you. If you are able to think of your partner and smile on a regular basis, with all the other things you have to consider and get done each day, this is something special.

20.5 You get along. One of the most obvious ways to know is my partner right for me is to consider whether you get along or not. Of course, couples don't have to get along all the time, but when they can consistently agree on things and if every conversation doesn't end in an argument, this could indicate that you are in a healthy relationship. When you are with a person that you care about and that cares about you, you may be able to see their point of view, where you don't feel the need to argue with them about everything. Instead, you may choose to pick your battles.

20.6 You can work through arguments. When you do have disagreements with your partner, do you take the time to make up? This can be quite important when it comes to how to know if you're in the right relationship. If you are unwilling to make up after a fight, you may not be willing to put your all into your relationship. Essentially, this could mean that you don't value your partner as much as you should.

20.7 You want the same things. If you and your partner want the same things, there is little reason to doubt whether or not the relationship is right for you. There's a good chance that you have values that match

each other, so you may be able to grow together as a team. This is something that many people want from a relationship.

20.8 They pay attention to you. Anytime you notice that your partner is paying attention to you, it might make you feel like you are heard and that they care about you. This is a feeling that can provide happiness and let you know that you are in the right relationship.

20.9. You feel accepted. Perhaps you are messy, or you like to eat your breakfast cereal with extra sugar; if these things don't get on your partner's nerves, this could indicate that you are with the right one. Think about the other things they like about you to know for sure.

20.10 You have no doubts. Perhaps the top reason related to how to know if you're in the right relationship is whether you have doubts about it or not. When you have little to no doubts about your partner, this is most likely the relationship that you are meant to be in. You probably aren't looking for other prospects and feel content when you are with your partner.

Answer: Thanks for sharing.

21 How can I know that a person truly loves me?

Answer: Here are 10 pointers that show a person truly loves you.

21. 1 **One is Patient** - Sometimes it is not easy for couples to marry each other when they want to. This is because parents may be studying their child's choice behaviour, and therefore, may impose restrictions on her/him like high dowry or bride price. Couples who love each other would patiently wait as they fulfil any tough obligation that is an obstacle to their marriage. Jacob was able to wait for 14 years since he loved Rachael, and David was able to bring King Saul 200 foreskins of Philistines as he loved Michal. Most couples have endured long distances relationship for a couple to establish oneself financially.

21. 2 **One is Kind** - a person that loves you is able to discern that you are missing material things and supply them to your freely even before you ask. Abigail realised that David and his men needed food and supplied them more than enough to the point of risking her own life. First, King Saul would have exterminated her family if he had got wind she had assisted his enemy David. Second she would have fallen out with Nabal her husband. Such kindness that risks or where one sacrifices himself/herself is a hallmark of love.

21.3 **One is not conceited** – a person that loves you would not be proud. A woman will know it is her obligation to respect you and see you as her leader. The man will know that, though he is the head, he does not use this privilege to mistreat a woman but leads her just like Christ lead the church, he was humble to wash his disciples feet. Consequently, he would treat her lady with tender care and talk sweetly to her.

21.4 One is not Jealousy – It is the responsibility of the man to provide materially and provide leadership in the family. If it happens the woman is more blessed and can provide materially and has more leadership qualities than the man, the man would not be jealousy of her, he would in fact support her to realise her full potential. Joseph saw Mary was more blessed than him, but he was not jealousy as a man, he humbly supported her cause.

21.5 One is not selfish - when one loves you, he will keep updating you on the useful information you can tap to develop yourself and if he sees a potential in you he encourages you to grow and use it. He will not hoard from you something you need whether you know you need it or not. Michal sided with David than her bloodline by informing him to escape as her father intended to kill him, because she loved him.

21.6 One is not ill mannered or self-seeking. One who loves you will not coax or trick you to sin. He/she will not use blackmail or any form of nagging to see you stealing, committing fornication or any other action that gratifies his/her satisfaction at your expense. Amnon tricked Tamar into fornication as 'he loved her' but after the act he hated her exceedingly than 'he had loved her'.

21. 7 One does not keep a record of wrong - someone who loves you would not keep a record of wrongs you do. Lovers have to forgive each other even if one would have a good basis for being angered by the other. Gomer, Hosea's wife was a prostitute who ran into debt. But Hosea paid her debts and

accepted her as his wife again never recalling her past deeds. By comparison, though we as human beings have prostituted with various sins and gods, God has paid all our debts by the blood of Jesus Christ. He loves us and never recollects our past sins against us.

21.8 One is never happy with evil, but happy with good. One that loves you will not rejoice inwardly or outwardly when he/she knows you are going through a challenge. If one loves you and he/she is happy you are facing problems at work, your family is in some quagmire, he/she prefers you remaining poor other than being rich, that person does not love you. Such a person will take advantage of your lowly status and have sex with you as a cover up of his/her derision. A person that loves you will rejoice in your good and even suggest ways you can become better. When facing any problem, he would remind you of God's promises and nudge you to remain sane. He will not use such time you are vulnerable to sleep with you but would wait till you have recollected yourself and you are married.

21.9 One never gives up – one who loves you, sees your potential and even if you don't reach it in good time, he/she never gives up on you. You may fall seven times but each time the one who loves you picks your hand and says keep going. That is why couples in true love marry and they do not think of ending the relationship even if it is faced with their own frictions. This is because they believe the other has a prospective to improve and we are all work-in-progress as human beings. We improve with time. Moses thought he could deliver the Israelites,

God saw his dream, and believing in him, he actualised his dream 40 years later, He never gave up on Moses.

21.10 One has Hope and Faith in you - the person who loves you trusts in you. He has faith and hope you will not do any harm to him/her. That hope is as a result of his/her subconscious telling him/her that you are a good person. Most people would avoid heartache if they listened to their subconscious. When the sub-conscious rejects a certain person, but they force it since they are desperate, they end up crying later.

22 Babes... I will not touch you until we get married, do such men still exist?

Answer: The mainstream media and social networks are awash with extreme news. This extreme news makes pages liked or followed more and for the news to sell. Therefore, everybody is made to think everyone is cheating, couples must fornicate before marriage, adultery is okay and it's the norm. But away from the limelight, we have very many people who are chaste and believe only in sex within the confines of marriage. The do not fornicate, they do not pursue adultery.

23 Please give tips of being a good wife

Answer: Tips of being a good wife are found in the book of proverbs 31: 10-31. First her husband puts trust in her since she is faithful and he will never be poor. Meaning she does not

waste whatever they have but multiplies it. She does well always to her husband as long as she lives. She is ever busy and brings food from far, meaning she goes a greater length to bring healthy food to her household. She gets up early even before the maidservant and prepares food for the family. She buys land, she is a hard worker, though it is a man who has the prerogative to provide, she does not eat the bread of idleness. She speaks with gentle wisdom, her husband praise her, her children show appreciation. Above all, she is a woman who honours God.

24 who can be an ideal wife? I am dating two girls and it is time to settle. I am not sexually involved with either. Who will make me a good wife? Girl A is respectful, listening, caring, and real, creates time for me, but is slow intellectually. Girl B is aloof, pretends to be independent (still wants my financial support); she works hard and has a sharp mind. Both are stunningly beautiful, single and ready to settle with me. What else should I consider before making a decision? I will definitely disappoint one of them. Or should I impregnant one and marry the other? I have invested in both seriously but I can't make to the ultimate decision.

Answer: Expectation postponed does not only make the heart sick but makes it vengeful. You are playing with people's hearts making them hope for something that won't be. Marrying any and making the other pregnant will never give you peace of mind given that you are already confused. The qualities you are

looking for in those ladies are not what a serious person aiming for a lasting marriage should look for. The first quality to look for is; does the woman love God? Anybody that adores God will love you and treat you fairly. Someone said, take care of the vertical relationship and the horizontal ones takes cares of itself. Meaning if things are sorted with God then those between you and other human beings are dealt with automatically. Other qualities you should look for are; is the woman loving, is the woman joyful, is the woman peaceful and a peace maker, is the woman patient, is the woman kind, is the woman full of goodness , is the woman faithful, is the woman humble and does the woman have self control? I am using the word woman since the originator of marriage expects as to marry only one lady. And remember fornication is a sin, but sex under marriage pleases God.

25 Dating someone a little smarter, wealthier, or attractive than we are can be a source of pride. But when the gap between partners is too large, it can become a source of tension.

Answer: God has not given us the spirit of fear, but has given the spirit of power, the spirit of love and a sound mind. Where there is love, there is no fear. The much endowed mate would like the less privileged to reach his/her standard. It is a challenge to the one lower in the continuum to strive and get higher. It is even a motivation because of love. Tension can only exist if there is no love.

26 Why is it that a man with good heart is not lucky when it come to love?

Answer: I would reframe the word good to pity. Pity is a poor foundation to build love on. The girls we call bad, are outgoing and talkative; for that reason they fall into the trap of the men we call bad. These men we call bad have similar characteristics with the girls we call bad. So as much as bad men spend their time in company of bad girls, they don't marry them. They marry those we call good girls or the reserved girls, simply because they can keep a secret and won't nag them like the outgoing girls.

The men we call good are reserved and usually they don't make the first move to woo girls, then you are sure they won't get the good girls or reserved ones since they also don't make the move. The bad ladies make a move on them and they are unnerved since everybody wants to be liked, by pity and not love, they decide to love the bad girls, that is why someone may consider them unlucky. But men who worship God look for inner qualities in women and are not likely to fall in a trap since even for hidden traps God will deliver them. However, God has the power to make a lion lie down with a sheep and eat grass like a sheep. So there is no one bad if they decide to worship God, they adjust and became fitting persons.

27 How do you know if a man is really in love?

Answer: A man is in love when he is willing to make sacrifices. Just like Jesus gave his life to the church he will make sacrifices. It will include abstaining from sex till he weds a lady, Introducing a lady to his parents and sacrificing time to be with his lover.

28 How do u feel having a Man that doesn't drink, smoke and He's dating u alone...and he has no money

Answer: Not drinking and smoking is a plus, but it is only good if the man fears God. If he does not fear God, he can start drinking and smoking any time. It is not wrong to date a man who does not have money, but he should have potential to earn a living and should have big dreams. However, a broke guy who thinks poverty and feels there is no way he can make it in life is not worthy dating. Everybody is given abundance according to their faith.

Chapter 3

SHOULD I INFORM MY PARTNER OF MY FOLK'S WEAKNESSES?

29 When dating, is it advisable to tell your partner about your home challenges and every fight ones folks have?

Answer: Dating is between two persons and it is not advisable to drag ones family into it. The Bible is emphatic that man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife and the two shall be one. No one will live the life of the two. Therefore the family skeletons in the cupboard should remain concealed there. However the dating partners have to be open to each other and reveal if they have chronic diseases or they are vulnerable as it runs in the family generation. For instance some forms of diabetes develop later in one's life. The dating mates therefore are well placed to deal with existing and potential ailments if they choose to marry.

Granted we have families that practise spiritism. Families that are carriers of human weaknesses like diabetes, albinism and many other ailments. Even if these run in the family, your mate is totally different; he/she may or may not have such weaknesses. Traditionally, involving ones parents or making them aware you are dating so and so placed the onus of doing background check on them. All human beings have flaws in their genes and while known hereditary diseases are considered

weaknesses, seemingly healthy people have their own weaknesses not written in earthly books. Parents would advice you on the mate and you would get more information to support your decision.

God has given everyone a chance, therefore a mate chooses the other if he can live with his weaknesses and complete him as a human being. Human weakness is not a basis for discrimination since God makes us strong in our weakness. Therefore, family challenges are not to be disclosed unless the other dating mate specifically asks and it is the centre for his decision making.

30 If a fiancée is taken for introduction to her lover's parents, is it normal to be given work the first day because what I witnessed yesterday I will never forget. We went for introduction with my husband to be and after we had lunch his mum told me to wash utensils from the previous night's meal. I was in high heels and when I requested for slippers she told me that they were bare feet and nothing bites them. After I had finished I was told to chop kales for supper. A whole bucketful of kales and given that we were not spending the night there, my fiancée asked his mum why his sisters would not chop the kales as I had cleaned the utensils and the mum said they were tired since they had cooked for us. I was so mad and on our way home, my fiancée noticed and tried to sweet talk to me but I told him it was okay.

Answer: From the account it is most likely your in-laws are poor. They must have been intimidated by your sharp or outlandish dressing that the mother-in-law was worried what his son had brought them. When she asked you wash the utensils, she noticed your body language and she decided to bully you further. When you realised the utensil were from the previous night you should have commented, 'mother, this is serious, utensils have to be washed after every meal, leaving them overnight attracts roaches and rats, you must have been very tired, if your boy marries me I must buy you a dish washer!' When you asked for slippers and were given none, you should have said, 'though nothing bites you, it is good to protect the legs, mother as you are getting old, your wounds take time to heal. You might step accidentally on a sharp item, and that would be hazardous, next time I come, I must bring all of you slippers!' You would have embarrassed them positively and she would not have bullied you further. I guess you quietly embarked on your work and she thought since she did not put you off with washing dishes, she must do so with chopping kale.

But there is nothing wrong in being a hard worker. Abraham's servant had gone to seek a wife for Abraham's son Isaac. He and his entourage camped at the well. He reasoned that the girl he would tell to lower her pot so that he could have a drink, then tell the girl to water his camels; and the girl accepted, she would be taken as Isaac's wife. We can compare this girl with you being given work at in laws on introduction day. Now girls' always fetched water in the evening. The first one to appear was

Rebecca. Abraham's servant requested for a drink, while he was drinking, Rebecca offered to water the camels! Imagine she had yet to be asked!

Rebecca watered all the camels. Envision how much water one camel could drink and then you will see how hardworking she was. She was not under compulsion, not with a sense she is being tested like you. And when she had finished watering them, no other girl had appeared at the well. It all points at how swift she was. She had very good qualities. Sensitive to notice camels needed water, enthusiastic with her work, while other ladies were dilly dallying she was already at the well, she did not follow a crowd and was comfortable working on her own initiative. Otherwise she could have picked one of the girls to accompany her to the well. Compare with yourself and judge.

Chapter 4

DO'S AND DON'TS DURING COURTSHIP.

31 Advise for ladies; never remove your clothes to prove you love someone, never disrespect your parent because of a boy or anyone, never choose fashion over your goal - goals before fashion, never depend on anyone rather work on yourself, never make out with a guy just to make your ex jealous, don't choose boys over dreams and never fake your parents, home situation or background.

Answer: This is a timely advice; the Shulammite lady implored her friends not to awaken love before it pleased. She knew peer pressure and advances from her boyfriend could weaken her resolve to remain chaste. Sex is not a proof of love. Amnon, Absalom's brother loved her sister very much and was sick because he could not have her. His friend advised him to pretend to be sick then request Tamar to minister to him. This would be an opportunity to sleep with her. After raping her, he hated her more than he had loved her. It is still true today; most men hate passionately the women they have slept with where they had not committed to them.

It is not bad for a woman to be fashionable and seek fancy and trendy clothes, because even Jesus had the best clothes that soldiers had to throw a dice to determine who would own them. However beauty and youth fades, therefore a woman is advised

to concentrate developing the inner person. The inner beauty of a gentle and a quite spirit does not fade.

A woman should be determined to pursue her goals. She should keep busy; she should be a hard worker and industrious, getting up early, buying land and investing in it. She should be generous to the poor and the needy. She should be strong and respected and not afraid of the future.

Children will always show appreciation for a virtuous woman. The children are to love their parents and never forsake their parents when they are old.

32 Ladies should avoid meeting in secluded places with these men they meet on Facebook. There is a lady who met a man and when they went to a private place the lady woke up hours later without her phone, her 200 shillings and her body in pain and the man had vanished into a thin air. Another lady went to meet a Facebook guy and as we talk, her phone is gone after sleeping with the guy the whole night, the guy left the room early this morning when the lady was asleep because she was drugged. This one was lucky the guy didn't take her wallet. Be careful with these burgers. Ladies or if you must meet, go meet in a public place like parks and restaurants.

Answer: All dating women regardless of how they met should avoid private places. Nowadays dating has been so obscured that people think dating is fornication or adultery. The purpose of dating is getting to know the other person better and it should

not be a secret thing since relationships are never a secret. Involving parents and telling them why you are going out will ensure they protect you if need be. If you do not involve a parent that is tantamount to rebellion, it is as if they are not treating you like an adult, so you choose to fight back.

In Songs of Solomon the lover of the Shulammite lady entreated her to go out with her to the countryside and spend the night in the villages. Where they would get up early and look at the vines to see whether they've started to blossom and if the pomegranate trees are in bloom. But the brothers of the Shulammite lady refused and restrained her. They knew what such private place and the enticing surrounding of nature would lead to. The Shulammite lady laments missing the opportunity and says, 'I wish that you were my brother, that my mother nursed you at her breast. Then if I met you in the street, I could kiss you and no one would mind'

Dinah, Jacob's daughter was not lucky though. When she went to visit the Canaanite women, her brothers were feeding sheep in pastureland and no one was there to hold her back. Therefore she found herself in an isolated place with Shechem, who quickly grabbed the chance and raped her. The ladies you have enumerated that were drugged, lost personal effects and were raped for meeting their Facebook lovers are examples of those persons not lucky for meeting strangers in remote areas.

The idea of publicity in the bible was that, if a man and a woman (engaged) were caught having sex in town, both of them were

guilty and were to be stoned dead. This was because it was expected the woman would scream for help if a man wants to rape her and she would be rescued. In this case, the women you named had prepared themselves to fornicate with their Facebook lovers and whatever happened to them, it is of their own making.

The Bible continues that suppose a man out in the countryside raped a woman who is engaged to someone else, only the man was to be put to death. This is because the woman might have screamed for help and no one heard. The attacker then overpowered her and raped her.

A man caught raping a woman who is not engaged was forced to pay bride price and marry the lady; he was never to divorce the lady under any circumstances as long as he lived. Thus you can clearly see God encouraged public dating (as all engaged women were known) and punished sins done in secret dating.

Your advice for ladies to meet strangers in public places like parks and restaurants is plausible. In addition, they should tell someone who should check on them when it is getting late. They should also activate the location positioning on their smart phone to be easily traced before the stranger tampers with the phone.

33 Never get too attached to someone you met online.

Answer: King Solomon said he does not understand four things; one of them is a man and a woman falling in love. People fall in love everywhere and thrive everywhere; the internet is not an exception. Only we have to exercise caution when meeting strangers. Conmen are everywhere and they surround you, otherwise our women who have never dated using the internet would not have been single mothers. That rate of uncertainty when getting attached to online people is the same rate while dealing with real people. You have to depend on God to deliver you from hidden dangers either in real life or online provided you have taken maximum precaution.

Chapter 5

DOES PARENTING AFFECT THE QUALITY OF MY PARTNER?

34 Is it true if you marry a partner raised by a single mum you will face insurmountable problems?

Answer: Single parental hood is something we cannot wish away. It was God's intention children to be brought up by both parents. However, death, divorce, rape and sexual immorality can thrust one into single parental hood.

The first account of a single parent was Hagar, Abraham's mistress, who was chased away by Abraham on Sarah's advice, seconded by God. God promised Hagar to make his son an immense nation. This proves that children brought up by single parents are not problematic as such but grow into useful and great persons. When Hagar cried to God, he drew near to her and assured her that Ishmael had a great future. True to God's own word that He is a father to the fatherless and a defender of widows and orphans.

Parents whether single or not, who raise their children in Christian living, raise up responsible persons. The converse is true. If a child has both parents and they don't bring him up well, the child will grow up to be wayward.

Nicolosi (2002) in his theory, familial and cultural factors, supported the fact that children behave the way they were brought up. A mother who was very warm and had an attractive personality, demonstrating to be more appealing to the boy could cause him to be emotionally removed from his father. He added that a mother who was actively disdainful of masculinity, childhood seduction by another male, peer labelling of the boy due to poor athletic ability or timidity were cultural factors encouraging a confused and uncertain youngster.

Therefore it is not true if you marry a partner raised by a single mum you will face insurmountable problems. It is the values the parents and the parental environment that were instilled in the child that determines if you will get a good or troublesome spouse.

35 I proposed to my girlfriend of one year two weeks ago and we agreed to visit her home the next Sunday. I have always dropped her off around the place but I have never entered the house because I wasn't ready yet to meet her parents because we were just dating then and I wasn't sure that she was the one for me. Meanwhile, my girl had been referring to her mum only so I subconsciously concluded that she did not have a father. Therefore the Sunday in question, I made a visit to their house and was saddened by what I saw. I observed a man looking so haggard in the sitting room and when I hailed him, he responded lowly but cordially welcomed me.

My girls mum soon came into the sitting room and also acknowledged me. We exchanged pleasantries before my girl joined us in the conversation. At one point my girl's mum took a few new notes out of her purse and directed the gaunt man to go and buy fuel to power the generator so that the heat would not upset me. We conferred at length after the man had left. After the visit, we fixed another date for the second gathering that I was supposed to attend with a family member. When I was leaving, I dished out some money to all of them and the emaciated man fell on his knees thanking me profusely as if he had never gotten hold of two thousand shilling notes in his entire life.

When my girl was seeing me off, I asked her who the man was and surprisingly, it was her father! I couldn't believe my ears! It was like a rude joke! It was unbelievable! She must have sensed my bewilderment, since she started amplifying how the man ill-treated her mum when he had a heavy purse, he had married another wife who squandered all his wealth and left them in paucity. She added that he used to thrash her mum and called her all sorts of filthy words that are unprintable.

Since that Sunday, I've lost peace of mind, I've been thinking and imagining how a right thinking woman and her daughter could comfortably relegate the man of the house to a mere houseboy. That Sunday, the man was wearing torn knickers and a white singlet not worthy to be used to clean my car. Even my girl had hushed him down

when he came back and had asked if he could keep the fuel change to himself.

Something was wrong somewhere, a woman who could treat her husband like that no matter what he did in the past is scary. I have not picked my girls calls since that Sunday evening. I am scared and I don't know what to do next. Please advice.

Answer: You have all reasons to be wary. The husband is the head of the house. Despite what the man did since his wife seem to have accepted him back. It would have been better if he was accepted as a husband and not as a houseboy. Infidelity is a perfect ground for divorce, therefore the mother to your lady as the aggrieved party, could have just divorced the man.

She has also planted a bitter seed in the girl. God is definite that love your mother and father and you will be blessed to live long on earth. You said the girl lashed out with words at his father, what prevents her disrespecting you? Her mother has taught her to disdain her father; probably she has no healthy respect for men. Her mother may still control or micromanage her in your marriage life.

Let there be no pretence her mother is punishing him for his past sins, vengeance is the Lords, we leave Him to punish those who wronged us. It is crystal clear your lady has not told you the whole story. What if you got another version from neighbours?

You can also involve your parents who can do a background check and advise you.

You may break the engagement for the reasons that her mother, not respecting her husband is a bad influence on her daughter. Her daughter not honouring her father will bring generational curses in your marriage and your offspring. Her mother being unforgiving may also mean the daughter will hold never ending grudges on you. Her mother may continue to control her daughter in your marriage thus giving you unbearable thorns in flesh.

Lastly, it is likely the man was rich and the wife wanted to control the riches so she made him submissive using evil powers commonly known in Africa as 'juju'.

36 In my 30 years of existence I have never dated a lady. I have been raised alone and brought up in loneliness, I am sure this has affected my love life. This is what I've come to learn; one should have more than one kid even if he/she is financially unstable. I advocate for this without thinking twice, raising one kid will affect not only your kid's future love life but also in an expensive way. Don't peg you excuses on school fees or anything else to have only one child, let's all have 2 to 4 kids and if possible more. I'm a living testimony ... I wish I was raised with a sister maybe I would be married, but I see this gender and run very fast ... any medicine for this fear.... will be highly appreciated.

Answer: You are talking of only child syndrome as psychologists put it, but up to now it is only a theory. Higuera (2019) opines that lack of interaction of only child with a sibling is believed to cause loneliness and antisocial tendencies. But she is quick to add that recent research has shown, being an only child does not necessarily make one different from a peer with siblings.

Sometimes one cannot have control about the number of children he/she wants. Sarah was barren, she could only have Isaac. There are widows and men who pleaded with Jesus to heal their only child. Only child in the past grew up to be outgoing persons. They also took advantage of neighbouring children, played with them and sharpened their communication skills.

Therefore, your opinion is quite misleading. There is no doubt parenting and parental environment affects the habits of any child. Note that the human brain was created to learn forever. You can unlearn any behaviour you consider inappropriate. Discovering you are shy is the first step to your healing and modifying your behaviour. Even kids brought up among many siblings are shy approaching ladies outside the family circle. Some are asexual. That is why traditionally, an aunt would find a lady and such men forced to marry and live with the lady and they lived perfectly.

I cannot underscore the fact that only child in the modern world are at some disadvantage as they are most likely to stay

indoors. They are brought up by television, computer games and the internet. Thus they do not develop communication skills. But that is not an excuse, you never went to church, you never went to school, there were no family gathering among your folks?

Parents can comfortably have one child but they should expose it to other children, encourage it to make friends at church, school and even invite them to their house. Alternatively, they can adopt a less endowed child to stay with their kid. They should routinely switch off all electronic gadgets in the house and read loudly some book with the kid in turns. They can even act some drama from the bible or other source and you are likely to see great creativity.

37 Is it true that marrying a Police I will suffer financially and sexually because they love cheating so much and don't care?

Answer: That is stereotyping people. Being a police is being in an occupation like just any other. We have good and God fearing police. We have rogue and malicious police. Police may be our brothers and sisters our relatives. A person who fears God will know it is his obligation not to cheat and abandon the needs of his spouse since he wants to please God.

38 90% of married women if they were to be given a chance to choose a husband again they will never choose the same man they are staying with. True or false will you?

Answer: Quite false, women who do not like a man would have divorced him. Those still living with their spouse are shouting, given another chance I choose this man.

39 Would you like your daughter to get husband like you or your son to get wife like you?

Answer: I am the first role model to my son and daughter and I am sure every mother would like her daughter to imitate them and their sons to appreciate them. 'Her children show their appreciation, and her husband praises her'. I would definitely like my daughter to get a husband like me.

40 I am 30yrs old single man without a child but longing to have one yet I'm scared of getting a woman of my own.

Answer: In African tradition, you could tell your paternal aunts and they would search a woman for you. You can confide in your parents, they will search a woman for you. Abraham sought a woman for Isaac. Tell them, it is not wrong. Only let them identify for you a woman that reveres God, it is easy to love such a woman and your marriage is guaranteed to last. God is love. We love because God first loved us. All the best.

Chapter 6

CAN A MAN MARRY A LADY OLDER THAN HIM?

41 I am attracted to older ladies. I just love them!

Answer: There is nothing wrong loving a slightly older woman than you. David married Abigail who was older than him. Abigail was mature, assertive, and supportive.

But your comment suggests you love older ladies and not a lady. Implying your 'love' for them are short flings and you are not thinking of entering into a lifetime commitment with them. This is wrong and portrays you as inexperienced and un-decisive.

There is an account in the Bible where an older woman meets a young inexperienced man. It is said she was bold and shameless. She threw her arms round the young man, kissed him, and looked him straight in the eye. Notice that here; she exhibits experience, confidence and assertiveness that inveigle the young man.

She tells the young man they'll make love all night long, they'll be happy in each other's arms. Then like an ox on the way to be slaughtered, like a deer prancing into a trap where an arrow would pierce its heart, he was like a bird going into a net.

The lady did all the talking, the man had no obligation to woo or pamper the lady. The lady was also supportive as she invoked the man's desire and gave suggestions how she would pacify him. The man was like a big baby, having nothing to do, having no responsibility as the lady had taken care of everything. The lady was financially stable as she talks of perfuming the bedroom and making the bed with choice sheets from Egypt.

In the scenario above, it is wrong to be attracted to older ladies. It destroys the original purpose of a man being the head of the family; providing leadership other than being led and providing his family with food shelter, clothing and a decent housing, other than being a parasite enjoying the sweat of older women.

Men are advised to be happy with the wife of their youth. They have to embrace all stages in life for greater memories and bonding. That was the time when they were all youthful, inexperienced and immature. The lady needed to be pampered; she was not understanding, supportive, confident or assertive. But they took the baby steps in their relationship and finally grew together. The pains during this stage enabled them to grow, harden and handle even more difficult problems in future.

A younger man who loves older women does not grow to handle problems as the woman fixes them, denying him vital training.

42 I'm a 25 years old, and in love with a 35 years old lady with 2 kids, we have been together for 8 months, she has really helped me to be who I am today, I'm planning to marry her soon, I have also told my

parents about her...at first they were against it but later accepted, my worry is I'm I doing the right thing considering our age difference?

Answer: You are attracted to lady because she is wealthy and you are assured of financial support. Man is the head of the family. Is the woman ready to lose her independence and submit to you? Beyond sexual gratification which she seems to be paying dearly for, do you people love each other? Will you love her kids as well? Why do you doubt if you are doing the right thing? Does she fear God, are you God fearing? If you all love God, there is no problem in marrying each other age withstanding. David married Abigail, and Abigail was older than David. But if the marriage is based on physical and material things you are getting from each other, you are in for a rude surprise.

Chapter 7

IF THEY DID THIS DURING COURTSHIP, WHAT DO I DO?

43 How do you deal with a man who talks and talks when he is mad? I mean he is so mouthy and behaves like a woman does when irritated. It astounds me; I usually pray that I should never be agitated so that I can just listen to his trash. He is also incorrigible and sticks perpetually to one mistake. If I err, before he forgives me, he gives conditions, such that in the end he feels like "The boss" when he has forgiven a mistake, but after a very long ill-mannered speech. So we are mostly like two women in the house trying to outshout each other. I wish I had that man that holds his peace when a woman is arguing, but how do I deal with this man? I'm not married, he's just a boyfriend.

Answer: In his letter, James is categorical that you can domesticate all animals but you cannot tame the tongue. 'It is evil and uncontrollable, full of deadly poison'. To clarify, Solomon said the more you talk, the more likely you are to say something foolish. Talking too much should not be seen as a woman's thing, all wise people, be they women or men should talk less. Proverbs say that even fools are thought to be wise if they keep silent, and discerning if they hold their tongues. That is why it astounds you; you usually pray that you should never

be agitated so that you can just listen to his trash. People who talk foolishly will come to ruin.

Something that also caught my attention is that you said he is irredeemable and sticks continually to one mistake. You added that if you made a mistake, before he forgives you, he gives conditions, such that in the end he feels like "The boss" when he has forgiven a mistake, but after a very long ill-mannered speech. All of us blunder, but someone who repeats a fault and does not accept his gaffe, and wants you to own his mistakes, then, he is manipulating you. You seem to be encouraging him on, since you are still friends and you are not telling him plainly you don't like that behaviour. Do not be desperate, snap the relationship and find someone who has to a greater percentage the qualities you want. Your boyfriend has intimated he will not stop the behaviour, but will manipulate you to bear his mistakes. Eventually, you have to marry a man you are able to respect for the rest of your life.

44 I am loosing it? I have a dated this lady for one year, she is a nurse. She is a perfectionist as you know perfectionist always look for mistakes and I only put up with her because I love her. She has been primed to work abroad and in the process she has became so arrogant. I lost my job months ago and she has paid our bills since then, however, I could not even sip water without being reminded who paid for it. Fortunately, three months after, I got a job and I haven't informed her of it. I want to leave her and find another woman. Can you advise?

Answer: Dating someone with no intention to marry her is the cruellest thing you can do. It shows how heartless you are. There are some vibrations only understood by nature that communicate to us something is amiss. The subconscious mind of the lady has detected you are playing with her. She has not yet understood you are a joker, but her subconscious has. That is why it is leading her to act perfect to ensure nothing is improper. She may not be arrogant as such but your inferiority complex is the one making you to elevate her given you are just a dependant on her. If she were truly arrogant, she would not be staying with you.

Another mistake you are making is fornication. End that relationship immediately, go think objectively if you want to marry the lady or drop her. Women are weaker vessels, appreciate her that she has taken care of you for three months and ignore her talking. It is her subconscious that is sending out vibration of insecurity, which are being vocalised as you say, to remind you who paid for the water

Move out of her house and don't look for another woman to start with. You are immature and you cannot handle women. Talk to the girl, tell her fornication is sin, you want to work on improving yourself. You may also set her free if you really want to leave, but if you discover you need her, it is time to do the real dating; knowing each other better without fornicating.

45 Is it okay if a guy asks the lady he's dating for some money?

Answer: It not okay a guy to ask the lady he is dating for money. Dating means the guy is ready to marry and be the head of the house. He has to show leadership on the onset of the dating period. A lady should also get interested in a man on account of his ability to earn a living. They will not eat stones, bills have to be paid, and a man who is irresponsible enough to ask money during dating is a red flag. Receivers don't know their limits, he will keep asking for more money till he bankrupts the lady.

46 I have never heard of women responsibilities in a relationship, been hearing "men don't want to do their responsibilities", and since life is very well balanced, what are the natural responsibilities of a woman in a relationship, either during dating or in a marriage.

Answer: Women do all responsibilities assigned to man. God made them to be good helpers. During dating, they have to indentify if the man is a good leader, can earn a living, and has good qualities which can be summarized as the fruits of the spirit. In other words during dating she does almost nothing but tries to gauge if you are the man she will gladly assist.

In marriage, all responsibilities like cooking, washing clothes, keeping the house clean and organized are man's responsibilities. Providing food, clothing and decent housing are man's responsibilities. Caring for children's emotional and spiritual needs are man's responsibilities. When Adam was alone, he did everything. We read of an account where

Abraham cooked food and served the angels that destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah. We also see Abraham carrying firewood to go and offer to God a sacrifice.

All these responsibility would overwhelm a man, that is why the wife comes in as a good helper. Meaning she can do virtually everything a man does. By helping him, she makes him free to concentrate on weighty duties. If a man can buy land and invest, the woman can do that. The wife should look after the affairs of her household to ensure the man is relaxed to carry out his duties

The only duty that is unique to women is giving birth and breast feeding.

47 If a man must have a car, money and house before marriage, what must a woman have before going into marriage?

Answer: Women do not need to possess anything before marriage since they are good helpers. For instance if the woman possessed a house, most traditions would not allow a man to stay in that house for they feel the woman will demean the man. There is also an aspect of values; some people do not like certain property. Like we may have a rich person who doesn't like fancy cars, what if the woman came into marriage with a showy car? It may be the cause of contention.

The man has to provide the lead; the woman will assist him to accomplish his goals. It means most women sacrifice their

personal goals to help the man accomplish his! A good man therefore should be sensitive of his wife's goals and help her achieve them.

48 Have you been in a relationship whereby you feel like you are just forcing your partner to love you?

Answer: It is possible to be in such a relationship especially if the marriage was arranged or you impregnated a lady and you were forced to marry her. It may also have to do with sexual orientation where the laws of the country force people to adopt certain sexual orientation. In such relationships, your partner keeps a record of wrongs done to him/her, you feel you have to watch your actions and words constantly as if they will be used against you and you feel manipulated.

In forced love relationships, couples strive to appear happy before the public like dressing similar outfits but they feel disconnected when they are alone. Couples always feel lonely, there is lack of respect among them, they violate each other's privacy, take away each other's financial independence, forced or coerced sex and violence (both verbal and physical).

49 Will you manage me?

Answer: This is a question women always ask men mainly to know if they can fulfil their sexual or financial needs. It is the most unwise question since it gives men room to lie and pretend of their capability. A wise woman would forget sexual needs and

assess on her own, both current and potential financial stamina of the man. She can do that by looking at the talents the man has, any training he has undergone and his personality to thrust him forward as an able provider. Man's first duty is to provide.

50 Accepting help from "ladies" has so many disadvantages.

Answer: Abigail fed King David and his men when they were hiding from King Saul. Rahab hid the 2 spies otherwise they would have been killed. Deborah helped the Israelites men to defeat their enemies. There is nothing wrong if a woman has decided to help anyone selflessly. The only problem is that men promise to repay for the kindness with loving her back or marrying her then they fail. Who knows the furry of a wounded lion? Expectation postponed does not only make the heart sick but makes it vengeful. If someone helps you, thank them and pray for them to have more, do not go neutralising the help with promises, unless you actually keep them.

51 A lady has a rich sponsor, but I am the one footing the bill for her make-up, airtime and fare, is this fair at all?

Answer: Men are jealousy and they would not share a woman knowingly. Keep away from an immoral woman, if you do not, strangers will take all your wealth, and what you have worked for will belong to someone else. You should not die because you lacked self-control.

52 Has your lover ever loved you to the point that you felt like giving a church testimony?

Answer: Love is a beautiful thing. Love is also like coughing, you cannot hide it. If you have stayed single for a long time without having prospects of being in love, why not. Give that testimony. However, most of the times that is not necessary for people see it for themselves.

53 Again, unless you're sure that your emotional core is dead and you no longer feel anything, stop getting into relationships casually. Your feelings are intense and honest, and you can't afford to get into an emotional involvement with a person saying, 'you're not looking for anything serious.' That's your body talking, and not your soul, because you're hoping to fulfil your need for company or fulfilling sexual urges without any deep or emotional involvement. But this is a violation of your nature, and you will be surprised the day you try to walk out and realize you're already deeply attached. Your heart is like a plant in that it sinks roots wherever you plant it. As long as you're a feeling person and you love sincerely, you cannot just walk in and out of romantic things. You will get too deeply hurt every time the heartless lovers you get involved with walk out with an insulting ease and a don't care attitude. You will find yourself clinging to the wrong relationship just because you cannot endure the trauma of breaking away and consequently marrying the wrong person just to avoid the pain of breakup. All this is the price you pay for staggering into something in

the spur of the moment and hoping it wouldn't go too far. Speculative relationships suck you in unknowingly and by the time you realize it you're already too deep and your efforts to reorganise it into something more serious from inside will be deeply frustrating. Understand that your inner person is always intense and honest. Do not expose yourself to casual things because your soul doesn't know how to joke.

Answer: That is a timely advice. When one is casual, the other may be looking for long term commitment. Therefore he may be deeply hurt and hell bent on revenging. Expectation postponed makes the heart sick. It is not a good idea to play with people's emotions and leaving them to die of depression.

54 I'm that one man who is always generous but at the same time likes his own company. That means there's a limit to my generosity... I'm not generous with company. I'm that one person who's always willing to fulfil a promise but if I fail to beat the deadline I'm sorry but I have to go missing for sometimes... I mean, silence. You see, I'm that person who loves women over the phone. Online that is, but shy and nervous when they're next to me. That tells you that I hardly meet people. I have no business with men. What for? Then this is the person I am.

Answer: The fact that you accept you love online and you are shy, I suggest at your own pace open up to few. You can go far if you are alone, but you can go faster if you are two. 'Two are better off than one, because together they can work more effectively. If one of them falls down, the other can help him up.

But if someone is alone and falls, it's just too bad, because there is no one to help him. If it is cold, two can sleep together and stay warm, but how can you keep warm by yourself? Two people can resist an attack that would defeat one person alone. A rope made of three cords (God, Husband and Wife) is hard to break.

Chapter 8

WOULD YOU MARRY A GIRL YOU HAVE IMPREGNATED OR THE GIRL YOU LIKE?

55 As a man will you marry a lady who stood with you when you had nothing till you had something or marry a girl who you impregnated and she disappeared. Then let's say after four years resurfaces up with your kid? Who will you marry?

Answer: Ideally you should marry the lady you impregnated. But if you marry the lady who 'stood with you', you are under obligation by law to pay the lady you impregnated maintenance fee for the kid.

God's view is that you marry the woman you impregnated whether you like her or not, and you should never divorce her under any circumstances as long as you live! 'Suppose a man is caught sleeping with a young woman who is not engaged, he is to pay her father the bride price...and she is to become his wife, because he forced her to have intercourse with him. He can never divorce her as long as he lives.'

56 My fiancée's family are demanding so much bride price which I can't afford. She is from wealthy family. They say I should pay or leave their daughter alone. We have a baby.

Answer: All over the world, rich people have allowed intelligent poor young men to marry their daughters. I have plenty of examples but since I don't have authority to mention them here, let me use a literary example. In his book, *The Merchant of Venice*, William Shakespeare narrates how Portia's father had put her under oath that only the man who chooses the right box out of three should marry her. As she was wealthy, she attracted princes and prominent men who failed to choose the right box. Finally a lowly man chose the right box and married her.

It is unfortunate you had a child outside the wedlock. That is a mistake; you started on the wrong footing. Your desire to marry the lady is not normalizing a wrong you committed. You call the lady your fiancée yet her parents are not aware you are engaged, another mistake. They have realised you don't have wisdom to marry their daughter that is why they are chasing you away with exorbitant bride price. Perhaps the way you have conducted yourself has shown them you are just after their wealth or their daughter's inheritance.

Are you sure you will give that lady the same standard of life her parents gave her? I am saying this because once the girl starts suffering; she will remember her family and the life she lived. She will be bitter with you and hate you. It looks like her parents took care of her pregnancy and her child, and they are still taking care of them.

Hope you understand, that lady is not ready to live a lowly life, which is why she has obeyed her parents. She is remorseful her

desires led her to premarital sex and pregnancy. She is not yet ready to leave her family luxury behind. If she had seen anything special in you and her parents had placed this hurdle between the two of you, believe it or not, she would have eloped with you.

Face the facts, work hard and be responsible start accumulating some little property for yourself. This may catch the lady's parent's attention and they may give you their child without requiring any bride price. If you love the lady you would be willing to wait as long as it takes, as you work hard saving at least ten percent of all your incomes and owning a house. Jacob worked for fourteen years just to get the love of her life Rachael.

If things don't go your way and the lady is married off to another man, don't be bitter. Dust yourself and move on. That lady would have caused you a lot of trouble. It is like you can only afford a bicycle and then someone gives you the Germany machine, Mercedes Benz car. Now if petrol is expensive to you, will you manage the maintenance of the car? Usually when a poor man marries a rich lady, the lady maintains herself and the poor should be intelligent such that she uses the ladies financial muscle to grow his own muscle and multiply the ladies wealth. In this case, the lady sees him as a vital asset.

57 A guy has not paid your bride price or met a lady's parents and given them a little something to appreciate them for raising a beautiful

daughter, but somehow she chose to get pregnant for him because he told her he loves her, why would she believe mere words?

Answer: It would not be good to judge her before listening to her side of the story. But if they slept before marrying, that is fornication and it's regrettable. If they eloped and married in the attorney generals chambers without involving parents, it may point to her frosty relationship with her parent and even a show of pure rebellion.

Sometimes parents demand huge bride price which the man is unable to give. The woman would thus consider her parents as enemies dimming her lamp and may elope with the man to salvage her situation. Whatever the case, she needed to exercise patience, when parents finally see the man is unable, they may hand the daughter at a reasonable bride price. The couple ought to obtain the parents blessings.

58 I have recently completed University. In the course of my life I had a casual relationship with some girl and she happened to get pregnant. She informed me of it while at 5 months and I was surprised and asked why she didn't inform as soon as possible. She gave birth and she accepted me to take the child and care for it. We discussed that none of us was prepared for the child and it was a mistake and I told her she had done her part I will take full responsibility of the child. I told her to secure her future since she had no obligations as regards the child and move on with her life. But she is insisting I must marry her and every

now and then, she video calls and wants to see how the kid is faring. I have explained to her countless times I cannot tie the knot with her as she is not my dream lady, but she is adamant and presses on that I should marry her. What should I do?

Answer: You have a problem that will haunt you for the rest of your life. That is why you have to agree God was right when he said flee from sexual immorality and fornication.

God's view is that you marry the woman you impregnated whether you like her or not, and you should never divorce her under any circumstances as long as you live! 'Suppose a man is caught sleeping with a young woman who is not engaged, he is to pay her father the bride price...and she is to become his wife, because he forced her to have intercourse with him. He can never divorce her as long as he lives'.

Chapter 9

WHAT ABOUT BREAK UPS?

59 Just asking... Do rebound relationships ever succeed?

Answer: They do succeed if the jilted or the person left gets a more responsible person. He/she learns from his/her mistakes never to enter into relationship with the calibre of the persons that had just left. Marital relationships are meant to be permanent and not short stints. Expectation postponed makes the heart sick. Therefore if you are just dating someone when you are not serious with lifetime commitment, you are just breaking their hearts.

Fortunately, the moment you leave them, they may get a person who heals their wounds immediately. Nabal left Abigail through death; he immediately got David as his husband. There is hope for a dead tree as it will sprout again, everything that has God's blessings works.

60 I was dating this guy then we broke up, I got another one we have dated for 2 years and are now planning for marriage. I realized yesterday that he's an uncle to my ex boyfriend, Can I stop the marriage plans or proceed?

Answer: Ruth married the relative of Naomi after his husband died. There is absolutely nothing wrong if you marry the guy's

uncle. In dating, you wanted to know this guy better for some reason you broke up. Then you knew his uncle better and decided he is the man. Then nothing is wrong

It can only be wrong if you had married the guy, divorced and married the uncle.

61 Our two years relationship ended with the guy I loved. We continued to correspond and asking each other about the other's welfare, but deep in my heart I was feeling hurt. So I had to tell him we refrain from communicating. What do I do? I can't move on? I still love the guy.

Answer: There is a Swahili proverb, 'ukitupa jongoo, tupa na mti wake', that is roughly translated as; if you throw a millipede, throw it away with its stick. Millipedes are arthropods that live in the soil. During heavy rainfall they sometime crawl into the farmhouse as excess rainwater drives air out of the soil. This makes it difficult for them to breath. Consequently, they get out of the soil and creep freely on the surface of the soil. They are not welcome in the farm house. For that reason a farmer would poke them with a stick, they would curl round the stick and pretend to be dead. The most natural thing the farmer would do is to throw away the stick the millipede had curled on, thus getting rid of the animal. It is unusual to kill millipedes as they are grouped as beneficial animals, throwing the stick away ensures they continue living but outside the farm house.

The proverb means if you forsake a habit or a person, you destroy completely anything that encourages the habit or reminds you of the person. If your relationship ended, accept it is over and done with and destroy everything that reminds you of it. The guy is not a bloodline that ought to haunt you if you break the communication links. Continuing to correspond with the guy to know his welfare was the worst action ever. What do you benefit when someone has given you heartache? What is the need when someone has implied you are not his best choice?

Throw the Millipede away with its stick. Keep busy. Do your work with all your strength, pursue your hobby. Be positive, have a great outlook in life and be hopeful. You will attract a man who values you not the guy that saw you as second hand. If you keep thinking of the guy, you are just shutting out potential suitors in your life. When you will have recollected yourself, it may be too late!

I know it is difficult to move on if you had invested all your soul and emotions in the guy. Have a seven day fasting, meditating 7 times a day on God's promises and cast this burden to God. By the end of seven days, God would have given you wisdom and sent you the Holy Spirit to strengthen you. Then wipe your tears and move on.

62 What were you told that made you realise you had no future with that person?

Answer: Anything that belittles you. Someone who loves you cherishes you. Is not irritable, does not keep a record of wrong and is not ill mannered. Someone demeaning you, your family, you tribe, your financial power and your capability cannot live with you happily. 1 Corinthians 13:5

63 What demands did he make that made you think that the relationship was not worthy it, it had to end?

Answer: Anything that demeans you as a woman, like sending him nudes and demanding you must have sex before marriage. Love is patient, for that reason a man that loves you can wait for that sex for as a long time as you have agreed. Love is not selfish; wanting to gratify his selfish desire for nudes shows he does not love you.

64 No matter how strong you are there was a relationship that almost took you to mental hospital

Answer: Not necessarily, most people who follow Gods principles to flee from fornication get it right the first time. What breaks hearts is cohabiting without commitment. When one decides to leave the union, the other who thought it was to last gets heartbroken. But if couples are married, the relationship can only be dissolved with a good reason by divorce only. This gives each one time to come to terms that they are parting and they move on without that 'mental hospital thing'.

Chapter 10

IS THERE ANYTHING WRONG DATING RELATIVES?

65 Just asking... Is there any problem having sex with your own cousin?

Answer: As a Christian it is prohibited. God gave regulations that one should not have sexual intercourse with any of his/her relatives.

66 I dated a lady but did not know she had a twin sister. Recently, I asked her hand in marriage in presence of her twin sister. I was confused when I heard them saying they will be married to one man. I am still baffled. Advise please

Answer: And God said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and unite with his wife, and the two will become one.' Though God allowed men to marry as many women as they liked, His original plan was that two people should marry and become one. You are under no obligation to be forced to do what you do not want. The siblings might still be immature, afraid of separating, but twins are entirely two different persons, even identical twins don't have the same behaviour. You are the one to make the choice. But if you are a Christian, I guess you are since I mostly give Christian directive, you have to marry only one! 'Do not take your wife's sister as one of your wives, as long as your wife is living', that is God's

instruction. You have to actually marry one. Marrying the two is un-Christian and will invite sibling rivalry like that between Leah and Rachael in the Bible. Marriage has its Thorns in flesh, so count the cost, and then make your move.

67 My younger brother married a firstborn lady in a family. Is it right for me to marry the younger sister in that family?

Answer: That depends on your customs. Please consult them. However, it is not wrong. Even your brother can still marry in the same family as long as his wife is no more. 'Do not take your wife's sister as one of your wives as long as your wife is living'.

Chapter 11

I WANT SAME SEX MARRIAGE?

68 I am asking why it is hard here in Kenya to get a female, who will love you, grow old together with you, get kids together and she will understand you just like straight couples? I'm a female and I've been trying to find a female that is older than me. I'm 27 years old and I've dated younger female but we always ended up cutting ties. I feel like dating lesbians is a total waste of time because females end up getting married to men. I'm just confused will I end up alone and is it bad to have my type because I like pretty ladies? I also joined lesbian groups but I haven't found a partner I've been so lonely and I'm just wondering why Kenya LGBTQ is not like western countries where lesbians are seriously getting married to each other and staying forever with their partners or I'm watching a lot of lesbian movies?

Answer: Most persons in Kenya are religious. Their religion condemns lesbianism. That is why as you said dating lesbians is a total waste of time because females end up getting married to men. Most female explore with lesbians to quench their sexual desires temporarily and also to tell their future husband they never knew a man, since I understand men nowadays ask for something called **body count**. Same sex marriages are not allowed in Kenya. Therefore, when lesbianism has served its

purpose, the ladies marry men so as to look normal and be accepted by the society.

The Supreme Court in Kenya has since ruled that same sex partners may form and register groups as well as associate with each other. But it will take some time for marriage between same sexes to take place in Kenya as there is stiff opposition from the clergy and majority of the religious masses. If you relocate to South Africa, you may be in good company as it is the only African country favouring the union.

Christians believe that when man strays away from worshipping the eternal God, and starts worshipping images and idols, God gives him over to filthy things and hearts desires that they do dishonourable things with each other.

They swap the truth about God for a lie; they worship and serve what God has created instead of the Creator Himself, who is to be praised for ever.

Because they do this, God has given them over to shameful passions. Even women distort the natural use of their sex by perverted acts. Men give up accepted sexual relations with women and burn with passion for each other.

I know you have no control over your craving, but with God all things are possible. I pray that you reconsider your stand and find a man to marry you.

Chapter 12

WOULD YOU DATE A PARTNER HAVING KIDS?

69 Is there any problem in marrying a man with three other women who have his kids but they are no longer together? He has taken me to his parents and they love me, we're about to go to the next step this year. Some of my friends have been discouraging me about him but I feel people change and I also know he doesn't talk to the women anymore and it's me he has chosen to be his wife.

Answer: There is no problem marrying a man with three other women who have kids with him but they are no longer together. However, many questions arise; why are they not together? Did the women die? Did he divorce them? Has he been cohabiting with them then jilted them? Has he ever married? Why did his parents love you immediately without doing a background search on you? What are the reasons the friends who are discouraging you giving against the union? The answers you get for these questions will determine if you have to proceed to the next step as you say.

If the women died, is the man a serial killer, did he infect them with some disease or they just died naturally? If he divorced, they split on what grounds? How is he managing paying alimony

for three women? Is he very rich? If he was cohabiting with them, why didn't he marry them?

Another aspect you have to mull over is, the man will be paying maintenance money for each and every child. Have you considered his income? If he pays maintenance, what is left of his income, can it sustain you and your future children?

What do your parents say?

70 I dated a single mother of one kid now it's like 15 months dating and we planned for marriage, we visited her parents and they gave us a go ahead. Next we visited our parents and my mother pranked her, she asked her if I had told her I had a son who my mother tended, she replied that I had never told her. My mother called my young brother who is 3 years old and told her that he is the boy and she should accept him like her son. The lady seemed confused; she accepted grudgingly and vowed she would treat him like her kid to fool my mother. My mother then told her to take the kid and start living with me. She readily accepted but before we left, she had already intimated to me that she would not take care of someone else kid. When we reached home, she told me she was not ready for my kid. I told her that I had accepted her with her kid and it was only fair she accepts mine. She replied that I should take it to its mother; I responded I won't because I needed to stay with my kid. She left us in the house and gave an ultimatum that if I don't take the child to its mother, I might as well as forget about her.

Several days later she met one of my cousins and asked her about me, my cousin told her that it was not my kid but he was my brother. My cousin immediately told me she had stumbled on her and they had a chit chat mostly about me and the kid, she was able to inform her that the kid was my brother. Now the lady is crying, pleading that I accept her back. Please advice.

Answer: Expectation postponed, makes the heart sick. This means you should never date anyone if you are not serious about marrying them. You are making their heart sick by doing so. No one feels good expecting something that does not happen. If you don't like single mothers, you should have told that lady on the onset other than playing with her emotions.

Marriage is about trust and the lady knows she has fallen in your trap with the cohort of your mother. You will never trust her again for speaking her mind. She was trying to please your mother because she was ambushed. But she told you the truth because you seemed hideous to her. Among the things aspiring couples are to discuss, are existing obligations from past relationships and what financial assistance they will render to their parents and in-law parents.

If you genuinely loved that lady, you would not have played along with your mother. Wives always want that perception that men love them more than they love their parents. In that respect even if you reconcile, the woman knows you love your mother more than her and you have issues with her kid.

My advice is that, don't antagonize that lady, God gives everyone a second chance and she needs to live without being reminded what caused her to have a child. That was no prank at all, because a prank is not intended to leave someone with emotional trauma. It is like your mother was telling her indirectly; I don't want my son to marry a single mom. And it is like you agreed and you are absolving yourself by saying, it is not me, it was my mother's idea.

The lady has sent you an olive branch. You should have been the first to tell her to relax the very first day of the 'prank'. She should not have left your house. And again why are you living together when you are unmarried? You have coaxed a lady to leave where she was staying to come and live with you then drop her like that? You are asking for war, such ladies are likely to fight you for the rest of their life. Whether you reconcile or part, distrust has been etched in your hearts; you all need Herculean effort to make your marriage work.

Chapter 13

IS SEX AND COHABITING BEFORE MARRIAGE OKAY?

71 I have been seeing my man for two years now and this past October 2022 he honoured me and took me to his parents and they welcomed me well and loved me, what is confusing me is he hasn't talked about marriage yet, I thought after taking me to his parents, next he would propose to me but he is still quiet. I was thinking of asking him when he is proposing but I am afraid. Could he be using me because I sleep at his house from Friday till Monday? Should I wait or ask him for marriage?

Answer: He does not need to propose because what is the point of marrying you when you are fornicating regularly? You should have remained chaste till marriage and he should only have dipped his finger in the honey pot after marriage. Cut off those wifely duties.

You should also take him to your parents and see if they approve him. Actually you don't wait for him to propose, but by your conduct and actions, force him to marry you.

72 It's now 3 years I'm celibate, and have no interest in sex at all since I left university (I'm very straight, I like women) how can I jumpstart again?

Answer: There is nothing wrong in being Asexual. Some people were born without desire for sex, some were made by man to be so and others have muted their desire to pursue a career or a godly life.

You claim you are straight and you want to jumpstart again. Ask yourself, what did the previous sex escapades benefit you? Most probably you left some hearts broken, you left some women single mothers and you distorted some human being's view about humanity.

At university, you had free money from parents and education board facilities. You were like a fattened bull having no care in the world. You could then have 'fun' as you call it. You fornicated liberally. But the reality was to hit you hard once you left university. You did not have free money, perhaps not having a job and a guilty conscience of having destroyed someone's life; the sexual desire left you. Anxiety stifled the desire. That is what we mean it is man-made celibacy.

Both men and women can become celibate due to past sexual traumas, anxiety, sickness like diabetes and depression. Controlling/treating these variables makes one gain back his/her sexual longing. However, let it be understood some people are born with little or no sexual desire at all while others have high libidos. Both asexuals and libidiosts marry and live like all normal human beings.

Therefore, there is no need to be alarmed. Everything has its own time. Pursue your goals now, when you are ready, the urge will come.

73 I am 28 years and I had a girlfriend of 24 years whom we had been together for 3 years. We met in 2020 April by then she was in her last year in secondary school waiting to do her final exam to join university. She did it and passed and went to university. I too had finished my first degree in 2018 and decided to go for a second degree in another university. We went to different universities in 2021. Although due to my personal stress I encountered, I caused dramas in the relationship but we would reconcile and continue with the relationship as if nothing had happened. We would call each other, talk to each other and even meet once in a while. On 31st Dec 2022 we met and I told her I had stopped my dramas and I wanted the two of us to focus on our relationship, which we had built with each other. We should be faithful and marry each other after our studies. She used to tell me she had no feelings for me, at other times I gave her a break to reconsider her stand. But I loved her and always convinced her till we continued as normal. From February 2023 she started misbehaving, blocking me, talking to me harshly, humiliating me, and telling toxic words etc. After pressing her too much, she told me she got another boy, whom they live together at the campus. Every time I used to contact her and try to bring her back she gave the other guy the phone to talk to me. I loved this lady so much that I never imagined this could happen to me. I felt

bitter, betrayed, and swore never to love again. I kept trying to talk to her a week ago and the trend of giving the other guy the phone to talk to me continued. I decided to give up, deleted her number, and I have not contacted her since then. I decided to accept and move on although I am bitter. Unfortunately she is on my mind always, I have tried very much to erase her from my mind but it's not working. I saw a post in psychology magazine that reads; 'if you can't let someone out of your mind then he/she is thinking of you'. I want to get her off my mind but I don't know how. I wanted to text her to tell not to think of me. I am confused and stressed. What can I do?

Answer: There is a Swahili proverb that says, 'Mazoea yana taabu'. This proverb is loosely translated to mean, habits are difficult to break. You had formed a habit of undervaluing you friend. Each time you called for reconciliation, she might have received you cheerfully and her charm lulled you that all was well. You did not know she was a human being and human beings get tired. Your actions had changed her railway line but you remained blind to think the train was still going in the desired direction when it was heading somewhere else. Even after telling you she had no feelings for you, you ignored!

The girl did not betray you; it is your infatuation that rendered you blind to facts. She had not committed to you. You were not engaged and that clearly shows parents of either side were unaware of your relationship. If you were fornicating, you were

committing sin. As much as you got attached to her, she got disconnected to you, which are facts you have to accept.

Forget about what psychology magazine you read made you understand. The girl is not thinking a dime about you. It is your subconscious that has refused to accept you were jilted. It is in denial if you will ever find another girl like her, since you mistreated her but she continued receiving you warmly, and politely telling you, she does not love you.

What you should do is remember Lot's wife. When they left Sodom and Gomorrah, she kept thinking of the nice sexual exploits she was going to miss. Looking back at the event, Solomon likened it to a dog returning to its vomit. Paul looked at the event also and he was not prepared to be that dog that goes back to its vomit so he said, 'we are not the sort that shrinks back into destruction but the sort that has faith'. Accept you have been ditched and focus on managing the break-up other than having that remote wish that she may change her mind and you may re-unite again.

Granted break-ups are painful to everyone who has gone through them. In her song where the lyrics goes something like this, 'call the man who deals, in love beyond repair, he can heal the wounds, the wound beyond repair, call the man, he is needed here,' Celion Dion echoes the sentiments of those who have gone through break-ups.

Fortunately, the Psalmist assured us that God heals the broken-hearted and bandages their wounds. A break-up is like an open wound inflicted by a sword. Therefore you need time to heal. Avoid being like a dog returning to its vomit by calling the lady. Avoid nursing thoughts that you will re-unite again. Don't read articles that say what you want to hear, you really want that lady to be thinking about you, she is not. Take time to heal as God sets the time for sorrow and the time for joy, the time for mourning and the time for dancing.

Keep busy, concentrate on your studies. Destroy anything that reminds you of her. You can fast for seven days following a program in the book I have sent you, 'Never Get Weary or Weak: How Meditating and Fasting Gives You Vibrant Strength and Detoxes Your Body,' written by yours truly. Eat balanced diet and carry out vigorous physical exercises at least thrice a week.

74 Please I need your help; I am in a new relationship with a guy who I love very much. So there was a day I paid him an impromptu visit and found a lady's shoes at his door steps. I turned around and left without entering the house. I later asked him about them. He was annoyed and I was forced to ask for forgiveness for fear that I might lose him. Now yesterday we met and decided to fix the issue, however, he told me that he wants us to separate for our own safety and also to help him regain his spiritual life which he claims he had lost it since he met me. Please give me advice because I don't know what to do.

Answer: You busted the guy in the middle of fornication but you seem to be condoning his sin. Never shy asking a guy those hard questions for fear of losing him. Loose him as early as possible, so that you are guaranteed a safer future. Otherwise you can clearly see he has been fornicating with you when he had a lady that he loves. He does not love you; you are a sex object to him. He has abandoned you so that he may concentrate on either an existing woman or a new woman.

Someone who is spiritual does not wilfully commit fornication then instead of repenting and owning his sins he blames others. He is not spiritual at all. He has just jilted you politely so that you give him space to fornicate freely, or he is already married (as you do not know much about him) or had a lady before you.

You feared losing him, you apologised when he was the one to apologise, suppose he actually married you, how many times would he offend you and you apologise? That relationship was headed towards slavery. He would with time have noticed you dread losing him and used it to his advantage. You said you love him so much, but I will tell you, you don't love him. Where there is love, there is no fear; this is because God has not given us the spirit of fear, but that of love and a sound mind.

When you saw the shoes, your first emotion should have been jealousy and envy, you should have stormed the house to demarcate your territory. As you had hoped to be a good helper to the guy in future, won't you have been his good advisor? Just on the onset of your friendship, why did you pardon cheating?

Whether the whole world has accepted sex before marriage and extra-marital affairs, it is sin and our conscience does not accommodate them, that is why divorce exist.

Separation is only allowed between married people. They do separate to reconsider their decision to live with someone. As Christians, during the period of separation, either spouse should not engage in sex of any kind. The separated couples may reconcile and live peacefully again or they may seek divorce if they are unable to forgive each other. Therefore, there is nothing like separation between boyfriend-girlfriend relationships. You have been dropped. If he lost his spiritual life because of you, what makes you think he will accept you back in his life? Start managing the pain of a break-up and heal.

75 I have been staying with this guy for 4 years now, I have one kid with him, and he had promised my parents to take me to college but had yet to. My parents decided to take me and I am supposed to join this May, since I went home for preparations to join the college, he never calls me unless I call. When I ask him why he does not call, he claims to lack credit, which I know is a lie, now I wonder how I can go about this please.

Answer: I laud your parents on one thing; they are keen on your career development. They have realised you are so confused and your future is in jeopardy. The only way they could help you was to give you a fighting chance. Staying with a man for four years without him marrying you is crazy enough. Your parents

know they cannot pull you from the man as you are those weak souls that may commit suicide. With their wisdom they approached the man about you going to college and the man, to look nice, offered to take you, a promise he broke as soon as they left.

Your parents still very wise then decided to take you to college. Be sober enough. A man who loves you will give you a push to make you successful. The guy has not married you; he is not enthusiastic about you acquiring some skill, why are you stressed about him? Go to college and work hard, you are now busy to mind him. If he loves you he will seek you out, if he does not, it is high time you accept you are a single mother, which was on the way coming anyway. Thank your parents they have salvaged you with your head high.

76 She is 22 years old, am 37 years old. She wants me to marry her. She has invited me to visit her folks. Am flying this week to meet her for the first time since we started virtual dating and I am deeply thinking about this relationship. This week as we chatted I pushed the hard question and she informed me her body count is eight men in just one year. That was a killer blow. However, she claims she has changed because of me. Am I reading too much? Am I too naive to still want to meet her? She is very beautiful and wise. What should I do?

Answer: All I can say is exercise caution with people you meet on the internet. Sometimes it may be a gang of people composed of both men and women who are dealing in human

trafficking. Marriage should have been discussed after a meeting. Again, you should have met in a neutral place. You going to visit her parents means you will be lead somewhere you don't know, what if you are being kidnapped? Have you involved your parents, does anybody else know where you are going? What if your body parts are harvested?

Has it not occurred to you that a young lady with a body count of 8 is a lie to appeal to your sexual desire that after all the woman is not naive? How can one change to please someone he has never met? The whole issue sounds like a fabricated story, and if it is true, you are going to pay dearly.

77 Some marriages started like ... "There is no need to pay rent twice, came we stay together so we can save on rent". Do married people save on rent?

Answer: Persons of the opposite sex staying together are not in a marriage. That is cohabiting. Granted, if they really marry they would save greatly. Someone is always reckless and wasteful when single. But marrying puts one under responsibility and need to plan for the future. They may actually decide to own a house and that would give them the peace of mind than the need to pay rent. When single no one has the motivation to save, marrying gives the motivation to save as you anticipate future expenditure on yourself, your spouse and children.

78 I just need advice. I have a guy; we have known each other for two years. In those two years I have never met or known any of his friends

and family members. On his part, at least he knows three of my friends and he has interacted with them. This man wants us to move in; we start living in the same house. I do not like the idea. I have suggested we pay a visit to our parents first, he has refused. He suggests we move in, then he would sort that issue later. He is a good guy but I just feel cheated.

Answer: There is a proverb that says trust your instincts. Living with him, you are committing fornication. He should legally marry you first. That will entail getting blessings from parents on both sides. Always do backgrounds check; what if you are relatives, their family are known to be witches or they do have chronic hereditary diseases? Are you ready to cope with that? The man just wants to gratify his sexual desire.

Have you factored in things like sexually transmitted disease, unwanted pregnancy and injuring your relationship with God? After having sex, the man is more likely to abandon you, hate you or mistreat you. Biblically Amnon wanted Tamar so much that he became sick, but after satisfying his sexual desire, he hated her so much than he had loved her. Do you want that happen to you? Marriage will give you certainty. 2 Samuel 13; 1Corinthians 6:18; 1 Thessalonians 4:3

79 Times have changed. We live at a time when losing a phone is taken more seriously than losing virginity. Teens are losing virginity at 15, 16 or ever lower ages. There's too much pressure to have sex too soon.

Casual sex is now our culture. Even among adults, one-night stands are the in-thing. That is the reason many relationships don't last. Sex is too intimate to take casually. How do you allow a stranger to ride you? Sex is sacred. Sex is not just a physical experience. Sex is both emotional and spiritual. Sex is a holy communion with the force of creation. Sex outside marriage is hollow and eventually hurts. Self-control is strength. Master yourself, master your world. If you lose self-control everything will fall. Control yourself or someone else will control you. Your freedom lies in self-control. To control yourself, filter what you watch on media. Walk with people who embrace timeless values. Avoid idleness. Focus on your goals. And be in touch with God every moment you breathe.

Answer: Thank you for that timely observation.

80 I have a very big problem with love, the people who tend to love me I don't love them back. I usually love the people who are unbothered with love, today as I was making love with my boyfriend he started chatting while we are in process ...I love him but he doesn't love me how can I let it go.

Answer: Fornication is not love. Just abstain from sex. Usually men don't love the woman they have had sex with. That is why you should aspire to be married first. Then you would have committed to each other and you work out and make it work. It is normal for women to fall for those men that are outgoing but

they are quick to ask for sex and go for it than the reserved men that take time to know them. So the only favour you can do to yourself is take charge of your vessel.

81 If a guy likes to meet you in lodgings in town, women suspect he might be having a family. I want to tell them some men who behave like that are married, but then others are wealthy men who want ladies to fall in love with them rather than with the property they own. In other words, some men will refuse to take ladies to their houses just because they are looking for genuine love.

Answer: A genuine man has nothing to hide. A serious man would be making background checks on a woman than meeting in lodgings. Meeting in lodgings only encourages fornication, demeaning and hating the woman. Wealth has its own dynamics and not everyone can handle it. It is better for a woman to know who you are on the onset. You may love a woman who may think you are poor, and when she realises you are rich, she ditches you.

If you have wealth, you would need a woman to maintain and even multiply it. What if you married a woman who loved you as poor as you pretended, then when you show her riches she becomes so overwhelmed that she can't be your helper? King Solomon did not hide his wealth from the Shulammite woman but he was rejected. The woman preferred to love her shepherd boyfriend. Most women do not like wealthy people because of

infidelity and arrogance, they would prefer a man who can just meet all her needs with a little to spare for some luxury.

82 Has your person introduced you to his people or even taken you his place or he is still using you secretly like illegal drugs? Some people have been in a relationship for a decade and they can't show you the direction to their parents, leave alone showing you even one relative.

Answer: Standards ought to be set at the onset of a relationship. Your partner has to be introduced to your folks, they may see something you are not seeing and warn you. Unless a youth is hiding something, relationships are a public affair; therefore there is nothing wrong to let your parents know. And cohabiting secretly with a lover to Christians it is fornication and a sin. Christians should not allow people 'to use them secretly as illegal drugs'.

FURTHER READING

Bible Verses for the Numbered Question

- 1.00 Genesis 16:6; Leviticus 19:32; Proverbs 12:4; 23:29;
29:2; Matthew 19:4; Luke 14:28; 2 Corinthians 6:14;
Galatians 5: 22, 23; Ephesians 5:25, 28, 29; 1 Timothy
2:9
- 2.00 Psalms 127:1; Ecclesiastes 4:12; Colossians 3:13
- 3.00 Isaiah 65:23; Revelations 21:4
- 4.00 1 Corinthians 6:18
- 5.00 Hebrews 11:6
- 6.00 Ecclesiastes 7:10
- 7.00 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8
- 8.00 Song of Songs 8:8, 9; Proverbs 13:24
- 9.00 1 John 3:2; 4:7-12
- 10 1 Corinthians 7:37
- 11 John 2:1-12
- 12 2 Samuel 6:14, 16
- 13 Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
- 14 Hebrews 13:4
- 15 Proverbs 24: 27; Luke 14:28-30
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