COMPLETE GUIDE FOR BIBLICAL RELATIONSHIP AND MARRIAGE

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PREFACE

There are two types of marriage/relationship. There is the WORLDLY relationship/marriage and the KINGDOM relationship/marriage. Worldly relationship/marriage is based on feelings, knowledge and appearance. What I teach and preach is the Kingdom relationship/marriage. A lot of the issues people bring up stems from the worldly relationship/marriage.

This is why there are so much confusion and pain. In the Kingdom, relationship/marriage is simple, easy and beautiful. It has PURPOSE, PATTERN, and PROCESS. It is guided by the Word of God which never fails. It starts with being regenerated or becoming born again. The people in the world cannot understand it nor walk in it. This is what I teach and preach. Jesus said, "I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine." (John 17:9)

The Love Helper is a ministry with a burden to teach the Word of God specifically as it addresses Kingdom relationship and marriage with the ultimate aim of building Godly marriages. Over the years, we have been very active on Facebook sharing the Word of God as posts on the page.

It is with a great pleasure and humility of heart that I present to you most of our posts in this format. It is our prayer that every married person that reads this book will experience the touch of God in their marriage. That such will know joy and

fulfilment that comes with a marriage patterned after Christ. We also pray that every hurting home will be healed by the power in the name of Jesus.

We likewise pray that every single person reading this will find the grace and mercy of God to find a spouse, marry right and have a fulfilling marital experience.

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POSTS FOR SINGLES

DO YOU TRULY WANT TO MARRY A GODLY MAN?

If your answer to the following questions is YES all the way, then you are ready for a godly man. Are you prepared to marry a man who will do things differently from everyone else in the world? (Noah) Are you ready to follow a man who says God asked him to go to a land, yet does not know where he is going? (Abraham) Are you ready to marry a man who is suffering, poor and frustrated because of his stand on righteousness and his God given vision? (Joseph) Will you be happy with a man who wants you to pray for hours none stop and he is prepared to die because of his prayer life? (Daniel) Are you prepared for a man who will quit his job with world bank to be a missionary in a village because he loves the reproach of Christ better than the pleasures of Egypt? (Moses) Can you marry a man who serves God with fasting and would not so much have time for sex because he is greatly concerned about the Army of God? (Uriah the Hittite) Will you be happy with a man who will forsake his Business, father, mother, and siblings for the sake of the Kingdom? (Peter) Do you want a man in your life who is ready to die for Jesus and practically made himself available to be killed for the sake of Christ? (Paul) Please can you stay with a man who have all the powers in the world to do anything but chose to be a servant and suffer for the human kind? (Jesus) Again I ask you, DO YOU TRULY WANT TO MARRY A GODLY MAN?

BEWARE OF THESE MEN!

Beware of a serial toaster. A man who is talking to several ladies at a time is certainly not led by the Spirit. Beware of a man who has a woman in his life but is still asking you for a relationship. His rationale is always that he is sorting things out. He is a carnal brother. Don't go near him. Beware of a man who claims to be born again but he is not committed to the things of God. He is a deceit. Beware of a man who loves to chat about sex. The Bible says out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. He is filled with lust. Beware of a man who talks about relationship but not marriage. The institution that God created is marriage and any relationship that is not a step to marriage is worthless. Beware of church workers who are also sin workers. A man may be so deeply involved in church activities but still living in sin. He is a time bomb. Beware of a man who professes so much love for you but does not care about your spiritual life and purity. A true child of God would be mostly concerned about your walk with Jesus. Beware of a man who does not respect your relationship. You have told him you have someone in your life but he is still disturbing you. He is not a child of God. Period! Beware of men who are too persistent; almost forcing you to say yes. A child of God does not do that because he trust in the Lord and knows that anyone God has ordained for him would be his. Beware of men who are always talking about success and money but never about serving God or eternity. Their heart is not set on things above.

CHRISTIAN SINGLE WOMAN AND SEX

The Biblical instruction is that when a man finds a woman, they commence the process of marriage after which they can engage in sex or sexual communion. You will find today that most Christian men and woman don't want to wait until marriage to have sex. Sexual sin is common today even in the so called Christian relationships. I will however address this piece from the sister's angle because there would be other piece dealing with men. There are four attitudes towards sex by Christian single women or better still, there are four kinds of single Christian women a brother would find in relation to pre-marital sex. The first kind of Christian single woman is the type that would have sex in relationship. Though she goes to church, it really does not have any change in her heart and would certainly have sex in any relationship she's involved. Such a sister would have sex in every single relationship she finds herself. She does not have experience of being in a stable relationship without sex. Any brother who wants to take her as wife should be prepared for sexual sin. Even when the brother has a mind to keep himself holy until marriage, chances are there that he would eventually fall on her laps. I must warn that if you have had sex in your previous relationship, prayer and great caution is needed to avoid repeating such sinful act in your supposedly new and godly relationship. The second kind of Christian single lady is the one that would engage in sexual activities without engaging in sexual intercourse. She does not mind the brother to fondle with her breasts, engage is passionate kissing and heavy petting but would not go as far as intercourse. She goes on saying to herself that she has not had sex. Sexual sin is not an act but a heart. Sexual sin takes place in the heart not on the bed. I must also let you know that men are not designed to have "half-sex". Once a man starts sexual process, he must complete it. So don't the lead the brother on. The third kind of Christian single sister is the one that wants to have sex but is afraid to engage in it because of certain fears. It could be fear of pregnancy, fear of being dumped afterwards, fear of being deflower (disvirgin), fear of being caught by the church, fear of traditions etc. The bottom line is that the fear of God is not really in her heart. If the circumstance is "favourable" she would readily engage in it. The fourth and the last Christian single woman is the one who knows that sexual sin is a sin and would keep herself until marriage. She fears the Lord and would not compromise her sexual purity for love. She's strict and would fend men's hands away from her body. She encourages the brother to also stay pure. She's a true child of God. I pray all our sisters in the body of Christ would be such. It does not matter what is going on in the world, the standard of God cannot and should not be compromised. It is better to get married than indulging in sexual sin, which attracts the wrath and the curse of God. If you have compromised in your relationship by engaging in sinful sexual acts, you can repent today and confessing your sin to Our Lord Jesus Christ and taking a stand by God's grace against sinning further. The Lord will have mercy on your when you truly repent and turn to Him for grace. The Lord is looking for young women who are committed to holiness. Will you disappoint God? Or will He find you chaste and faithful? He will surely reward you. Listen to His Word: "You know that your bodies are parts of the body of Christ. Shall I take a part of Christ's body and make it part of the body of a prostitute? Impossible! Or perhaps you don't know that the man who joins his body to a prostitute becomes physically one with her? The scripture says quite plainly, "The two will become one body." But he who joins himself to the Lord becomes spiritually one with him. Avoid immorality. Any other sin a man commits does not affect his body; but the man who is guilty of sexual immorality sins against his own body. Don't you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and who was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourselves but

to God; he bought you for a price. So use your bodies for God's glory." (1 Corinthians 6:15-20 GNB)

SIGNS OF A RIGHT RELATIONSHIP

1. It is based on the word of God. 2. Jesus is at the centre of it. 3. The relationship draws you closer to Jesus and far away from sin. 4. It is focused on marriage. 5. Fears and doubts are absent. 6. You can be honest and discuss anything 7. You are introduced to his/her family 8. Commitment takes precedence over feeling. 9. Future is discussed and planned together. 10. Your love will be growing rather than decreasing.

HOW DO I KNOW GOD'S CHOICE OF A PARTNER FOR MY LIFE?

Most Christian men and women get to a point in their lives where they ask this question. "How can I know the person God wants for me?" This is an important question any single Christian should ask. The reason is that there are three most important decisions we must never get wrong and this one is one of them. One is the decision to repent of sins and accept Jesus. The second is the decision on who to marry and lastly but most importantly, the decision of where to spend your eternity, which we are making daily by how we live our lives. Therefore, the question of how to know the mind of God on who to marry is a very important one. However, we seem not to know how to ask that question correctly. The problem is not how to know who God wants you to marry but how to know the voice of the Lord. Jesus said my sheep hear my voice. God is not interested in one aspect (relationship and marriage) of your life but your whole life. He must be Lord over all the affairs of your life. So you should rather seek to know His voice generally. When you do that, it becomes easier to know His voice on whom to marry. Our problem is that we don't care about knowing Him and letting Him lead us in all situations of our lives but we want Him to tell us who to marry. You cannot use God and God is not mocked. Seek Him for who He is. Know Him intimately. Be a sheep that hears (obeys) His voice. Then you shall know whom to marry. Surrender all your life to Him. He has someone for you. God giveth spouse and add no sorrow to it. Peace of the Lord be with you.

WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR EX?

A lot of people don't know how to handle their past or past relationships. If you are in Christ, God has forgiven you and your sins are washed clean. However, there are people you have had relationship with in the past, which could be emotion and sexual or simply emotional. You must know how to handle that. First let me share a scripture with you, "For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life: To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman (or man). Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids. For by means of a whorish

woman a man is brought to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life. Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?" (Proverbs 6:23-28 KJV) Do not deceive yourself thinking you can handle past relationships by still maintaining and keeping contacts with the person. It is wisdom to do away with exes. Exes have ended up destroying relationships. Let me share with you some of the reason why you must put ex away in your life. 1. No man or woman want to meet those who have slept with their partner in the past or will feel comfortable that his partner is keeping contact with someone he/she had slept with. Keep every man or woman you have had sex with far from you. Don't play with fire. Such relationships have destroyed marriages. 2. Keeping exes will bring about jealousy. There is a kind of jealousy that is healthy in a relationship. However, do not with your own hands, do things that will provoke your partner to negative jealousy. 3. If the person is in your past, why not leave him or her in your past? Keeping contact with your past partner(s) would bring about secrecy in your life. You will live in fear of your spouse finding out. You will keep your phones and password from your partner because you don't want him/her to know who you are chatting or talking with. You have to keep up with deleting messages and call records. For how long are you gonna live in lies? If you are a true child of God, you must walk in the light; with nothing to hide from your spouse. 4. Most of exes were not born again. They were relationship people entered into when they don't know Christ, so why still have fellowship with the works of darkness. 5. Its disrespectful keeping contact with an ex. Any man or woman would find it disrespectful and it will erode TRUST which is the foundation of every successful relationship. You must run away from anything that will affect TRUST in your relationship. Why would you sacrifice the trust in your relationship because of an ex? It is simply foolishness. Guard your home with all diligence. 6. Since you were emotionally connected with your ex, it is easy for the feelings to start growing back and you even end up having sex (sinning and hurting your new partner), so keep ex out. The BIBLE says can a man put hot coals on his laps and not be burned? Therefore avoid ex like a wild fire. Run away. Stop texting him/her on his or her birthday. Put the past in the past and build a godly relationship with your partner. 7. I can tell you this as a man. No man wants to see you talk or chat with someone who has had sex with you or who had seen your nakedness in the past. Your nakedness is the pride of a man. Men are very jealous and they were created like that. It is not insecurity. It is wise to delete the number of an ex, stop picking call of an ex, stop replying to text messages of an ex, delete any ex from your Facebook and social media, remove every picture of any ex and get rid of them. No man put a new wine in an old wine skin, Jesus said. Therefore, be washed from your past and keep away from any ex. This does not mean you hate him/her but you want to protect the right relationship you have now found. This is wisdom and safety. People who go contrary have ended up regretting it. Don't let anyone lie to you that you are insecure. People use that word to make you feel bad for doing what is right. Those keeping contact with ex are the very people who are insecure. "Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners." (1 Corinthians 15:33). If you keep contact with your ex, it will ultimately ruin your life. A word is enough for the wise. If your ex is someone you have had a child with, then let your partner know about it. Contact between you and the ex should only be in relation to the child and with the full knowledge of your spouse or partner (in a godly relationship). Please note that we are not talking about divorce here. This author does not believe in divorce. The person you divorce in the eyes of God still remains your spouse not an ex. I need to make this clarification.

WHAT A GODLY MAN LOOK FOR IN A WOMAN

The Bible says, “Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.” (1 Timothy 3:11) Don't depend on things like fancy hairdos or gold jewelry or expensive clothes to make you look beautiful. Be beautiful in your heart by being gentle and quiet. This kind of beauty will last, and God considers it very special. Long ago those women who worshiped God and put their hope in him made themselves beautiful by putting their husbands first. For example, Sarah obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her true children, if you do right and don't let anything frighten you. (1 Peter 3:3-6 CEV) A truly good wife is the most precious treasure a man can find! Her husband depends on her, and she never lets him down. She is good to him every day of her life, and with her own hands she gladly makes clothes. She is like a sailing ship that brings food from across the sea. She gets up before daylight to prepare food for her family and for her servants. She knows how to buy land and how to plant a vineyard, and she always works hard. She knows when to buy or sell, and she stays busy until late at night. She spins her own cloth, and she helps the poor and the needy. Her family has warm clothing, and so she doesn't worry when it snows. She does her own sewing, and everything she wears is beautiful. Her husband is a well-known and respected leader in the city. She makes clothes to sell to the shop owners. She is strong and graceful, as well as cheerful about the future. Her words are sensible, and her advice is thoughtful. She takes good care of her family and is never lazy. Her children praise her, and with great pride her husband says, "There are many good women, but you are the best!" Charm can be deceiving, and beauty fades away, but a woman who honors the LORD deserves to be praised.

A FAITHFUL MAN

A faithful man is not a Samson that will preach and move in the Spirit one moment only to end up frolicking with prostitutes and ending up on Delilah’s laps. A faithful man is not an Amnon that would profess his love one moment passionately and then would rape a Tamar the next moment. A faithful man is not a Judas that would greet and beg you with a kiss as a friend when all he is out for is your body to be crucified! A faithful man will not compete with his wife. He is secure and he is happy when his wife is progressing. A faithful man loves and does not lust. A faithful man does not scheme. He does not suddenly gives his life to Jesus in order to marry a naïve and unsuspecting child of God and then takes his life back from Jesus after getting what he wants. A faithful man will not raise his hands against a lady. The fear of God will not allow it knowing that he would be shooting himself in the leg by doing that! Most men will proclaim everyone his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find? (Proverbs 20:6 KJV) Many women aren't "drunk in love" they're DRUNK IN LUST!!! Love doesn't cause you to make irrational choices and to sin against God. Fornication isn't "making love" no matter how passionate it seems or how good they

make you feel. True love is patient, selfless and seeks to honor God. True love is walking in purity until you make the vow before God in marriage. Be sober minded not DRUNK IN LUST!

HAVE YOU BEEN HURT IN A RELATIONSHIP?

Don't begin a relationship immediately after getting off one because you want to prove a point or you want to get back at your ex. At that point, your reasoning is impaired and your definition of love has been warped by the recent experience. It is always good to take a break for some time and allow yourself to heal and then wait until the Lord leads you. No matter how much you have been hurt, you must forgive the person before moving on. Wisdom says you should find out what went wrong with the first one before you dabble into another. If you have had several relationships broken over and over again, it is not about a curse anywhere, it is just that you lack wisdom and you are abusing the purpose of a relationship. You don't enter a relationship because you want the person to fill some emptiness in your soul. That is only what Jesus Christ can do by His Spirit! If you haul a job meant for God on a guy or a lady, you will end up frustrating that person! After a broken relationship, take your time. Ask questions. Why did it go wrong? Don't jump into the next available arms just to deal with hurts and wounds. When you do that, you will get hurt the more, because you have not followed the right process. Never ever try to give sex in order to get attention or love. It will never work that way. Young ladies, drum that into your head and carry yourselves with some dignity!

ARE YOU SERIOUS ABOUT SEEKING A GODLY SPOUSE?

BROTHER: You spend hours watching seasonal movies but minutes reading the Bible. You spend hours hanging out with friends but find it difficult to spend minutes with God in prayer. You spend thousands buying designer shoes and clothes but cannot buy godly books or a worthy Bible. You give money and recharge cards to ladies but cannot give money to missions for the souls of perishing men. You listen and watch music where women dance half naked but you cannot listen nor discern the voice of the Holy Spirit. You claim to be born again but you cannot be in a relationship without having sex. You talk rashly to your parents but talk sweet to strange girls. You put great effort into looking for money but you are useless in church. You spend hours looking at pornography but still want to see the glory of God. You judge women by their outward appearance yet you say you want to marry a godly woman. "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity." (2 Timothy 2:19 KJV) SISTER: You spend hours making your hair but minutes reading the Bible. You spend hours fixing nails but minutes praying. You spend thousands buying shoes, bags and clothes but cannot spend a dim to buy godly books or a decent Bible. You chat with several people at the same time but you don't know the voice of the Holy Spirit. Several men tell you how beautiful you are

but you cannot tell them how beautiful Jesus is. You shout and gossip but no one hears about the Kingdom of God on your lips. You care so much about how much money a man has but you don't bother how he makes his money. You take care of your face while your inner beauty rotten away. Your private part has become an ATM machine accepting any card you fall in love with. Yet you want a godly man and a fulfilling marriage. "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life." (Galatians 6:7-8).

WHY YOU MAY NOT KNOW THE WILL OF GOD

The following will never allow you to discern the mind of God on whom to marry. 1. The love of money 2. The love of this world 3. Denominationalism 4. Sinful lifestyle 5. Pre-marital sex 6. The love of Love 7. The lust for beauty 8. Lack of a prayer life 9. Neglect in the reading of God's Word 10. Wrong doctrines and teachings 11. Pride 12. Disobedience

SEX IS NOT LOVE.

Love is a decision to care for the ultimate interest of another person in a completely selfless manner. Sex is a biological process like sneezing. A man can pay and have sex with a woman without even remembering her face afterwards. Guys deceives ladies just to enjoy the pleasure of sex in their bodies. So sex is completely different from love. A man who cheats on a lady does not love her because if he cared about her, he would NEVER do anything to hurt her. Sex is pleasure. Love is sacrifice. A man can rape a woman and shots her afterwards. He hurts her, forced her, injured her and killed her, yet he did all that after sex with her. However, when you love someone, in the context of marriage, sharing your body with such a person is a beautiful way of giving yourself to the person. But the ultimate test of love is PAIN not PLEASURE. It is easy to say I love you during sex but can you say I love you when the person offends you or faces serious health challenges? Sex is not love and love is not sex but sex can be shared in love.

SEX IS ADDICTIVE

The problem with SEX is that it is very addictive. Once you taste the pleasure of sex, your body will always crave for it. That is why God designed SEX to be done only in the confine of marriage. But I have a good news for you. The grace of God is much more powerful than your feeling or cravings. You can overcome sexual sin (or any sin) with ease through the grace of God. The Bible says, "For the grace of God that

bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." (Titus 2:11-14).

SEX JOINS SOULS

Sex is not just few minutes' pleasure you get and move on. Sex joins people's soul (that is life) together. When people have sex they become one. They establish a covenant with each other. Their souls become mixed and joined. The Bible says, "Don't you know that a man who does that becomes part of her body? The Scriptures say, "The two of them will be like one person."" (1 Corinthians 6:16 CEV) So, your entire being is joined to the person you have sex with. That is why God only permitted sex between a man and his wife. There is nothing like free sex or quickie. Every sexual intercourse has spiritual and physical consequences. The more people you have sex with, the more people your life is joined with. Satanic or demonic activities going on in the person's live would easily flow into your life because you have become one with the person. There is nothing like free or cheap sex anywhere. You gonna pay with your soul for every sexual intercourse you have except if you repent and know how to use the name of Jesus to cancel the joining and free yourself. "So run away from sexual sin. It involves the body in a way that no other sin does. So if you commit sexual sin, you are sinning against your own body." (1 Corinthians 6:18 ERV)

MAN IS A SPIRIT

Man is a spirit. He has a soul and lives in the body. When you marry anyone, you actually marry a spirit (inner man). Therefore, you need to check the spirit of the person you want to marry. There are those with beautiful bodies but dead spirit. Nice face but wicked spirit. The more you grow your spirit, the easier it's gonna be for you to discern the spirit of another. Most people today feed their bodies four times a day and starve their spirit. The Word of God is the food of spirit man. You can be sure anyone not truly given to the word of God is dead. There are problems in marriages and relationships today because dead spirits are trying to do what only a living spirit can do. Marry the inner man not just the out man. A word is enough for the discerning. The Bible says, "The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?" (Proverbs 18:14).

GOOD RELATIONSHIP IS NOT AUTOMATED

Good and successful Relationship/marriage is not automated. You can't just sit down, do whatever pleases you and expect your marriage/Relationship to be successful. It takes conscious application of the word of God to your marriage/Relationship. You must become selfless and continuously seek the good of your spouse/fiancé/fiancée. It takes deliberate sacrifice of your time, love, and resources. It takes concerted prayers, committing your Relationship/Marriage to God. Even when by the grace of God, you have found the right person, it will still fail if you are not prayerfully and actively involved in making a success of it. Wake up before it is too late. You must do your part well and God will perfect His part. The Bible says, "A wise woman (and man also) builds her house; a foolish woman tears hers down with her own hands." (Proverbs 14:1).

THE MOUTH AND THE HEART OF MAN

The mouth of a man is different from his heart. Don't get carried away by the mouth of a man. Wait until his heart is revealed. Only God can reveal to you the true condition of a man's heart; that's why you must wait on the Lord before you say yes to any man. The Bible says, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings." (Jeremiah 17:9-10). Your feelings will deceive you. Learn to wait on the Lord. If you are truly born again and you walk in the light of Jesus, no man will be able to deceive you. Jesus said by their fruit you shall know them. For you to know them by their fruit, you must first have the fruit of Christ in you.

FOOLISH REASONS WHY LADIES STAY IN TERRIBLE RELATIONSHIPS

1. I love him. 2. I cannot find another man. 3. I will change him. 4. I can't tell him I want to quit. 5. I need his money. 6. We have been together for long. 7. Have already met his parents. 8. We have fixed the wedding date. 9. We made a vow. 10. I don't want to be alone. 11. Where do I start from? 12. A Pastor said he will be my husband. None of the reasons mentioned above is sufficient for you to be in a bad relationship. Don't be a slave of your feelings. Quit the bad/sinful/abusive relationship before it is too late (before marriage) and wait on the Lord. "For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed." (Romans 10:11).

NO ONE SHOULD TELL YOU WHOM TO MARRY

If you cannot personally hear God on whom to marry or discern the leading of the Holy Spirit to know your spouse, then you can never hear God on how to make your marriage work. Nobody has the authority to tell you whom to marry. God has not given any 'man of God' such power over you. So stop asking another man to pray for you and tell you who to marry. It is your responsibility. If you cannot hear God it means you are not ready for marriage. Let your conviction on the person you will choose to marry be solely a personal thing. The so called man of God will not be in the marriage with you. Hear God for yourself. The Bible says, "The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, SHE IS AT LIBERTY TO BE MARRIED TO WHOM SHE WILL; ONLY IN THE LORD." (1 Corinthians 7:39).

HOW TO AVOID HEARTBREAK

1. Never give your life to anyone he/she is not your Saviour. Give your love and service not your life. 2. Never let your emotions control you. It may feel nice, but it may not necessarily be right. Follow the word of God. 3. Never let your erection determine your direction nor allow your wetness to determine who swims between your legs. 4. Choose to love the inner person born after Christ and not his/her body or pocket. 5. Do not let marriage in itself be your driving force in life but the fulfilment of God's purpose in marriage. 6. The feeling of love alone would not sustain your relationship/marriage. You need to be filled with the word of God, be selfless, be caring, be patient, and have wisdom, understanding and tolerance. 7. Do not marry him/her because you met him/her in the church not all in the church are in touch with God. Check whether he/she is born again and has the fruit of the Holy Spirit. 8. Do not be deceived by someone posting Bible and godly posts on social media. Unless he/she is walking in the truth, do not even consider such. 9. Before you ever speak to a sister or before you ever say yes to a brother, take it to the Lord in prayer and wait until God speaks to you. 10. Trust in the mercy of God and be ready to serve the Lord whether married or single. BEWARE! BE WARNED!! BE WISE!!! MARRIAGE MISTAKE IS LIFETIME MISTAKE.

PLAYING WITH SEX: A WARNING!!!

Someone sent me this true story and I try to edit it for my reader, but I would lose the point in the story if I edit it too much. Therefore, the words you are about to read are very graphic but it clearly drives home the point because it is a true life story. I know one "innocent" Christian virgin who would engage in a lot of sex-play with the heathen guys she dated, including lots of mutual oral as well as letting those guys kiss and suck her. One night, she was with a guy she had been dating in a relationship that involve hot and heavy petting with sex play. After a while, she agreed to let him

move his penis into her vagina opening. The agreement was that she would let him move it in, but only in the "opening". She made him "promised" not to push it in deeper and break her hymen and the guy agreed. She told the guy that she just "wanna see what it feels like". He gladly complied and slowly entered into the opening of her vagina. They kissed passionately and she moaned in excitement. After a few minutes of this passionate simulated lovemaking in the opening of her vagina, he began to push it in. It happened all too suddenly and she wasn't prepared for his penis to pierce her hymen. As his penis was mostly in her vagina already, she couldn't stop him from engaging in the ultimate act even though she wanted to. With that one carnal push, she forever lost her "innocence" and purity as his penis sank deep into her. There was some stingy pain but after a few minutes of him going in and out of her and introducing her to the world of sex, she found she loved the feelings and would soon become sexually active with the men she dated. This is how she lost her walk with God and started living in sin. We pray that she will one day return to the Lord. THE LESSON: Sin will take you further than you plan. Stop playing with sin. The Lord will reward your purity and waiting. She clearly has been playing around with sin long before she had intercourse. Sin is sin. You don't need to have intercourse before you commit sin. Be careful.

CAN THE MAN MANAGE HIMSELF?

How do you expect a man who cannot manage his own life to manage a family? One of the first things to check in a man's life is how he is managing his life. Don't deceive yourself thinking you can help a man to manage his life. If he cannot manage himself he cannot manage you and himself. A man must first learn to manage himself. Then he can manage his household. And lastly, he can then manage the church. The Bible says, "For if a man cannot manage his own household, how can he take care of God's church?" (1Timothy 3:5).

SIGNS THAT A RELATIONSHIP WILL NOT END WELL

If you are considering marrying that person that you are courting at the moment, then you need to pay attention to these signs. Marriages don't just fail. There are signs that a marriage would fail right from the relationship stage, but it is often ignored. Here are some of the signs and red flags to watch out for. 1. He/she is not saved (born again). 2. He/she is saved but not committed. 3. He/she is living in sin. 4. He/she loves the world. 5. He/she loves the things in the world. 6. He/she loves money. 7. He/she gets angry and get violent. 8. He/she is not ready to marry you in a proper way. 9. He/she does not see anything wrong with sex before marriage. 10. He/she is not rooted in the Word of God. 11. He/she has no experience of God's leading or how God speaks. 12. He/she discusses relationship issue with friends and

family. 13. He/she does not respect your parents. 14. He does not show spiritual leadership. 15. She is too full of herself to be submissive. 16. He/she needs the pastor to make every decision. 17. He/she does not have a consistent personal prayer life. 18. He/she is selfish and self-centred. 19. He/she is cheating. 20. He/she is not consumed by love for Jesus.

SUCCESSFUL RELATIONSHIP AND MARRIAGE IS GUARANTEED IN GOD'S WORD

Stop looking at relationship and marriage from your own experience and from the experience of others. You are not the author of marriage and those people you are looking at are not God's standard for marriage. Marriage is a physical representation of the relationship between Christ and His Church. God is the author of marriage. Many do not know this and they simply pursue relationship and marriage for carnal and selfish reasons. They also do not make God's word the only guide for their marriage. That is why it is destined to end in pain, frustration and heartbreak. I assure you under God, if you build your relationship and marriage according to the mind of God as revealed in His Word, IT WILL END IN SUCCESS AND FULFILMENT. The Bible says, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." (Joshua 1:8)

THE CYCLE OF HEARTBREAKS

You will keep having heartbreaks because you have never understood that marriage is not about you, but about the purpose of God. You allow your feelings to lead you instead of the Holy Spirit. You don't take proposal to God; you rush to say yes because you are 'in love'. Pre-marital sex for you is the way you cement your relationship. The Word of God is thrown out of the window. All your expectations are worldly and carnal. You rely solely on your small mind and foolish ideas about relationship that you have picked up from useless movies, books and friends. At the end of the day, you say there are no good men and women anymore. Are you yourself a good person? Have you followed the wisdom of God? Read this, "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones." (Proverbs 3:5-8)

ASK HIM QUESTIONS

Marriage is not a small matter. It's going to involve your life. It can land you in hell. Therefore, you have the right to know everything about the man. Do not be afraid to ask him questions and take it as a red flag if he is not answering your questions. There should be no question too hard that you cannot ask him. Don't be afraid of losing him that you fail to ask him important questions, particularly about his walk with God and his life in general. A true Christian man will be open, truthful, honest and will not run away because of your questioning.

CAN I FIND A MAN THAT WILL WAIT UNTIL MARRIAGE TO HAVE SEX?

A lot of young Christian single ladies are concerned that they won't find a Christian man who will wait until after marriage to have sex. Many are already compromising because they want to be married. If you compromise and get married and the man dies a week after your wedding what would you do? Why then would you obey man that can die any time rather than God? You don't need a man that will wait until marriage to have sex. What you need is for YOU to wait until marriage to have sex. No man will force you if you don't want. If a man cannot wait until after marriage to have sex, it is a clear sign that God does not intend you marry such a man. Whatever you get by sin will lead to regrets and pain. The man may not even marry you in the end. Your body is a great treasure that should be shared with only your husband. There are true Christian men (born again) who would never touch you until marriage. If you have not found one, then check yourself. You probably keeping company with the wrong people or you are yourself not born again. The Bible says, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." (1 Corinthians 3:16-17) Do not defile the Temple of God if you don't want God Himself to destroy you.

DON'T MAKE MARRIAGE AN IDOL IN YOUR HEART

Do not let 'getting married' become an IDOL in your life. Marriage is not about you. It is about the purpose of God. Set your heart to love and serve God all the days of your life, whether married or single. That way, satan will not frustrate you with the fear of not getting married. If you are depressed, anxious, fearful, frustrated and confused because you are not married, you have already made marriage into an Idol in your heart. You love marriage more than the God of marriage. You must be able to say like the true Christians of old, "If the God whom we serve is able to save us from the blazing furnace and from your power, then he will. But even if he doesn't, Your Majesty may be sure that we will not worship your god, and we will not bow down to the gold statue that you have set up."" (Daniel 3:17-18 GNB)

DOUBLE DATING IS ALIEN TO CHRISTIANITY

It is sinful and wrong for a brother or sister to be involved in relationship with more than one person at a time. It puts a serious question mark on your Christian life. Children of God do not double deal because they are children of the Light. You cannot be practising worldly relationship and still hope it will turn out a godly one. The Bible says, "Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness." (1 Thessalonians 5:5)

PAY ATTENTION TO LISTENING TO GOD

If you have never heard God on any matter in your life until now when you want to choose a spouse, you are not likely to discern the mind of God on whom to marry because you do not even know how God speaks to you. Do not waste your life pursuing vanity, spend your time to be closer to God and learn how He speaks, so that when the time comes for you to choose a spouse, you would have been acquainted with the voice of the Lord. The Bible says, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:" (John 10:27)

PREMATURE RELATIONSHIP

Entering into relationship prematurely will ultimately lead to sin and frustration because you will not find grace to keep yourself. What God has not ordained, God will not keep. The right time is God's time. The Bible says, "He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end." (Ecclesiastes 3:11)

DON'T FEEL SORRY FOR KEEPING YOURSELF

You do not need to feel sorry or apologetic to anyone for choosing to abstain from sex before marriage. It is a lie of the devil that you won't find anyone who will marry you because you are not ready to compromise. It is better to remain pure and single than to compromise with mere men that have their breath in their nostril. I will rather die single than compromise my walk with God. Yet, I tell you the truth, God is faithful to those who are faithful.

HOW TO KILL YOUR RELATIONSHIP/MARRIAGE WITH YOUR PHONE

1. Password your phone and keep the password from your spouse/fiancé/fiancée. 2. Flirt with the opposite sex on social media. 3. Engage in secret chats 4. Spend most of your time chatting with friends, family and strangers and make no time to regularly speak with your spouse/fiancé/fiancée. 5. Add every dick and harry to your social media, throwing caution into the air. 6. Snap nude photos of yourself, then share some and store them on your phone. 7. Love your phone and give it all your time. 8. When you are talking with your spouse/fiancé/fiancée, keep your mind on your chats, your eyes on your phone and your hands on your keypad. 9. Store all kinds of porn video and photos on your phone and watch them as you like. 10. Use the photo of your ex and flirt as your profile picture and display picture.

BEWARE OF HIS SWEET TALKS

Statistics has shown that most women who had sex before marriage ended up not marrying the person they first had sex with. It also reveals that most women who had sex before marriage had sex with at least two men before they got married. Don't let your story be included in this statistics. Learn from the mistakes of others. Relationship is not about sex but a time to prepare for a godly home. A time to read Christian books, pray and build solid foundation. Any man that want to have sex with you before marriage does not love you. All his sweet words are deceptive. The Bible says, "Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?" (Proverbs 20:6).

A SERIOUS WARNING TO CHRISTIAN SINGLES

A man or woman who has not truly made Jesus Christ the Lord of his LIFE, THOUGHTS and ACTIONS, is a highly dangerous person. If you are in a relationship with one, come out of it now. Pain, frustration, heartbreak, regrets and shame is what you will usually get from such relationship in the END. You have been warned! The Bible says, "He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy." (Proverbs 29:1).

HOW TO KNOW THE INTENT OF A MAN

How can you know the true motive and the real intent of the man that is proposing to you? It is very simple. Read this: For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12 KJV) The Bible says the Word of God is the discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. If you give your life to the Word of God, no man can deceive you and you will choose right.

SEXUAL SIN STARTS INNOCENTLY

Sexual sin usually starts with innocent hugging and simple pecking. It then proceeds to prolong hugging, on the lips kissing, soft petting, and heavy petting. These then lead to chance touching, deliberate touching, passionate kiss, smooching that usually don't proceed to full intercourse. After a while, they lose all fear and throw away all caution and bam it happens. What's my point? Devil is not in a hurry. Sin is gradual. Run away before it runs you over. The Bible says, "If you do well, will you not have honour? and if you do wrong, sin is waiting at the door, desiring to have you, but do not let it be your master." (Genesis 4:7 BBE)

DON'T DO TRIAL AND ERROR WITH YOUR RELATIONSHIP

Relationship/Marriage is not a matter of trial and error. It is not a matter of black market. You cannot afford to be careless with such important decision of your life. Pray, follow the word of God and be sure you are stepping into it with full assurance that under God, you have made the right choice. The Bible says, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye." (Psalms 32:8)

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNGODLY

Relationship with an ungodly person will lead to ungodly practices. Marriage to an ungodly person will lead to pain and regrets. The Bible says, "Stay away from people who are not followers of the Lord! Can someone who is good get along with someone who is evil? Are light and darkness the same? Is Christ a friend of Satan?

Can people who follow the Lord have anything in common with those who don't?" (2 Corinthians 6:14-15 CEV)

IS HE READY FOR MARRIAGE?

If he is not ready for marriage, he is certainly not ready for sex. If she's not ready for marriage, she's not ready for sex. It's that simple! If he is not ready for marriage, he is not ready for relationship. If she's not ready for marriage, she's not ready for relationship. It's really simple! If a man or a woman cannot preserve your body which is the temple of God, what other evidence do you need that he is not of God? Would a proper child destroys His father's house?

YOUR YES IS A CHOICE

A lot of the 'sisters' do not know that when they say YES to a 'brother', they are making a choice and the choice has consequence. Be ready to live with what you have chosen. No one forced him on you. You made that choice and you must be prepared to live with the consequence. There is no quick fix anywhere. All you can do is to pray and conduct yourself well and then trust the Lord to encounter your misbehaving husband. The Bible says, "In the same way you wives must submit yourselves to your husbands, so that if any of them do not believe God's word, your conduct will win them over to believe. It will not be necessary for you to say a word, because they will see how pure and reverent your conduct is." (1 Peter 3:1-2 GNB)

MARRY ACCORDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

When you marry outside of the Word of God, you are likely to spend your entire marital life praying for a good marriage instead of enjoying a good marriage. The Bible says, "Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof." (Proverbs 1:24-30)

PREGNANCY CAN'T KEEP A MAN

It is the height of foolishness as a lady to think that you can make a man become committed to you by getting pregnant for him. It is the opposite that will happen. You will end up living in pain and regrets. You cannot violate the word of God and think you will live happily ever after. If you deny God and commit sin because of a man, God will Himself deny you when you need Him most. The Bible says, "But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 10:33)

FOOLISH REASONS WHY LADIES STAY IN TERRIBLE RELATIONSHIPS

1. I love him. 2. I cannot find another man. 3. I will change him. 4. I can't tell him I want to quit. 5. I need his money. 6. We have been together for long. 7. Have already met his parents. 8. We have fixed the wedding date. 9. We made a vow. 10. I don't want to be alone. 11. Where do I start from? 12. I cannot live without him. 13. He is my first love. 14. He can be very nice and caring (even when he ill-treats you). 15. A Pastor said he will be my husband. None of the reasons mentioned above is sufficient for you to be in a bad relationship. Don't be a slave of your feelings. Quit the bad/sinful/abusive relationship before it is too late (before marriage) and wait on the Lord. "For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed." (Romans 10:11).

NICE BUT DECEITFUL

Do not be deceived by the niceness of a man/woman. A man/woman can be nice but be evil. A man/woman can be good but ungodly. Every man/woman is a potential devil without Christ in his/her life. Many have married persons who were caring and good only to regret when the person starts exhibiting ungodly character. If you are a child of God, God expects you to marry someone that is born again, godly and Spirit filled. Remember, a man/woman can be nice and caring but still be ungodly. Don't be deceived. The Bible says, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit." (Matthew 7:15-17)

ARE YOU ENJOYING ANOTHER PERSON'S SPOUSE?

You cannot be 'enjoying' another person's spouse and hope you will enjoy your own spouse when you are married. The Bible says, "Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned? So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife (or husband); whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent." (Proverbs 6:28-29). If you are having a relationship with another woman's husband, you are already destroying your own future and marriage. You have also attracted the great wrath of God upon your life except you repent TODAY. The Bible says, "Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts." (Hebrews 4:7).

BETRAYING YOUR SPOUSE?

You are cheating on your spouse (sinning against God) and still pretending all is well. You are betraying your marital vows, living in sin and still behaving like the perfect spouse. I have a warning for you from the Lord. Confess, forsake and repent before it is too late. The Bible says, ""Whatever is hidden away will be brought out into the open, and whatever is covered up will be found and brought to light." (Luke 8:17 GNB)

THE LOVE OF GOD MAKES YOU COMPATIBLE

No two persons are compatible. It is love (not love feeling) that makes two people compatible. This love that I am talking about is the one mentioned in 1Corinthians 13:4-8. The Bible says, "Love is kind and patient, never jealous, boastful, proud, or rude. Love isn't selfish or quick tempered. It doesn't keep a record of wrongs that others do. Love rejoices in the truth, but not in evil. Love is always supportive, loyal, hopeful, and trusting. Love never fails! Everyone who prophesies will stop, and unknown languages will no longer be spoken. All that we know will be forgotten." (1 Corinthians 13:4-8 CEV)

HOW YOU DRESS AND WHO YOU MARRY

You cannot be exposing your cleavages all over the place and keep saying you are looking for a godly man. Godly men are not blind. You cannot be having sex with any man you are in a relationship with and say you cannot find a godly man. Godly men don't commit fornication. The Bible says, "Don't be misled. Remember that you can't ignore God and get away with it. You will always reap what you sow!" (Galatians 6:7)

THE DECEITFULNESS AND DANGERS OF MASTURBATION

Masturbation is both deceptive and extremely dangerous. The deceit in masturbation is that many believers indulging in it assume that it is not sinful because it does not involve another person. That is exactly why satan has found masturbation a potent tool to destroy the lives and purpose of the Children of God. Satan is happy to keep you deceived while you masturbate your soul away. You must know that sexual sin is not an act but a state of your heart. Jesus said, "But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." (Matthew 5:28 KJV) So the fact that you did not actually have sex with a person does not mean you cannot commit sexual sin. In fact, the sexual act is a physical manifestation of a sin that has taken place in the heart. Let me quickly share with you some of the dangers of Masturbation. Masturbation is a sexual sin and it is a sin against your body because it defiles you. Remember, the Holy Spirit dwells in the body of a believer. To commit sexual sin is to defile your body and sin greatly against your own self. The Bible says, "Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" (1 Corinthians 6:18-19) Masturbation opens your life up for demonic operations and attack. Sinful habits are attractive to demons. By willingly indulging in such sin, you invariably give them the authority to manipulate and influence you. The Bible says, "He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him." (Ecclesiastes 10:8 KJV) Masturbation will kill your prayer life. The devil really loves this. You cannot finish masturbating and raise your hands to God to worship and pray. Guilt will not allow you to pray. Masturbation is a tool in the hand of satan to destroy the prayer life of believers thereby making them weak. The Bible says, "I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting." (1 Timothy 2:8 KJV) Unless your conscience becomes seared, masturbating will constantly make you live in guilt. It takes the joy of the Lord away from you and gives you a guilty conscience. It basically makes a mess of your life. A guilty conscience will drive you away from the presence of God. It was guilty conscience that made Adam hide himself from God after he sinned. Masturbation allows your conscience to torment you. The Bible says, "Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:" (1 Timothy 1:19 KJV) Masturbation keeps you from seeing God. The Bible says blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. (Matthew 5:8) The evil thought and imaginations that usually go with masturbation corrupt and defile your heart. Masturbation is addictive. The devil does not just want you to commit sin; he also wants you to be trapped in sin. Many are trapped with the sin of masturbation. They wanna come out of it but they keep going back to it. It is addictive. It takes only the power of Christ to break the yoke of sin. Your determination and self-will will consistently fail you. The Bible says, "Thou hast forsaken me, saith the LORD, thou art gone backward: therefore will I stretch out my hand against thee, and destroy thee; I am weary with repenting." (Jeremiah

15:6 KJV) Masturbation brings about self-shame. It is a shameful act. One that you cannot proudly discuss with anyone. The worst of shame is self-shame. Though unknown to others, it fills your entire being and you constantly feel shameful and dirty. Such shame destroys your self-esteem. The Bible says, What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. (Romans 6:21 KJV) If you are into ministry, masturbation will render you powerless. You won't be able to help people with unclean spirits because the devil cannot cast out the devil. There is even the danger of being overcome by demons when you attempt to cast them out. Masturbation, therefore, lives you exposed and vulnerable in ministry. When you preach righteousness or holiness, satan, will remind you of your own secret sinful habit. Do not allow evil spirits to ask you this question, "And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?" (Acts 19:15 KJV) The person who masturbates lives a secret life. You keep watching your back when no one is after you. You keep looking for a private moment and a secluded space for you to perform the habit. You are constantly on the watch when you should be at peace. You have to buy some of the materials you use in masturbating discreetly because no one must know about it. You are living a double life. The Bible say, "The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion." (Proverbs 28:1 KJV) Lastly, just like any other sin, masturbation is a sin and God's eyes are too holy to behold iniquity. You risk the wrath of God. You also risk going to hell fire. The worst of it all, you risk kicking God out of your life. The Bible says, "Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear." (Isaiah 59:1-2 KJV) You may have struggled with it for years but it can end today by the power in the name of Jesus Christ. Repent and accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour and ask Him for the grace to walk in purity. You can contact me for further counselling. God bless you.

REQUIREMENT FOR MARRYING RIGHT

If you want to marry right and enjoy a godly marriage according to the Word of God, then you must first be born again. The question is, are you born again? Are you sure you are truly born again and that you are not deceiving yourself? Alright, read this. The Bible says, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." (1 John 3:9). Be sure you are truly born again so that you don't get disappointed on the day of resurrection. Only two born again persons can marry according to God's will.

THE KIND OF PERSON GOD WANTS YOU TO MARRY

Here are scriptures that deals with the kind of the brother a Christian sister should marry. John 3:3-8, Exodus 18:21, Acts 6:3, 1Timothy 3:2-7 and Titus 1:6-9, Nehemiah 7:2, 1 Kings 18:3. You must understand that only a truly born again brother would possess these qualities. Here are scriptures that deals with the kind of the sister a Christian brother should marry. John 3:3-8, 1Timothy 3:11, Proverbs 19:14, Proverbs 31:10-31. You must understand that only a truly born again sister would possess these qualities. This is the will of God for your life. You must first be guided by the Word of God before you take the brother or sister to God in prayer. If he/she does not fit into the kind of person the Word of God recommended, then you don't even have to bother prayer about such a person. Prayerfully read the scriptures and let them be your guide. You can reach me if you need clarification or further explanation. God bless you.

WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT DIVORCE?

I have been getting a lot of feedbacks on my recent posts on divorce. I have therefore decided to reproduce one of my earlier posts on the divorce. Let it be clear that I did not create marriage and the rules guiding it; God did. Let it also be clear that what I teach concerning marriage is KINGDOM MARRIAGE NOT WORLDLY MARRIAGE. I speak basically to believers who have surrendered their lives to Jesus. What you are about to read next is directly from God, not me. You ask why he no longer accepts them. It is because he knows you have broken your promise to the wife you married when you were young. She was your partner, and you have broken your promise to her, although you promised before God that you would be faithful to her. Didn't God make you one body and spirit with her? What was his purpose in this? It was that you should have children who are truly God's people. So make sure that none of you breaks his promise to his wife. "I hate divorce," says the LORD God of Israel. "I hate it when one of you does such a cruel thing to his wife. Make sure that you do not break your promise to be faithful to your wife." (Malachi 2:14-16) But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery. (Matthew 5:32) For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man. (Romans 7:2-3) But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife. (1 Corinthians 7:11)

THERE IS POWER IN YOUR YES

As a young Christian lady, your power lies in your ability to say yes to the right brother. Once you get it right at that stage, you will enjoy your marriage. But if you choose wrong, you will spend most of your marital life dealing with marital problem. I pray you choose right. So, don't waste this God given power. Choose right by the help of the Holy Spirit. The Bible says, "This is what the LORD commands concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying,'Let them marry whom they think best, but they may marry only within the family of their father's tribe.'" (Numbers 36:6).

CANDIDATE FOR DESTRUCTION

Did you know that one of the ways you make yourself available for destruction by God is by committing sexual sin with your body? You think you are enjoying but the reality is that God Himself will destroy you for defiling your body. The Bible says, “Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? IF ANY MAN DEFILE THE TEMPLE OF GOD, HIM SHALL GOD DESTROY; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.” (1 Corinthians 3:16-17)

MY PARENTS WANT ME TO MARRY FROM A TRIBE/RACE

Don't marry to please your parents, family or friends. The choice of whom to marry is solely your decision. Never let anyone make that decision for you. Your pastor should not make that decision for you. Even your parents don't have a say on whom you marry. If they are born again, they can counsel you but God has put the decision solely in your hands. Don't let tradition or custom determine whom you marry. Don’t let anyone confuse you with prophecy or revelation. Let it be the Lord guiding you to the most suitable choice for your life. Only God knows His purpose for your life, so only He can tell you whom to marry. Your parents or family members are not gonna live with you and they don't know God's agenda for you, so never marry to please them. Whom to marry is your SOLE decision. Let God therefore guide you and stick with God's choice for your life. Did you know that God in His Word gave you alone the power to choose and no one else? The Bible says, "This is the thing which the LORD doth command concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, Let them marry to whom they think best; only to the family of the tribe of their father shall they marry." (Numbers 36:6) In the New Testament the Bible also says, "The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married TO WHOM SHE WILL; only in the Lord." (1 Corinthians 7:39). Please notice the ONLY IN THE LORD in the passage.

VIRGIN, BUT UNSAVED

It is good and proper to keep yourself a virgin before you are married but virginity is useless if you are not born again. Jesus said except a man is born again he cannot enter the Kingdom of God. He did not say except a man remains a virgin. God is not committed to you because you are a virgin but because you are born again. If you are not a virgin but you become born again, God will be committed to your life. The Bible says, "For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ." (2 Corinthians 11:2)

WHO IS YOUR LOVE?

If you are disobeying God and committing sin on account of your relationship to someone, it means you love that person more than God. How could you love human being that can die at any time more than God? Do you not know that such sinful relationship could lead you to hell? Jesus said, "If your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away! It is much better for you to lose one of your limbs than to have your whole body go off to hell." (Matthew 5:30 GNB) If your relationship is your source of joy and happiness, then you have set up yourself for sorrow and sadness. No human being can make you happy. In the long run, he/she may break your heart. Let your joy be in God and the action of a man or woman will not affect your joy. I see young sisters and brothers become depressed and some suicidal because someone broke their heart or cheated on them. Whereas I pray you have a fulfilling relationship and marriage, you must let God be your only source of joy and pleasure. The Bible says, "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." (Psalms 16:11)

WEDDING HURDLES

Parents and churches should stop frustrating people from getting married with all forms of human rules. If a sister and a brother have found themselves and want to be married, let them marry. It is better for them to marry than to be burning with desire to have sex and sin. Churches that puts a lot of hurdles on the path of those who wants to be married are acting contrary to God's word. You are not less spiritual if you cannot control yourself and you marry. But I must also warn the intending couples that they should not just go into marriage simply because of sex. However, it is better you marry quickly than to fall into sin. The Bible says, "But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn. But if any man think that he behaveth himself uncomely toward his virgin, if she pass the flower of her age, and need so require, let him do what he will, he sinneth not: let them marry." (1 Corinthians 7:9&36)

SPIRITUAL HUSBAND

There is nothing like a spiritual husband. If you are not born again, it is possible to have a demon tormenting you and disguise as a spiritual husband. But if you are born again, you are a new creation in Christ and you are far above principalities and power. Do not let anyone deceive you, telling you that you have a spiritual husband. The Bible says, "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:" (Colossians 2:8-10)

QUICKIE SEX

Sex is not just a few minutes' pleasure you get and move on. Sex joins people's soul (that is life) together. When people have sex they become one. They establish a covenant with each other. Their souls become mixed and joined. The Bible says, "Don't you know that a man who does that becomes part of her body? The Scriptures say, "The two of them will be like one person."" (1 Corinthians 6:16 CEV) So, your entire being is joined to the person you have sex with. That is why God only permitted sex between a man and his wife. There is nothing like free sex or quickie. Every sexual intercourse has spiritual and physical consequences. The more people you have sex with, the more people your life is joined with. Satanic or demonic activities going on in the people's life would easily flow into your life because you have become one with the person. There is nothing like free or cheap sex anywhere. You gonna pay with your soul for every sinful sexual intercourse you have except if you repent and know how to use the name of Jesus to cancel the joining and free yourself. The Bible says, "So run away from sexual sin. It involves the body in a way that no other sin does. So if you commit sexual sin, you are sinning against your own body." (1 Corinthians 6:18 ERV)

MY INTERVIEW WITH CHRISTIAN SINGLE WOMAN

An online Christian Singlewoman Magazine based in the United States of America interviewed me some time ago on Christian Single Woman and marriage. You can read the full interview here.

CSW: You did a study on the types of women a man should not marry, but can you highlight the type(s) of woman a Christian single man should look to marry?

OM: I did the study primarily because my audience is the Christian man. There is wisdom in knowing what not to do. It's wonderful to know what to do and equally important to know what not to do. I discovered from the scripture that the scripture speaks a lot on the kind of spouse we should avoid. For example the Bible says, "And I find more bitter than death the woman, whose heart is snares and nets, and her hands as bands: whoso pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be taken by her. (Ecclesiastes 7:26). That means the Lord would have a man avoid the woman whose heart is snares and nets. However, the scripture also reveals the types of women the Christian man should look to marry. They can be found in all the pages of the scripture.

Because of space I will mention only five. I will simply examine some attributes in the life of five women in the scripture. They were not perfect but they pleased the Lord and God has set them for us as an example of the kind of women Christian men should seek. What's more important is to look at the attributes in their lives that the scripture focuses on. Every human is unique and no one can be replicated. But the attributes of God's life in a person can be replicated. SARAH TYPE: But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement. (1 Peter 3:4-6)

It is a great honour to be called a daughter of Sarah. This is because it shows that the person has connected with the attributes that the Holy Spirit commended in the life of Sarah. The Sarah type is the woman whose inner life is deep in Christ. This is the woman who pays most attention to eternal things. She's meek and quiet in spirit. It is wonderful to note that the Bible says; to be meek and of a quiet spirit in the sight of God is of great price. In the sight of men, it's not so. The natural man thinks such a woman is stupid and foolish. To be meek is to be like Jesus who said of Himself that He's meek and lowly. Jesus would never have saved us if he was not meek. The natural man wants to hold on to rights but Christ, for our sake, gave up His rights and died for us.

The Sarah type understands this and does not have any problem with submission or humility. The Sarah type is a submissive woman, whose submission is a flow of the life of Christ within her rather than a compulsion from the environment. She is the holy type who does not live carelessly or given to worldliness. She's not a woman living in sin.

ABIGAIL TYPE: "Now the name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail: and she was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man was churlish and evil in his doings, and he was of the house of Caleb." (1 Samuel 25:3)

Abigail is a wonderful character in the bible. She got the best introduction any woman could get. The Holy Spirit introduced her to us as a woman of good understanding. That means she was a woman of wisdom. If the Holy Spirit would say

someone is of good understanding, we better believe and regard the person as such. She demonstrated in futures verses why she was judged to be of good understanding. She kept David away from committing sin, saved her household and never disrespected her wicked husband. Therefore, the Abigail type is the woman who will not encourage a man to commit sin in any way. This is a woman who would say NO to advances of sin from a man. She's a woman who can intercede for her household. She's a woman full of respect and wisdom. She can build her home because the Bible says; by wisdom, a house is built. May every Christian man find an Abigail in their spouse – Amen.

THE RUTH TYPE: And Ruth said, "Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me". (Ruth 1:16-17) Even as a man, I have always been fascinated by the commitment of Ruth. It has been my prayer for years now that the Lord would help me to be as committed as Ruth and if possible much more than that. The relationship is about commitment. It's more than feeling and a desire for sex. It's a covenant commitment. Unfortunately, most people getting married do not even have a clue of what commitment is all about. That explains the pains experienced in relationships.

But Ruth presented us a classical example of what commitment should be. She was committed to the point of death, without expecting anything in return. A Christian man should, therefore, seek to marry a woman who knows and understands commitment.

TIMOTHY TYPE: The Lord specifically mentioned, in the book of Timothy, the type of woman a Christian man should have. Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. (1 Timothy 3:11) Earlier verses had mentioned the qualities of a Bishop/Elder and verve 11 is showing us how their wives also must be. I believe this verse does not only apply to Church leaders wives but every Christian man. This is a woman 'faithful in all things'. She's the serious type who does not live carelessly. She does not go about back-biting, or slandering. May we all receive grace to be faithful in all things.

THE VIRTUOUS TYPE: There is no way one could talk about the type of woman a Christian man should look to marry without drawing attention to the woman mentioned in Proverbs 31. In my opinion, she's the embodiment of all that a Christian woman should be. Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trusts in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. (Proverbs 31:10-11) Time and space would not allow me to look in detail this woman. It's important to note that even God is asking, 'who can find a virtuous woman?' She's not your average woman. She's expensive to the point that money cannot buy her. She's not the woman that can be tricked with wealth. She's of the best quality; full of wisdom and industrious. The man can completely put his heart in her hands and find safety. All the attributes of Sarah, Ruth, Abigail and much more, can be found in her. she's the ideal woman for every Christian man to look to marry.

CSW: What characteristics are most appealing to you in a Christian single woman?

OM: I will start to answer this question from where I ended by looking at the concluding verse on the virtuous woman. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. (Proverbs 31:30). This verse has helped to form my basis of what I find attractive or most appealing in a Christian single woman. I do not place emphasis on beauty or feelings but on the woman's relationship with the Lord. This is very important to me and it's the first and most appealing thing to me in a single Christian woman. A woman, who has the passion for the Lord and walking in obedience, is most attractive to me. I also find attractive a Christian single woman who is given to the word of God. In my opinion, a woman's attitude to the word of God is an expression of her relationship with God. I, therefore, look for a woman who is filled with the word of God. Not because she wants to minister with it but because she loves the Lord. I must admit I like a woman given to prayer. I believe as we grow in the Lord, so must our prayer life become richer and deeper. A praying life is also a reflection of that person's dependence on the Lord. These are the three basic things that I find appealing in a Christian single woman. Other things are not priorities to me. Although, I do like a woman with a sense of humour and with eyes for books.

CSW: As a men's bible study leader, how do you encourage Christian single men to prepare for marriage or how are you preparing for marriage?

OM: After a careful search of the scripture I came to an understanding that the best and only way to prepare for marriage is to be Christ-like. This is therefore what I share with other Christian men. A man would only be able to love his spouse as Christ loved the Church if he's Christ-like. A Christ-like man would cherish and care for his spouse without any struggle. He will not have a problem with faithfulness. He will be the best dad because Jesus is the best dad. He will be a great lover because Jesus is a great lover. I, therefore, concentrate my prayer and effort at becoming like Jesus. I believe every Christian man should allow the Holy Spirit to break them and let the life of Christ flow through them.

There is no other alternative. Jesus was a prayerful man and full of God's word. I believe every Christian single man should be likewise. Studying the scripture, giving attention to prayer, reading Christian books and walking in the ways of the Lord could all help, but a submission to the dealings and breaking of the Holy Spirit is the best form of preparation. For example, have been praying to the Lord to teach me how to love. The Holy Spirit has been taking me through paths where I am confronted with the issue of love. Gradually am learning what true love is. This I believe is a great preparation for me to love my wife when the time comes. By the grace of God am learning to be patient and depend on God in my daily life. I believe life is the school of marriage. The Lord takes us through those paths because he knows what lies ahead.

CSW: Though you are constantly pouring out and encouraging others, what would you say has been the best piece of advice or encouragement that you have ever received that has blessed you as a Christian single?

OM: Incidentally, there are so many of such. But I think there is one in particular that really changed everything for me. At some point, I was disturbed about the issue of who and when am going to get married. Then the word of God came to me that I should completely be at rest that God is in control. I then discovered that when God is interested in a man, He is also interested in all aspects of his life, marriage inclusive. Since that day have been at rest and never allowed myself to be moved. The word came to me in a powerful and assuring manner. That has given rise to peace that truly surpasses all understanding.

CSW: Women always seem to outnumber men in church and ministry settings and we tend to believe that Christian men have it easy because you all have so many single women to choose from. So why do you think many Christian single men who say they want to be married are choosing to stay single?

OM: Let me start by saying that Christian men are not finding it easy to choose because there are so many women. The more the women are the more difficult it becomes making a choice. It may be easy to make a choice between two but much more complex making choice among one hundred. So the increase in number does not make things easy. Moreover, both the man and the woman must trust the Lord to make the right choice, so no one is at an advantage than the other. I believe there could be several reasons why Christian single men who say they want to be married are choosing to stay single. Some of the reasons could be economic, fear etc. However, for a true Christian single man, there are few reasons, which I think may be applicable. He may genuinely not find a committed Christian single woman. He may be waiting upon the Lord. It could also be due to lack of wisdom or the fear of failing because of the prevailing failures around. Other reasons could be private and personal to individuals.

CSW: Many Christian singles are depressed by the fact that they are still single; some are caught in what you've called an emotional trap. Do you think the church does enough to address this or is it really a matter of Christian singles developing a personal relationship with Christ to counter these feelings and find their joy and worth in Him?

OM: I think it's both ways. The Church is not doing enough to address this issue because Church leaders may lack in the experience and grace to handle such matter. It's also true that a personal relationship with Christ would easily have taken care of the problem. Women must understand that they don't need the love of a man to live a fulfilling life. All the love we would ever need can be found in Jesus. Marriage was created so that man can effectively fulfil the purpose of God. Marriage, therefore, was established that the purpose of God might be done. We must never depend on another man/woman for our sustenance; God only is our sustenance. Depression for being single is a clear sign that the person does not understand what marriage is. It's also a clear sign that the person does not have a deep walk with the Lord. I hope to find a spouse someday and be married, but if that does not happen, I will happy and fulfilled because my joy comes from the Holy Spirit. The Bible says the joy of the Lord is my strength.

CSW: How are you addressing this via the bible study that you lead?

OM: I help people understand and develop their relationship with the Lord. I also explain what marriage is. When we understand the purpose of marriage, then we will not have any problem being single. Let me give this illustration. A friend called his friend to let her know he may be inviting her to his place so that she comes and help throw the trash away. For two weeks he did not call her and she became depressed. The question is why is she depressed? She either does not know what she was called to do or she has an ulterior motive.

CSW: Finally, what advice would you offer Christian single women when choosing a mate?

OM: I would advise the following: A woman should get deeper in Christ. The deeper she is in the Lord, the easier she can tell how deep a man is in the Lord Seek to understand the purpose of God in marriage Make a man's relationship with the Lord her number one quality in choosing a mate Should not give a second thought to a man who asks for sex before marriage Remain prayerful and take every proposal to the Lord in prayer Be patient and wait upon the Lord Don't choose an unbeliever, a babe in Christ, a lukewarm Christian, a backsliding Christian or an uncommitted Christian Never choose based on feelings but on reason and the leading of the Lord Above all, trust in the Lord and lean not on your own understanding Lastly, wait upon the Lord, again I say wait.

HOW DO I KNOW GOD'S CHOICE OF A PARTNER FOR MY LIFE?

Most Christian men and women get to a point in their lives where they ask this question. "How can I know the person God wants for me?" This is an important question any single Christian should ask. However, we seem not to know how to ask that question correctly. The problem is not how to know who God wants you to marry but how to know the voice of the Lord. Jesus said my sheep hear my voice. God is not interested in one aspect (relationship and marriage) of your life but your whole life. He must be Lord over all the affairs of your life. So you should rather seek to know His voice generally or His leading in every decision you make in life. When you do that, it becomes easier to know His voice on whom to marry. Our problem is that we don't care about knowing Him and letting Him lead us in all situations of our lives but we want Him to tell us who to marry. You cannot use God and God is not mocked. Seek Him for who He is. Know Him intimately. Be a sheep that hears (obeys) His voice. Spend your youthful years loving, serving and knowing God. Then when it comes to the time you have to marry you shall know whom to marry. Surrender all your life to Him. He has someone for you. God gives spouse and adds no sorrow to it. The Bible says, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye. (Psalms 32:8)

MEN'S SECRET REVEALED

Erection can make a man say anything. Erection can be intoxicating. It can make a wicked man suddenly becomes caring. A lot of men are controlled by their erection rather than by the Holy Spirit. Their erection determines their direction. Erection makes most men to open their mouth and say sweet things to women. A man under the influence of erection is like a possessed man. He has lost control of himself. He can do unimaginable things when controlled by his erection. When he says, 'I love you', it is his erection speaking. If the Holy Spirit is not the one controlling him, you can be sure it is his erection. Beware! Be discerning! The Bible says, "I keep my body under control and make it my slave, so I won't lose out after telling the good news to others." (1 Corinthians 9:27 CEV)

IMPOTENT DECEIVING BROTHERS

There are men out there who are sexually impotent. They have erection dysfunctional problem. Instead of seeking help, they look for women to deceive into marriage. Some have succeeded in deceiving even Christian sisters into marriage. They hide under the pretence that they are born again and do not want to have sex until marriage. The sister also, thinking she has found a godly brother jumps into marriage only to discover that she cannot have sexual please and even children from her husband. Because of this, women of the world ensure that they have sex with the person they want to marry before marriage to be absolutely sure he can perform. Christians cannot do this. Moreover, what if he can perform before marriage but suddenly cannot perform in marriage? What then is the way out for Christian sisters? It is simple. Let the Holy Spirit lead you. Only God knows the heart and condition of every man. With the Holy Spirit, you will never make mistake. Therefore, grow in your relationship with the Holy Spirit and you will end up making the right decisions in life. The Bible says, "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil." (Proverbs 3:5-7)

GOING TO HEAVEN OR CHURCH?

As you prayerfully make the choice of the person to marry, do not confuse a man/woman that goes to church with a man/woman that is going to heaven. Everyone going to heaven will go to church but not everyone going to church is going to heaven. Marry someone that is committed and passionate about going to Heaven. The Bible says, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 7:21)

IS JESUS AT THE CENTRE OF IT ALL?

The most important thing, after all, is said and done that will guide you to marry right is your relationship with Jesus Christ. Many neglect the relationship with the Saviour to pursue a relationship with persons. If you know Jesus as you should, you will marry right and have a God fulfilled marriage. If you neglect the relationship with Jesus Christ, every other relationship you are involved in will ultimately suffer. The Bible says, "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." (John 17:3 KJV) When your relationship with the Lord is in order, your relationship with your spouse would also be in order. Every relationship problem is the result of the defects in the persons' relationship with the Lord. The Bible says, "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ..." (2 Peter 3:18)

IS IT LOVE OR INFATUATION?

Love and Infatuation are not even closely related. So, if u find yourself trying to differentiate between them, then know that you don't know what love is. You have only known infatuation. If you find yourself debating in your heart if what you are feeling is either love or infatuation, then you need not debate further; it is infatuation. Love is not a feeling. Infatuation is a feeling. Love is a decision. The Bible says, "Love is patient and kind; it is not jealous or conceited or proud; love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable; love does not keep a record of wrongs; love is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth. Love never gives up; and its faith, hope, and patience never fail." (1 Corinthians 13:4-7 GNB)

DECEPTIVE MEN AND WOMEN

The problem is not that men pretend or women pretend. The truth is that YOU cannot tell the difference between a true child of God and a religious or deceptive person. So, it is not the person pretending that is the problem but you who cannot tell the difference. Those who know original currency well, will not fall victim of fake currency. If you truly know the Lord and you are walking in the Spirit, no one can pretend or deceive you. The Bible says, "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. Beware of false prophets (and those who pretend to be born again), which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits (not by their works, words or appearance). Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Wherefore by their fruits (not by their works, words or appearance) ye shall know them." (Galatians 5:16 Matthew 7:15-20)

HE IS AFTER YOUR UNDERWEAR

A man can be nice and extremely caring when he is after your pant. Do not confuse that to mean he is born again. After he is satisfied, his real and true nature will manifest. There is a kindness of a man that comes from his relationship with Christ and there is a kindness that comes from a man's desire to have you. How can you tell the difference? It is simple. By knowing Jesus enough so that you can tell the difference between the fruit of Christ and the fruit of man. Knowing Jesus and having a concerted relationship with Him keeps you from the deceit of men. The Bible says, "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:31-32)

CHECK YOUR CONDUCT ONLINE

You exchange nude pictures online, engage in unholy chat, show your breasts on the webcam and you claim to seek a godly man. You are a joker and you are deceiving only yourself. Repent and make your ways right with God. The Bible says, "Come back to your right senses and stop your sinful ways. I declare to your shame that some of you do not know God." (1 Corinthians 15:34 GNB)

CALL A SPADE A SPADE

The world has changed several things and substituted their own words for the word of God or for the true meaning of word. This is in attempt to change or reduce the weight the original words carry. Here are a few examples: 1. Crush has replaced Lust. 2. Affairs has replaced adultery. 3. Gay has replaced sodomy. 4. Abortion has replaced murder. 5. Making love has replaced fornication. 6. Gf/Bf has replaced unequal yoking. 7. Don't judge me has replaced don't correct me. 8. Bad has replace sinful 9. We are getting down has replaced we are committing sexual immorality. 10. 'She is hot' has replaced 'I am lusting for sex with her'. Call a spade a spade. Don't say 'what I have done is bad'. Say, 'what I have done is sinful'. That way you will see the need to cry to God for forgiveness and repentance. When you call sin by romantic names, repentance becomes difficult.

HIPS DO LIE!

Don't get it twisted, hips do lie. Someone once sang that hips don't lie. That's not true. Hips do lie. Hips have deceived some men and turn them into a piece of bread. When a man falls for hips, his value is reduced to a piece of bread. The Bible says, "For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life." (Proverbs 6:26)

DO NOT MARRY MAKEUP

Don't get carried away with his handsome look or her perfectly formed body. Don't allow artificial hair, nails, and colour to capture your heart. Don't be blinded by that smooth looking skin and the deceitfully packaged breasts. The Bible says, "Grace and beauty can fool you, but a woman (and man) who respects the LORD should be praised. (Proverbs 31:30 ERV)

WEAK MAN VS SOFT MAN

There is a clear difference between a soft man and a weak man. The weak man cannot make decisions by himself. He is easily controlled by his spouse, Pastor, friends, family and the society. A soft man, on the other hand, is firm but considerate. He is decisive but not hash. He is focused but patient. He is not a fool; he is just kind and loving. "For I was my father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother." (Proverbs 4:3)

ABOUT TO WED?

This is to all who are planning their wedding or about getting married. I know you are excited. I know you cannot wait for that date to come. You cannot stop dreaming of your wedding night and the showers of affection from friends and family on the day. You are thinking of unlimited access to sex, someone to cuddle every night, meals on the table as at when due. You are excited you finally have someone to support you; someone you can call your own. I understand this is how you feel. Let me tell you what most people did not know until they got married. You do not have to be married to know what I am about to say to you. It is better you know it before marriage than to discover it yourself after the wedding. Now, listen to it. Do not make the PLEASURES of marriage your pursuit, let your pursuit be the PURPOSE of marriage. You will be greatly disappointed if it is the pleasures of marriage that are the driving force behind your joy and excitement. You will find fulfilment if it is the purpose of marriage that is the reason for your joy. Pursue marriage for its God-

intended purpose, not for pleasure and every single day in it will be awesome from day one till death do you apart. The Bible says, "The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot. The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage. I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons. I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope." (Psalms 16:5-9)

LOVE IS NOT FEELING

You can have feelings for someone you love, but love is not a feeling. Love is an action, which is the product of your deliberate decision to give yourself to someone. Look at this scripture, "Love is patient and kind; it is not jealous or conceited or proud; love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable; love does not keep a record of wrongs; love is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth. Love never gives up; and its faith, hope, and patience never fail. Love is eternal. There are inspired messages, but they are temporary; there are gifts of speaking in strange tongues, but they will cease; there is knowledge, but it will pass. (1 Corinthians 13:4-8 GNB) Did you see love is a feeling in it? Now, you understand. Love is not a feeling.

BREAKING THE CYCLE OF SEXUAL SIN

There are times when you don't want to have sex. You know it is sinful. You felt bad the last time it happened and promised yourself not to do it again until you are married. However, you met this person again, and 'Boom!' it happens again, and you start going through a circle of guilt, shame and self-defeat. Do you know why you are always falling? You are violating God's wisdom for overcoming sexual sin. Let me show you. The Bible says, "Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. (1 Corinthians 6:18 KJV) You are not fleeing. You are dancing around something God says you should keep off. Cut off every visitation that leads to sin. Break away from every friendship/relationship that leads to sin. You are not wiser than God; He says FLEE.

THE MOUTH AND THE HEART OF MAN

The mouth of a man is different from his heart. Don't get carried away by the mouth of a man. Wait until his heart is revealed. Only God can reveal to you the true condition of a man's heart; that's why you must wait on the Lord before you say yes to any man. The Bible says, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings." (Jeremiah 17:9-10). Your feelings will deceive you. Learn to wait on the Lord. If you are truly born again and you walk in the light of Jesus, no man will be able to deceive you. Jesus said by their fruit you shall know them. For you to know them by their fruit, you must first have the fruit of Christ in you.

FLEE FROM THE FOOLISH WOMAN

If a man wants to die before his time, all he needs to do is to marry a woman that lacks discretion (a brawling or a foolish woman). Let's read what the Bible says about marrying such a woman. 1. "It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house." (Proverbs 21:9) 2. "It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman and in a wide house." (Proverbs 25:24) 3. "It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman." (Proverbs 21:19) God is saying it is better not to marry than to marry such a woman. Brethren, be careful and prayerful.

SHUT YOUR MOUTH O MAN

Men should shut their mouth and stop saying that it is the manner women dress that is making them misbehave sexually. Joseph was offered sex on a platter of gold, but he refused. He was seduced but never compromised. He saw a naked body, yet he did not give in. Let the Lord deal with the lust in your heart and stop blaming women for your lack of self-control.

7 THINGS YOU MUST SETTLE BEFORE MARRIAGE

1. Divorce will never be an option 2. You will love your spouse unreservedly. 3. You will endure with your spouse no matter the challenge. 4. You will never cheat emotionally and physically on your spouse. 5. Your family will never come between you. 6. Your money and resources will be jointly owned. 7. The Word of God will be the only guide for your marriage.

GOOD MARRIAGE IS BETTER THAN ROMANTIC PROPOSAL

It is easy for a man to kneel down and propose to you in front of crowds of people. It's is beautiful and emotional and most ladies probably wishes for that. But it is better for the man to love you when you are alone and to remain faithful to you all the days of your life. A fulfilled marriage is better than an emotional proposal.

THE DECEITFULNESS OF PHYSICAL ATTRACTION

If the physical look is what attracted you to your wife, you will soon get tired of her and start admiring other females you consider more beautiful than your wife. No matter how physically beautiful your wife is, she will not continue to be that beautiful unless you see beauty in her that is beyond the skin. The Bible says, "Fair looks are a deceit, and a beautiful form is of no value; but a woman who has the fear of the Lord is to be praised." (Proverbs 31:30 BBE) Do not marry a lady because of her beauty. If beauty is the reason for getting into a relationship or the reason for running after a woman, you will end up breaking your heart and hers. This is the reason God says, "Let not your heart's desire go after her fair body; let not her eyes take you prisoner." (Proverbs 6:25 BBE)

SINGLE BUT MARRIED

"But I want you to be without care. He who is unmarried cares for the things of the Lord-how he may please the Lord. But he who is married cares about the things of the world-how he may please his wife." (1 Corinthians 7:32-33). Stop living your single life as if you are married. Your time of being single is a great opportunity to devout your life completely to Jesus and seek to please Him alone.

GUARD YOUR FEELING

Your feeling is your greatest strength and weakness. Your feelings can make you or destroy you. The person you decide to give your feelings to can make your life memorable or miserable. This is why God wants to take control of your feelings. You cannot manage your feelings by yourself. The plan of God is to have your feeling governed by the Holy Spirit; that way, your feelings will not mislead you. The Bible says, "And because we belong to Christ Jesus, we have killed our selfish feelings and desires. God's Spirit has given us life, and so we should follow the Spirit." (Galatians 5:24-25 CEV)

KEEP-OFF THE IMMATURE MAN

A man can pursue you for years to marry you, but after you marry him, he begins to careless and maltreats you. That is the difference between a mature man and the immature man. All his care and love earlier on was based on your newness to him and the way he feels at that time. He does not understand that love is a commitment, not a feeling. Marriage is a commitment to love one another unconditionally for life. That's the only way to keep the relationship, fresh, growing and glowing. Unmarried sisters should be careful not to marry an immature man. The Bible says, "A wise, mature person is known for his understanding. The more pleasant his words, the more persuasive he is." (Proverbs 16:21 GNB)

BEWARE OF BABIES IN MEN'S CLOTHING

Sisters, beware of children in men's clothing. They come to you as an adult man, but inside them, they are babies. Their parents control them, and they prefer to listen to their parents than their wife. Such men would only frustrate their wives. A man will leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife, but a child will leave his wife and cleave to his parents. You have been warned! The Bible says, "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." (Genesis 2:24)

HANDLING SEX IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP

As a Christian young lady, if you are the one telling your man that you don't want to have sex until after marriage, you are already in a wrong relationship. The man who will be the head of your home should take the lead in the matter of purity. The man, if he is truly a child of God, should be the one setting the standard of keeping yourselves. The man you drag to God will pull you away from God. A real, genuine, born again Christian brother will not want to sin against God and will not want his fiancée also to sin against God. Joseph, a man like any other, said, "...how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" (Genesis 39:9) That's a true Christian man speaking not the fake one that will even attempt to rape you.

CHOOSE BY FAITH NOT BY FEELING

The best way to live a miserable life is to live by your feelings. The best way to be frustrated in life is to let your feelings determine your relationship. You can choose your spouse either by your feelings or by faith. To choose by faith is to choose according to the Word of God. To choose by feelings is to choose according to your emotion and knowledge. The choice is yours.

ARE YOU READY TO BE A WIFE?

You are not qualified to be a wife simply because you have fully formed breasts and fully developed genitals. You only need to eat to have those formed. A wife is made. A wife can manage the home, instruct the children, maximize resources, stand strong in difficult times. A wife is prayerful, she's filled with the Word of God. She brings favour and help into the life of her husband. She's not just a woman but a wife. The Bible says, "House and riches are the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife is from the LORD." (Proverbs 19:14)

DON'T BE SCARED OF MARRIAGE

Singles, do not let anyone scare you about marriage. Do not let the marital failures you see around you affect you. If you follow a very simple principle told us by Jesus Christ, you will get married right and your marriage will be a huge success. Here is the secret, "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock." (Matthew 7:24-25)

SEEKING A SPOUSE?

Do not pre-occupy yourself with finding a man or a woman. Be pre-occupied with the purpose and will of God. You will only become frustrated when all your attention is finding a marriage partner. Marriage is not a do or die affair but it is the will of God for you. God created marriage, not you. When you go about God's business, God will take care of your own business. Stop chasing relationships as if your life depends on it. Chase God with all of your heart. David chased the Lord with all his heart and God located him in the bush when the time to favour him came. Go and do

likewise. Make the word of God your delight. Live for Jesus. Love God and serve Him. Your life and eternity depend on your relationship with God. The Bible says, "One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple." (Psalms 27:4)

BEWARE OF THESE MEN

1. Beware of a serial toaster. A man who is talking to several ladies at a time is certainly not led by the Spirit. 2. Beware of a man who has a woman in his life but is still asking you for a relationship. His rationale is always that he is sorting things out. He is a carnal brother. Don't go near him. 3. Beware of a man who claims to be born again but he is not committed to the things of God. He is a deceit. 4. Beware of a man who loves to chat about sex. The Bible says out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. He is filled with lust. 5. Beware of a man who talks about relationship but not marriage. The institution that God created is marriage and any relationship that is not a step to marriage is worthless. 6. Beware of church workers who are also sin workers. A man may be so deeply involved in church activities but still living in sin. He is a time bomb. 7. Beware of a man who professes so much love for you but does not care about your spiritual life and purity. A true child of God will be mostly concerned about your walk with Jesus Christ. 8. Beware of a man who does not respect your relationship. You have told him you have someone in your life but he is still disturbing you. He is not a child of God. Period! 9. Beware of men who are too persistent; almost forcing you to say yes. A child of God does not do that because he trusts in the Lord and knows that anyone God has ordained for him will be his. 10. Beware of men who are always talking about success and money but never about serving God or eternity. Their heart is not set on things above.

THE TRAGEDY OF MAKING MARITAL CHOICE

A great tragedy that I have seen is that young Christian men and women who attend Church for years are never taught about Biblical principles for marriage. Many of them are now faced with the decision of relationship and marriage but lacked the basic understanding of the mind of God to make right decisions. Therefore, there seems to be no difference between believers and unbelievers when it comes to relationship and marriage. This is why many are falling into terrible relationships and miserable marriages. O! What a tragedy!

WON'T AGREE TO NO SEX BEFORE MARRIAGE?

You don't need anyone to agree with you not to have sex until marriage. You are the one that should agree with yourself that you will obey God by keeping your body until you are married. If you don't open your legs, nothing will happen in between. Purity is not about two parties. It is about you. It is not a joint decision; it is your personal decision. If someone does not share that view with you, you have no business with such a person. Do not compromise your life because of human beings who have their breath in their nostrils and can die at any moment. Holiness is your personal decision so, stop making excuses. The Bible says, "But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: (Ephesians 5:3, 1 Thessalonians 4:3)

ARE YOU ATTRACTING GOD?

You cannot be courting dogs and hope to find yourself married to a lion. The Bible says, "As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly. The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion." (Proverbs 26:11, 28:1)

THE WICKED MAN

You are a very wicked man if you are using marriage to threaten a lady to have sex with you. She wants to honour God by keeping herself until marriage but you want to defile her and make her disobey God, you are a wicked man. Don't you understand that you are directly fighting God with such action? God will judge you unless you repent. ~ #OlusegunMokuolu SISTERS... It is when you have elevated marriage above God in your heart that you compromise in order to keep a man in your life. That is when you have sex even when you know it is a sin.

THE TRUE STORY OF MARRIAGE

“And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.” (Genesis 2:18, 2:21-25) Here are the lessons in the story: 1. God created the marriage with His own purpose in mind. 2. Marriage was created for the man created in the likeness of God. 3. The man that needed marriage was busy serving

God. 4. It was God who saw the need for a woman and met the need. 5. The woman was a HELP 6. The woman was made by God. 7. The woman was brought to the man by God. 8. The man saw the woman the way he saw himself; bone of bones and flesh of flesh. 9. What the man called the woman is what the woman is known by. 10. They were both naked and not ashamed. 11. The man cleaved to the woman. 12. They served God together. This is the true story of marriage according to the Word of God. Any other story outside the Word of God is not the story of marriage as God intended it to be.

A MESSAGE TO VIRGINS

"I promised I was going to keep my virginity for my husband but I met this guy and I was so much in love with him that I gave him my virginity. I later realized he did not care about me and I regret making the foolish mistake of sleeping with him." This is the kind of story I hear too often. It is amazing how young ladies do not learn from the mistakes of those before them. The only way you can preserve your virginity is to keep it until your wedding day. Don't allow feelings to take over your reasoning. Don't carelessly give away something you can never have back. Learn from the mistake of others. If a man truly loves you, he will wait for you. If a man loves you he will not defile your body. If he loves you, he will not lead you to sin. The Bible says, "Sin must no longer rule in your mortal bodies, so that you obey the desires of your natural self. Nor must you surrender any part of yourselves to sin to be used for wicked purposes. Instead, give yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life, and surrender your whole being to him to be used for righteous purposes." (Romans 6:12-13 GNB)

I DON'T WANT TO HAVE SEX BUT I DO

Whoever controls your feeling will control your body. It is as simple as that. This is the principle for explicit sexual photos and videos. This is the principle of the boyfriend, girlfriend relationship. Once someone is affecting your feeling, you are going to give your body to such a person. The person is going to have some form of control over your body. Your body is a slave of your feeling. Whoever controls your feeling has your body. You may not want to have sex but you just don't know how to say no to this person. The way out is to be Spirit-filled and allow your feeling to be controlled by your spirit. The Bible says, "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." (1 Corinthians 9:27)

THE STORY OF SASHA

What I am about to share with you is a true life story. Some years ago, a young lady, Sasha (not her real name) invited me to her place to meet with the man she was hoping to marry. The man would come every day to visit Sasha and I was also there every day that he was around. I interacted with the man and we got to know each other. Whenever Sasha excused herself from the living room where three of us were having a conversation, the man would make calls and right in my presence would be lying to people. I remember one day he told someone on the phone that he was held up in the traffic while he was right by my side in the house. His Character clearly revealed that he is not born again. Well, the day came when I had to travel to another state. I called sister Sasha and warned her that this man is not born again and not the kind of person a Christian sister should marry. She agreed with me and told me that she had also, noticed all that I observed and assured that she was cutting off their relationship. I warned her that if she marries this man, the relationship won't last and then I departed. The next time I was going to hear from her, she had married this man. I was shocked but kept calm. A few months later, they had a baby. Everything seems alright. Now, about a year after they got married, I found myself around the area where she lived and decided to say hello to her. When I entered the house, I met her crying with a baby in her hand. She said, "Brother Segun, you told me but I did not listen to you". I asked her what happened and she replied, "My husband is tired of the marriage and has moved on". I did not know what to say. This was many years ago. As I write this, they are not back together. She did not disobey me but the Word of God. If you are in a relationship that is not befitting for a Christian, please come out of it today before it is too late.

IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP COMPLICATED?

Relationship is extremely easy, simple, peaceful and straightforward when we follow the Word of God. There is nothing complicated about it. Complications arise when we allow our brains, feelings and the society to influence how we go about the relationship. The Bible says, "For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints." (1 Corinthians 14:33)

THE DANGERS OF FORNICATION

Most people know that fornication is a sin but still do it nonetheless. They do it because they do not know the dangers in what they are doing. I am about to release a book on this but here are the dangers of fornication (Getting intimate before marriage or outside of marriage) in brief. 1. It makes you qualified for destruction by God. (If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. 1 Corinthians 3:17). 2. Fornicating makes you a candidate for the wrath of God. (Mortify therefore your members which are upon

the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: Colossians 3:5-6 KJV). 3. Fornication could lead to untimely death. (Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death. Proverbs 7:27). 4. No fornicator is going to heaven unless he/she repent. (Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 1 Corinthians 6:9). 5. You cannot enter into the purpose of God for your life while fornicating. Your birthright in God will be suspended and eventually taken away if you don't repent. (Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. Hebrews 12:16). 6. Closed heaven upon your life, guilt, shame, wrong marriage, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, abortion, parenting outside marriage, demonic oppression, addiction to sinful movies, masturbation, intimacy with the opposite gender etc., are some of the other dangers of fornicating. Stop putting your life in danger. Jesus died so that you can be free from all sins. Fornication will not lead you anywhere. Jesus is calling you today to repent and surrender your life to Him. The Bible says, "Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body." (1 Corinthians 6:18) You can get in touch for further counselling.

PURPOSE VS PLEASURE

Singles who want to get married usually focus on the PLEASURE of marriage instead of the PURPOSE of marriage. Pleasure is a dividend, the purpose is the reason God brought you together. Do not get carried away with the pleasures marriage promises; true fulfilment in marriage is located in purpose. Even some married persons have become frustrated in their marriages because they focus so much on pleasure and not on the purpose. If you are single, let purpose guide your choice of whom you marry and if you are married, let purpose define your marriage. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his PURPOSE." (Romans 8:28)

DO YOU NEED THOSE SEMI-NUDE PHOTOS?

If you know who you are, you won't need to be nude for someone to notice you. Handover your Chronic Attention Deficiency (CAD) problem and Chronic Loneliness Disease (CLD) to Jesus today. No man can cure it except Jesus Christ. You don't need a boyfriend to affirm that you are beautiful. Don't you get it? God created you. You are the Master's piece. Close your ears to the sweet nonsense that often times, leads you to take off your clothes. You can live a meaningful life and do something great with your body instead of selling it to wicked men who loves nothing about you except the few minutes of pleasure you give them. Wake up today in the mighty name of Jesus!

SEX, BEAUTY AND GOOD FOOD CAN'T KEEP A MAN

No matter how good you are in bed, a man can always get better sex outside. He can easily get tired of having sex with you. No matter how beautiful you think you are or you try to be, there are several women more beautiful than you. Your cooking can be great, but there will always be several ladies who can cook better than you. You can never keep a man through any of these. Men by nature always want sex with someone new, lust after new beauty and have an appetite for varieties of foods. What then should you do? Marry a man that fears God. Only a man that truly fears God will love you and remain faithful to God, to himself and to you forever.

WHERE WILL I FIND A GODLY HUSBAND?

You have waited for years with no sign that you are getting married. You prayed, you fasted, you cried but no husband in view. You supported your friends who got married hoping it would bring you good luck but nothing happened. There is no godly man in view. You have looked left, right and centre but you cannot see any hope of a godly man approaching. Age is catching up with you. Everyone is asking you to get married as if you can marry yourself. It could also be that you live in a country where godliness is becoming a thing of the past and finding a godly man is like searching for a pin in the ocean. You put up a smile everywhere but deep within, you are frustrated and about to give up. You are tempted to accept whatever comes your way or give your body if that is the condition to find a man. You are beginning to doubt whether God truly exists or whether God truly assist. My sister, do not give up. When Adam needed a wife, there was no woman on the face of the earth. God got dirty and created a woman for the man. The Bible says, "And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man." (Genesis 2:22) God will bring you to your man. If truly you are trusting in God, it will surely happen. Now, rise up, rejoice and worship the Almighty God.

A REAL MAN

You are a real man if you take the lead on the matter of purity in your relationship and keep yourself until you are married. You are a real man if you will remain faithful to one woman all the days of your life and be available to father the children you bring into the world. You are a real man if you stay married to one woman all of your life and lead your family to grow in grace and the knowledge of Christ. You are a real man if you allow the Word of God to be the foundation of your marriage and you are controlled by it instead of being controlled by your family. You are a real man if you can please your wife and love her as Christ loved the Church. God is

always in search of a real man. He said, "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none." (Ezekiel 22:30)

ARE YOU DESPERATE FOR JESUS OR FOR A SPOUSE?

You should be desperate to know Jesus more and more. Don't be desperate to find a spouse. In knowing Jesus you will find all you need in life. For the Bible says, "Because by his power he has given us everything necessary for life and righteousness, through the knowledge of him who has been our guide by his glory and virtue;" (2 Peter 1:3 BBE)

CHURCH ISSUE IN RELATIONSHIP

If you are in a relationship with someone and you know you cannot woship in the church the person attends, quit the relationship. Particularly, if you are a sister and you know you won't be able to worship in the same church with the brother when you are married, leave the relationship now. Even if the man promises that he will allow you to attend your church after the wedding, don't stay in the relationship. After the wedding, in most cases, the man will want to be the man and you will have to worship with him because he is your head. If you are a brother and the sister you want to marry cannot worship in your church, stop wasting your time. Don't deceive her into marriage. Marry someone else. Marriage will end up as a place of fighting and quarrelling if the couples are not of one mind. The Bible says, "Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. (Philippians 2:2)

MAKEUP AND EXPOSED BODY

Makeup and exposed body can attract a man to your body but it won't attract him to marry you. When it comes to marriage, men (the reasonable ones) look beyond naked body and beautiful face. Your character, humility, respect, home management skills count a lot.

WRONG REASON LEADS TO WRONG MARRIAGE

If you marry for the wrong reason, you will surely marry the wrong person. When your reason is wrong, your choice will certainly be wrong. So, a wrong reason for marriage will lead you to the wrong person and a wrong person will lead to a wrong marriage. You need to first sit down and understand God's purpose for marriage. You need to learn, you need to be taught and you need patience. When your reason for marriage is right, God will lead you to the right person, which will lead to a right marriage.

FOOLISH MIND-SETS THAT LEAD WOMEN TO HEARTBREAK

1. He is lying to me because he loves me. (The Bible says love is honest). 2. I will change him when we get married. (You are not God. Only God changes people). 3. He will stop fornicating when we get married. (He will only change to adultery). 4. He was so sorry for hitting me, I will still marry him. (The beating and violence will only increase in marriage). 5. He is not born again but he is a caring man and goes to church. (Satan will manifest himself as your father-in-law when you marry him). 6. He has promised to stop smoking or drinking. (Haba! That's where your family income will go after marriage.) 7. He may be having intimacy with others but I am the one he wants to marry you. (You will soon understand what it means to have a husband that does not respect you). 8. It is normal to have sex in a relationship. (A man that does not honour the temple of God will not honour God. Do you know the implication of that?) 9. He will leave me if I don't get intimate with him. (Is he God? Let him go. Don't be a fornicator). 10. I know he is not the right man for me as a Christian but I love him. (Your feeling will soon kill you when you understand the pain of a bad marriage). The Bible says, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your MIND, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." (Romans 12:2)

HINDRANCES TO KNOWING WHOM TO MARRY

Many Single Christian brothers and sisters are praying to God to know the person God wants them to marry but the way they live their lives makes it impossible for them to know the will of God. The following will NEVER allow you to discern the mind of God on whom to marry. 1. The love of money 2. The love of this world 3. Denominationalism 4. Sinful lifestyle 5. Pre-marital sex 6. Infatuation and erotic feelings 7. The lust for beauty 8. Lack of a prayer life 9. Neglect in the reading of God's Word 10. Wrong doctrines and teachings 11. Pride 12. Living in disobedience The Bible says, "So then, my friends, because of God's great mercy to us I appeal to you: Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and

pleasing to him. This is the true worship that you should offer. Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. Then you will be able to know the will of God---what is good and is pleasing to him and is perfect." (Romans 12:1-2 GNB)

THERE ARE NO FAITHFUL MEN ANYMORE

You are posting all kinds of photos every day with men commenting on it, telling you that you are hot, sexy, sweet etc. They are telling you all that you want to hear and you are feeling on top of the world. They are asking for your number, sending you re-charge card and you think you are a celebrity. Few years down the line, you will be complaining that you cannot find any faithful man to marry. Do you think you are the kind of lady a faithful man wants to marry? Do you think packaged breasts, cleavages and shining thigh is what will land you a good husband? You better get your life together before it is too late. A wise man once said, "Remember your Creator when you are young, before the days of trouble come and the years catch up with you. They will make you say, "I have found no pleasure in them." (Ecclesiastes 12:1 GW)

CHEATING IS NOT CHEAP

It is far much easier to be faithful than to cheat. To cheat you have to keep deleting sent items, erase inbox, have fear of your woman/man going through your phone, thinking of lies and keeping a record of past lies. Emails are immediately deleted. Facebook password constantly changed. Female names saved as male names. Male names saved as female names. De-activating call waiting, looking left and right while driving because you are not sure who is watching you. Living in the fear of the unknown; running when no one is pursuing you. Just be faithful and give yourself peace of mind.

WISDOM FOR CHOOSING RIGHT MARRIAGE PARTNER

Don't give a man an answer when God has not given you an answer for the man. Don't reveal yourself unto a man until God has revealed the man unto you. The Bible says, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings." (Jeremiah 17:9-10) You cannot know the heart of a man. Only God knows it and even God has to search the heart of man to know it. This is why it is important you get God involved in your life and in the choice of whom to marry. This will prevent you from the heartache and pain people suffer in marriage. Don't allow what you see, what he tells you, your feelings

and your brain to deceive you to marry the wrong man. Let God do the choosing for you. The Bible says, "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil." (Proverbs 3:5-7)

WHY IS GOD NOT SPEAKING TO ME ABOUT WHOM TO MARRY?

You don't have time to read the Bible, you don't know how to spend quality time with God in the place of prayer, you don't allow God to lead you in the daily affairs of your life but you want God to lead you in the matter of whom to marry. That is not possible. Knowing the mind of God is not an event, it is a process. If God will speak to you, your heart must be filled with the Word of God, soaked in prayers and full of the Holy Ghost. Then, you can easily know when God is leading you. When you allow God to lead you in the daily events of your life, it will be very easy for God to lead you to the right person to marry when the time comes. See, there is no shortcut with God. You are either following Him full time or you are not. It takes some time to learn how to hear God. It took Samuel some time before he knew the leading of God. One leg in sin, one leg in God will lead you nowhere. Yield your life completely to the Holy Spirit today and it will amaze you what God has planned for you. The Bible says, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." (Romans 8:14)

COMPROMISE IS A PROCESS

Compromise does not usually occur suddenly. It is a gradual process. It starts small and grows bigger. Let me illustrate with sexual compromise. It may start with a very innocent text message or greeting. Then the greeting or messaging becomes frequent. After a while, feelings begins to develop. The two people start seeing each other often and alone. A handshake will lead to hugging. Hugging gradually becomes prolonged hugging. Pecking on the forehead, on the checks will later lead to pecking on the lips. In the meantime, your conscience is telling you that you are sinning but you will silence it by saying, 'at least we are not having sex'. Then you start kissing without touching, but that will only last for a while and touching will start. Heavy petting and caressing become normal. You keep convincing yourself that nothing is wrong since your cloth is on. After a while, the hand will start going underneath the cloth and before long, the clothes will be completely off. You then start with sex without penetration and justify yourself that you are not having intercourse. Finally, the D-Day comes, when one thing leads to another and BAAM! It is done. Then shame and regrets set in. You should have watched it when the first innocent text message or greeting happened. That's why Jesus told us, "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." (Matthew 26:41)

WHEN I WAS SEARCHING FOR A WIFE

As a single Christian brother seeking a wife, my fear was never that a sister would say NO. My only fear was that a sister who is not meant to be my wife would say YES. I, therefore, kept my mouth closed until God clearly told me, my wife. I see many brothers today are scared of sisters telling them NO. That is no problem. If she says NO, move on. Your greatest fear should be speaking to the wrong sister and she says YES. A sincere NO is better than a wrong YES. You don't have to talk to several sisters; that's a sign you are not being led by the Holy Spirit. Wait until God gives you green light and then proceed. Your appointed wife will not say NO to you. "For it is God which worketh in you [and in her] both to will and to do of his good pleasure." (Philippians 2:13)

DOES HE REALLY LOVE ME?

If a man can pay money just to be intimate with the woman, do you think he will find it difficult to lie to you that he loves you just to be intimate with you? Be careful. The real meaning of the many "I LOVE YOU" is "I WANT TO BE INTIMATE WITH YOU". How then can you tell if a man truly loves you? The answer is simple. You need to know what love is. "Love is patient and kind; it is not jealous or conceited or proud; love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable; love does not keep a record of wrongs; love is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth. Love never gives up; and its faith, hope, and patience never fail. Love is eternal..." (1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

DON'T GAMBLE WITH YOUR CHOICE OF MARRIAGE PARTNER

Courtship/Marriage relationship is not a matter of trial and error. It is not a matter of black market. You cannot afford to be careless with such important decision of your life. It is a decision that can literarily destroy you if you get it wrong. Pray, follow the word of God and be sure you are stepping into it with full assurance that under God that you have been led by the Holy Spirit to make the right choice. Anyone who allows God to guide him/her will make a right choice. The Bible says, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye." (Psalms 32:8)

MY FEAR FOR THE CHRISTIAN SINGLES

I counsel married people and also single people. I see the pain and frustration of some married people and the excitement and joy of some single people. The married wished they had listened to counsel and not make the choice they are battling with now. The single are bent on going on with their choice even when it is apparent that it is a wrong choice. The married wish that they could be single again and have the opportunity to choose right. The singles wish they are married even if the choice is wrong. I do not wish any single person to experience the agony of a bad married as I see in couples with bad marriages. Be patient, seek counsel, and obey the Word of God. Marriage is a wonderfully sweet experience when you imbibe the principles of the Word of God. But the closest description of hell is a bad marriage.

HOW TO KNOW A MAN THAT WILL LOVE YOU

Marry a man that is Christ-like and you will never for one day doubt whether he loves you or not. That is all you have to do to be loved all the days of your life in marriage. Only a Christ-like man can love you as Christ loved the Church and gave himself for her. You won't have to be asking, 'how can I know if he loves me?', if you marry a Christ-like man. It is automatic; a Christ-like man will love his wife as Christ loves the Christ. It is really that simple. A Christ-like man is not a man that goes to church or that preaches, he is a man that Christ lives and moves in Him. He has the mind and the fruit of Christ. He is a man that can say like Paul, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20) This is the man God wants all His daughters to marry. Marry such a man and all your questions about a man loving you are resolved forever. Now, you can only recognize a Christ-like man if you yourself you are Christ-like. The question is this, are you Christ-like?

DOES TRUE LOVE EXIST?

SINGLES, you are having sex with your so called lover everywhere now in disobedience to God but later you will say you don't know if true love exists. How will you know if true love exists when you are violating the Word of God? Are you also showing true love by engaging in sex outside of marriage? God is love and only those who know God and obey Him can express true love.

ENGAGING IN SIN TO PLEASE A MAN

Do not be afraid to lose a man be afraid to lose God. Don't compromise in order to keep a man in your life; it is foolishness. Don't please a man at the expense of God. The breath of a man may cease at any moment but God lives forever. Choose God

over man. Living in sin and engaging in sinful practices in a bid to keep a man or win a man is one of the greatest mistakes anyone can make. The Bible says, "This is what the LORD says: "Bad things will happen to those who put their trust in people. Bad things will happen to those who depend on human strength. That is because they have stopped trusting the LORD." (Jeremiah 17:5 ERV)

SEARCHING FOR TRUE LOVE?

God did not create you to look for true love, He created you to be true love. In the world, they search for true love in vain but in God's Kingdom, we are the true love. Jesus Christ is the only true love and only those that know Him intimately can love like Him. Jesus said, "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:12-13) Some people assume that there is another love greater than this but Jesus said there is no greater love.

THE MAN IS THE HEAD OF THE WIFE

The Bible makes it clear that the man is the head of the home and that Christ is the head of the man. The man is not the head of the home because he has money, good job nor handsome. He is the head because God ordained him so. However, being the head of the home has implications and responsibilities which I now share below: 1. God will hold the man accountable for whatever happens in the home because he is the head of the home. 2. The man is the priest and spiritual leader of the home. He must lead the family to worship God in spirit and in truth. 3. The man must set Godly examples for the wife and children. 4. The man must have a clear vision of God for the family. He must constantly hear God for the family. 5. The must show Christ to the family. Since Christ is the head of the man, he is expected to be Christlike in conduct and behaviour. 6. The man is expected to love his wife unconditionally. 7. The man must train the children in the way of the Lord. 8. The man must leave his father and mother and cleave only to his wife. 9. The man must constantly be under the control of the Holy Spirit. 10. The man must lead his family to heaven. The Bible says, "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself." (Ephesians 5:23, 25-28)

YOU CAN DO IT YOUR WAY OR GOD'S WAY

You have a choice to do things your own way or God's way. If you so choose to do it your own way, there is no problem. Just make sure you do not blame anyone when you face the consequence of doing it your own way. The Bible says, "O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." (Jeremiah 10:23)

ARE YOU HOPING TO BE MARRIED?

If you are a young man planning to be married and you know you will be beating your wife, please don't marry. It is good for you to be alone. If you know you are not capable of fathering a child and loving a woman, stay off marriage. If you will be unfaithful, then marriage is not for you. I wish you a happy single life. As a lady that wants to marry, be prepared to be submissive to your husband. If you know you cannot submit to him, please don't get married. The last time I checked, God is not about to bend His word because of you. It does not matter what this corrupt generation says, God says, "Wives submit to your own husbands in everything".

DON'T ASSUME HE IS INTERESTED IN YOU

Single Sisters; never assume a brother is interested in you until he has consciously and deliberately opened his mouth to propose marriage to you. Don't release your emotions for a man that has not made a definite decision and declaration to marry you. The Bible says, "I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, that ye stir not up, nor awake my love, until he please." (Song of Solomon 8:4)

RISKING IT ALL FOR "LOVE"

You are having intimacy with a man that has not married you. First, you risk having STDs. Secondly, when you become pregnant out of wedlock, the shame, pain and problem will be yours alone. Lastly, you are sinning against God. Who will help you when God is against you? When are you gonna wise up and respect yourself? Why can't you wait, keep yourself, marry a Godly man and raise your children in a happy home and have a wedding where you are celebrated? Don't you want a good and honourable life? The Bible says, "Foolish people! How long do you want to be foolish? How long will you enjoy making fun of knowledge? Will you never learn?" (Proverbs 1:22 GNB)

A PREGNANT THIEF

A woman that gets pregnant for a man in order to manipulate the man to marry her is a thief. Jesus said a good shepherd comes in through the door but a thief comes in through the rooftop or some other way. Let the man marry you properly and go into his house through the front door, not through the backyard. Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. (John 10:1-2)

HOW TO KNOW THE WILL OF GOD

The matter of knowing the will of God cannot be addressed in a post like this. It will require a time of teaching of the Word of God. However, let me just drop a hint here and correct one major error believers make when it comes to knowing the will of God. I have heard a lot of believers say that they had the peace of God in their mind so they concluded it must be the will of God. This is an error. There is nowhere in the Bible that suggests that having peace of mind is a way of knowing the will of God. This error has misled many and led them into error. Many are in wrong relationship and marriages today because of this error. They were choosing with their feeling and assumed it was the will of God because they had 'peace of mind'. The Bible says, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." (Romans 12:1-2) From this scripture, let me share a few things with you about knowing the will of God. 1. You must yield your life completely to God if you want to know His will. 2. You must have your mind renewed by God's word. 3. You must not love the world, the things in the world nor conform to the world. 4. You must learn to prove the will of God. 5. Knowing the will of God is a process and God must break you for you to be in a state where you can know His will. 6. You cannot know the will of God unless you have consistent relationship with Him. You must abide in Christ to know His leading.

THE SCARCITY OF GODLY MEN AND WOMEN

I find two statements in the Bible quite interesting. The Bible says, "Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?" (Proverbs 20:6) and then it also says, "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies." (Proverbs 31:10) In other words, faithful men and virtuous women are difficult to come by. There is a general scarcity of Godly men and women in the

world. Can God include your name in the few? Are you among the very few faithful men and virtuous women that God can count on? Is your heart perfect towards God? The Bible says, "For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him..." (2 Chronicles 16:9)

STOP BEING POSSESSIVE

That feeling you have that makes you think if you don't marry this person or if this person leaves your life, your life will come to an end is not love; you are simply being possessive. Some single Christian brothers and sisters are down and almost giving up on God just because another human being rejected them. Wake up! The only person that must never reject you is Jesus Christ. Get your heart together and look up to Jesus. Stop making another human being a god in your life. If Vashti goes, there is Esther in the waiting. The Bible says, "If it please the king, let there go a royal commandment from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, that it be not altered, That Vashti come no more before king Ahasuerus; and let the king give her (his) royal estate unto another that is BETTER than she (him)." (Esther 1:19)

THE LOVE OF MONEY AND MARITAL CHOICE

If you love money, don't bother praying to God about whom to marry. Even when God speaks to you about the person, you won't hear God because the love of money blocks the ears from hearing God. The Bible says, "For the love of money is a source of all kinds of evil. Some have been so eager to have it that they have wandered away from the faith and have broken their hearts with many sorrows." (1 Timothy 6:10 GNB)

MEN DON'T CARRY PREGNANCY

Single Christian sisters, please listen to me. You are in an ungodly relationship, having sex and doing all manner of stupid things. Don't you know that you are the one that will suffer most when things go wrong? When you become pregnant out of wedlock, you are the one that will carry the shame and the burden of what to do with it. If you abort the baby, you are the one that will have the sin of murder on your neck. It could affect your education and completely change the direction of your life for the worse. You say they should talk to the men, but if I know that someone will destroy my life, I will run away. I don't need anyone to talk to that person, I will talk to myself. The lives of several sisters have been made miserable

through unwanted pregnancies, fornication and sexual immorality. That man that sweeps you off your feet to his bed will soon leave you to mourn your loss. The wisdom of God is that you keep yourself. It looks simple but it will save you. Please read this Bible passage carefully, "Listen! Wisdom is calling out in the streets and marketplaces, calling loudly at the city gates and wherever people come together: "Foolish people! How long do you want to be foolish? How long will you enjoy making fun of knowledge? Will you never learn? Listen when I reprimand you; I will give you good advice and share my knowledge with you. I have been calling you, inviting you to come, but you would not listen. You paid no attention to me. You have ignored all my advice and have not been willing to let me correct you. So when you get into trouble, I will laugh at you. I will make fun of you when terror strikes--- when it comes on you like a storm, bringing fierce winds of trouble, and you are in pain and misery. Then you will call for wisdom, but I will not answer. You may look for me everywhere, but you will not find me. You have never had any use for knowledge and have always refused to obey the LORD. You have never wanted my advice or paid any attention when I corrected you. So then, you will get what you deserve, and your own actions will make you sick. Inexperienced people die because they reject wisdom. Stupid people are destroyed by their own lack of concern. But whoever listens to me will have security. He will be safe, with no reason to be afraid." (Proverbs 1:20-33 GNB)

DON'T BE NAIVE LADY

Don't be naive; a man will do everything to sweep you off your feet so that he can easily carry you to his bed. Stop being naive, wake up! If the sweeping off your feet is leading to sin, then it is a wicked sweeping. When he has satisfied his lust, he will sweep you out of his life. Then, your eyes will be heavy with tears, heartbroken, confused and in pain. Wake up and follow God's Purpose, Process and Pattern for relationship as contained in His Word. That's your only safe zone. Wake up. The Bible says, "Don't be fools, then, but try to find out what the Lord wants you to do." (Ephesians 5:17 GNB)

FOOLISH THINGS YOUNG PEOPLE DO IN RELATIONSHIP

1. FORNICATE: They engage in pre-marital sex which is a sin. They defile their bodies through this sexual sin and make themselves to incur the wrath of God. They also become vulnerable to STDs and unwanted pregnancy. 2. SEX CHAT: They engage in evil communication by engaging in sexual chat. 3. PHONE SEX: Some engage in phone sex where they say all manner of erotic and sexual words to each other and sometimes stimulate themselves with another sin called masturbation. 4. HEAVY PETTING: This is when they touch each other, stimulate each other without engaging in actual intercourse. 5. ORAL SEX: Some engage in oral sex and justify that since they are not having direct intercourse it is no sin. My friend, it is a sin. 6. SEX

PHOTOS: Several are engaging in sending nude photos of themselves. This is a great foolishness as some of these photos are finding their ways to the internet. Anything you share from your phone has the potential of reaching the whole world. 7. EROTIC VIDEOS: Some would make videos of themselves bathing, naked, masturbating and share with their partners. This is another foolishness. You are sinning and destroying your future as such videos have been appearing on the internet. 8. ABORTION: There those that are constantly getting pregnant and terminating it. You are adding murder to all the sins you are committing. 9. DRUGS/ALCHOHOL: For some, their relationship is defined by the use of substance together. They have become partners in crime, destroying their lives. 10. CO-HABITING: Some are involved in living together or going to spend days/weeks/months in each other's place as if they are married. This often will lead to heartbreak and shame when the relationship scatters. if your relationship involves any of these, then you are in a bondage. What you are calling relationship is a bondage. I beseech you by the mercies of God that you will repent and surrender to Jesus today because the plan of satan is to get you deep in that sin and then cut off your life. When that happens, you will have no room for repentance but everlasting destruction in the lake of fire. Jesus can deliver you from all your sins (the sinful nature) today if you are ready to repent and break off from your bondage. The Bible says concerning Jesus, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21) I leave you with this warning, "He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy." (Proverbs 29:1)

THE BROTHER MUST TAKE THE LEAD IN PURITY

Brother, something must be wrong with your Christian life if it is the sister that is telling you 'no sex before marriage'. How can you be the spiritual head if it is only the sister that wants to live holy? It is a shame on you if you are interested in committing fornication but have to be restrained by a sister. Sister, you are in a wrong relationship if you are the one telling a brother no sex before marriage. Does he not read the Bible for himself to know that it is a sin? How can he be the priest of the Home when he cannot take the lead in purity? The Bible says to all Christian brothers, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, IN PURITY." (1Timothy 4:12)

WORST MARRIAGE DECISION A CHRISTIAN CAN MAKE

If you are born again and you are courting someone who is not born again, you are setting yourself up to experience hell on earth. No one can pretend to be born again. So, no one can deceive you. Someone can pretend to be a Christian, but they cannot pretend to be born again. If you are truly born again, you will recognise another person who is born again. Several Christians have gone into such relationship/marriage and are full of regrets. You have been warned. A person who

is born again will not lead you to sin. He/She will lead you to grow to become like Jesus. Stop dining with the devil. A caring devil is still a devil. The Bible says, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." (2 Corinthians 6:14-18)

MARRIAGE IS NOT FOR YOU

God is the author of marriage. He created marriage for His own purpose. Marriage is beautiful, awesome and a wonderful institution created by God. However, it comes with its own challenges. If you are not prepared for those challenges, then it is better not to marry. It means marriage is not for you. Here are a few of them: 1. If you are not prepared to tolerate another person, then marriage is not for you. 2. If you are not ready for a lifetime of sex, then marriage is not for you. 3. If you cannot lay down your income and resources for the mutual benefit of the family, please don't marry. 4. If you are not ready to break away from the umbilical cord of your parents and cleave to your spouse, please don't marry. 5. If your siblings are going to be your priority in life, forget about marriage. 6. If you will prefer to hang out with your friends instead of coming home to spend time with your wife, marriage is not your thing. 7. If you plan to sit down while your spouse does everything for you as if she/he is your slave, then forget about getting married. 8. If love and submission is a problem for you, then you better remain single for life. 9. If you cannot be faithful to one person all your life, don't even consider getting married. 10. If you are not prepared to pattern your life, relationship and marriage after Christ, then marriage is not for you. The Bible says, "But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned. Nevertheless such shall have trouble in the flesh: but I spare you." (1 Corinthians 7:28) The trouble in the flesh refers to the responsibilities of marriage.

BIBLICAL WAY OF HANDLING MARRIAGE PROPOSAL

In the Kingdom relationship, it is expected that a brother would have sought the face of God before proposing to a sister. A Christian man should never speak to a sister until he is sure the sister has the qualities stated in the scripture for marriage and the leading of the Holy Spirit to the particular sister. After proposing to the sister, he must allow the sister time to consider and pray about it. He should never rush the

sister, beg her or manipulate her to yes. Don't also go and tell her that God says she's your wife. Just share your purpose with her and ask for her hand in marriage. If she now asks you about your conviction, then you can tell her. Your conviction does not mean she must marry you. She's a child of God so, let God guide her too. As for the sister, once a brother proposes to you, ask him questions. Ask him about his age, salvation, past, understanding of marriage, church, family, background etc. The essence of asking him questions is that it will help you to know him and also to reveal him in case there is something in his life you need to know. You may do this in a day or over a period of time. Based on whatever you now know about him, check him against the word of God. You need to know what the Bible says about the kind of man you should marry. If his life complies with the Word of God, then you can pray about him and ask God to speak to you. Whatever God says to you do. If God says 'yes he is the one', then call the brother and give him the response. If God says no, then tell him no. If God did not speak, then wait or allow the brother to move on. What I have shared is not a formula but a guide. Pray for wisdom and don't choose by your brain or feelings. "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil." (Proverbs 3:5-7) The safest way to enter into courtship is by the Holy Spirit. The Bible says, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." (Romans 8:14) Who is leading you to that sister or brother?

I WANT TO SETTLE DOWN

Several people are living an unsettled life because they are not married. They are hoping to settle down when they get married. Marriage is not the place you settle down or where your life becomes settled. It is in Christ Jesus that you life becomes settled. Unless your life is settled in Christ Jesus, it will never be settled in marriage. Once you are settled in Jesus Christ, you will be settled in life. So, settle your life now in Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ will settle you in life. You are only settled in Jesus Christ. The Bible says, "But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you." (1 Peter 5:10)

BIBLICAL WAY OF HANDLING YOUR EX

A lot of people don’t know how to handle their past or past relationships. If you are in Christ, God has forgiven you and your sins are washed clean. However, there are people you have had a relationship with in the past, which could be emotional and sexual or simply emotional. You must know how to handle that. Someone you have shared emotional or sexual attachment with is no longer an ordinary friend. Each time you see each other, whatever you have done or shared together comes to your mind. It is important that you are wise and allow the wisdom of God to guide you in dealing with your ex. First, let me share a scripture with you, “Can a man take fire in

his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?" (Proverbs 6:27-28) Do not deceive yourself thinking you can handle past relationships by still maintaining and keeping contacts with the person. It is wisdom to do away with exes. Exes have ended up destroying relationships. Let me share with you some of the reasons why you must put ex away in your life.

1. No man or woman want to meet those who have slept with their partner in the past or will feel comfortable that his partner is keeping contact with someone he/she had slept with. Keep every man or woman you have had sex with far from you. Don't play with fire. Such relationships have destroyed marriages.

2. Keeping exes will bring about jealousy. There is a kind of jealousy that is healthy in a relationship. However, do not with your own hands, do things that will provoke your partner to negative jealousy.

3. If the person is in your past, why not leave him or her in your past? Keeping contact with your past partner(s) would bring about secrecy in your life. You will live in fear of your spouse finding out. You will keep your phones and password from your partner because you don't want him/her to know who you are chatting or talking with. You have to keep up with deleting messages and call records. For how long are you going to live in lies? If you are a true child of God, you must walk in the light; with nothing to hide from your spouse.

4. Most of the exes were not born again. They were relationship people entered into when they don't know Christ, so why still have fellowship with the works of darkness.

5. It's disrespectful keeping contact with an ex. Any man or woman would find it disrespectful and it will erode TRUST which is the foundation of every successful relationship. You must run away from anything that will affect TRUST in your relationship. Why would you sacrifice the trust in your relationship because of an ex? It is simply foolishness. Guard your home with all diligence.

6. Since you were emotionally connected with your ex, it is easy for the feelings to start growing back and you even end up having sex (sinning and hurting your new partner), so keep ex out. The BIBLE says can a man put hot coals on his laps and not be burned? Therefore avoid ex like a wildfire. Run away. Stop texting him/her on his or her birthday. Put the past in the past and build a godly relationship with your partner.

7. I can tell you this as a man. No man wants to see you talk or chat with someone who has had sex with you or who had seen your nakedness in the past. Your nakedness is the pride of a man. Men are very jealous and they were created like that. It is not insecurity.

8. If you are female, you can easily be raped by your ex or be manipulated to have sex with him.

It is wise to delete the number of an ex, stop picking call of an ex, stop replying to text messages of an ex, delete any ex from your Facebook and social media, remove every picture of any ex and get rid of them. No man put a new wine in an old wineskin, Jesus said. Therefore, be washed from your past and keep away from any ex. This does not mean you hate the person or that you are keeping malice. It simply means you are wise and that you want to protect the right relationship you have now found. This is wisdom and safety. People who go contrary have ended up regretting it. Don't let anyone deceive by telling you that your reason for keeping away from your ex is that you are insecure. People use that word to make you feel bad for doing what is right. Those keeping contact with exes are the very people who are insecure. The Bible says, "Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners." (1 Corinthians 15:33). If you keep contact with your ex, it will ultimately ruin your life. A word is enough for the wise. If your ex is someone you have had a child with, then let your partner know about it. Contact between you and the ex should only be in relation to the child and with the full knowledge of your spouse or partner (in a godly relationship). Please note that we are not talking about divorce here. This author does not believe in divorce. The person you divorce in the eyes of God still remains your spouse, not an ex.

BOY/GIRLFRIEND RELATIONSHIP NOT FOR CHRISTIANS

Christians (genuine born again persons) don't do *boyfriendship* and *girlfriendship* relationship. It is alien to the practice of the Kingdom of God that we belong. There are two types of marriages/relationship in the world; the Kingdom relationship/marriage and worldly relationship/marriage. The Kingdom relationship is governed by the Word of God while worldly relationship/marriage is guided by worldly principles. If you want to marry according to the Word of God, then you must know the PURPOSE, PATTERN and PROCESS of Kingdom relationship/marriage. It is in the world that they do the boyfriend/girlfriend thing. The Bible says, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (Romans 12:2)

THE ANGER PROBLEM AND MARRIAGE

Don't marry anyone with anger problem. That man or lady that loses it with the slightest provocation and utters all manner of rash words is not a candidate for marriage. Don't let such a person be on your list. You don't have to be married before you discover the terror of being married to a person that cannot control his spirit. You can avoid the problem now by choosing right. You have been warned. The Bible says, "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city. He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls." (Proverbs 16:32, 25:28) You have signed

your death warrant when you enter into a relationship with an angry man. The Bible says, “Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go:” (Proverbs 22:24)

SIR, HOW DO I KNOW THE PERSON GOD WANTS ME TO MARRY?

I get to be asked this question a lot and I must confess I also asked this question when I was much younger and single. Unfortunately, most people ask this question at the wrong time in their life. If it is when you are at the point where you want to decide whom to marry that you are asking such a question, then it is almost late. You should have understood how God leads people long before you reached the stage where you want to marry. If you have not been walking with God in such a way that He has been leading you daily, and guiding you as you make decisions, it will be difficult to know the mind of God just on whom He wants you to marry. Knowing the will of God is not an event but a product of a consistent relationship with God, proper teaching of the Word of God and a regular application of the Word of God to your life. If you want to have a proper Biblical marriage/relationship, then you must have a proper Biblical life. There is no emergency or fire brigade approach to knowing the will of God in life matters, it takes time and close fellowship with the Holy Spirit. Jesus said my sheep hear my voice; if you are a true sheep, you will know His leading. He also said that the Holy Spirit will guide you into all truth; that includes the truth about marriage and the person you should marry. But have you been walking in obedience and in the Spirit? Jesus said, "The Spirit shows what is true and will come and guide you into the full truth. The Spirit doesn't speak on his own. He will tell you only what he has heard from me, and he will let you know what is going to happen. (John 16:13) The only alternative you have is to do things the worldly way and marry whomever you prefer, basically making your choice for yourself. If you follow that path, then be ready to face the consequence of your choice. However, if you want to make a correct marital choice, your Christian life must also be correct. Get right with God now before it too late.

THE FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT THING TO CONSIDER BEFORE INITIATING A MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP

If you are thinking of speaking to a sister about marrying her, then the first thing to do is not to pray but to ascertain if she's born again. If a brother comes to propose marriage to you, the first thing to do is to ascertain if he is genuinely born again. To be able to ascertain if someone is born again, you must be also be born again. It is when you have ascertained that the person is born again that you can consider the person, check the Word of God and pray to know if he/she is the person. Don't waste your time praying about someone you are not sure is born again because God will not answer you since He has told you not to be unequally yoked with an unsaved person. Here is a list of things to guide you in ascertaining. 1. He/she must be born

of the Spirit and water. (John 3:5-8) 2. Must have repented from sins. (1John 3:9) 3. Must have been baptised by immersion. (Mark 16:16) 4. Must not be a novice or a new believer. (1Timothy 3:6) 5. Must not be a backslider. (Hebrews 10:39) 6. Must have received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38) 7. Must be living his/her life by the Word of God. (Matthew 7:24) 8. Must love God and men with all his/her heart. (Matthew 22:37-39) 9. Committed to the work of God. (1Peter 4:10) 10. Must have the fruit of the Holy Spirit in his/her life. (Galatians 5:22-23) 11. Must not love the world. (1John 2:15-17 12. Must demonstrate the life, fruit and Character of Jesus. (Romans 8:29) All of these are no guarantee that the person is your spouse but certainly, such a person is a right candidate to consider and take to God in prayer. The Wisdom of God, the Word of God and the leading of the Holy Spirit should guide your final decision.

BUILD YOUR COURTSHIP ON TRUTH

Don't build your home on lies. Don't build your marriage on deceit. Be open and honest with the person you want to marry. Be truthful. There is nothing that is built on lies that will last. Marriage is not a do or die affair. It is better to speak the truth and the person walks away than to deceive the person into a faulty marriage. The foundation of any lasting and joy filled marriage is the Truth. The Scripture says, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (Psalms 11:3)

IS GETTING MARRIED A DO OR DIE AFFAIR?

Marriage is not a do or die affair. If you cannot find the right person to marry, remain single. It is better to be happily single than to be in a marriage where you will be contemplating suicide. Let your attitude be like the one of the three Hebrew men. The Bible says concerning them, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up." (Daniel 3:16-18) God is able to give you a Godly and Good spouse but if He does not, don't compromise; that should be your attitude. I do not know anything as frustrating on earth as a bad marriage.

PERSISTENCE IS NOT LOVE

Don't marry a man simply because of his persistence. His persistence does not equal to love. In fact, in certain cases, his persistence could be because he is possessive or

that he is not led of God. That a man is persistent is no guarantee that you will have a fulfilling marriage. Be led by the Word of God and His Holy Spirit to make your choice. The Bible says, "He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved." (Psalms 47:4) You can choose by yourself or allow God to choose for you.

BEFORE YOU PROPOSE TO THAT SISTER

1. You must have discovered God's purpose for your life. 2. You must be living in the will of God for your life. 3. You must first speak to God about her. 4. You must hear from God about her. 5. You must be ready to leave your father and mother and cleave to her alone. 6. You must be mature and stable emotionally. 7. You must be a mature Christian grounded in the Word of God. 8. You must be ready to be responsible and accept responsibility. 9. You must be ready to live with one woman all of your life. 10. You must be ready to love her as Christ loves the Church.

DREAM IS WRECKING LIVES AND RELATIONSHIPS

Several Christian lives have been destroyed because of dreams. The lack of understanding on how God speaks has destroyed many lives. Many are in wrong marriages today because of dreams. Several are in wrong places in life because of dreams. I know a sister who believes that are dreams always come true but as I write this, she is a single mother with two kids from two previous marriages. A lot of young people come to tell me that they receive revelation or vision on whom to marry when in reality it is just their mind playing out in their dreams.

They call their dreams revelation or vision, deceiving themselves. God speaks to His children primarily through the Word of God. If you are not grounded in the Word of God, you will certainly fall into error. It is very rare for God to speak in dreams. Paul had a dream from God but he was a man who knew the Word of God so, he knew how to test and handle dreams. Joseph dreamt only twice all his life. He was not a dreamer but God gave him just one dream (in two different forms), which he did not understand until several years later. Even when God said he will pour out his Spirit, it is the old men that are to dream dreams. The Bible says, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your OLD MEN shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:" (Acts 2:17-18)

I am not saying God cannot give a message through dreams to young people, I am simply saying that is not usually the practice. Dreams come from three sources. God,

You and satan. Most dreams come from you. Anything you are thinking about or that occupies your heart, you are likely to dream on. The way God speaks to us every day is through His Word. Unfortunately, many believers today have neglected the Word of God and are looking for dreams, visions, and revelations, thereby, deceiving themselves. The Holy Spirit speaks to the believer's spirit daily and God speaks to us through His Word. The good news is that only those who are true followers of Jesus Christ can know His leading. If truly you want to walk with God and learn to hear Him, you must deny yourself, pick up your cross and become a true disciple of Jesus. There is no shortcut. Dreams will not provide a shortcut for you.

We are in a new dispensation where Jesus is the voice and the message of God. You can never hear God through any other means except through Jesus. That's why the Bible says, "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;" (Hebrews 1:1-2) If Jesus chooses to speak to you through dreams, fine. Safety, however, is in taking heed to His Word. Please, don't wreck your life through dreams. Yield your life completely to God, give attention to the Word of God and you will begin to know the will of God for every aspect of your life. The Bible says, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." (Romans 12:1, Colossians 3:16, Romans 12:2)

THE STORY OF THE FEMALE KINGDOM

Long ago, in a very large Female Kingdom, God told all the women there that they should all get a lion to protect them and provide for them. He said He had created the lions in such a way that they will love any woman that chooses them. Then, God added that the women should remain in their houses as He was going to send different animals to visit them, from which they should only choose a lion. God warned the women that they must only select a lion from the pool of animals that will be visiting them, stressing that they cannot change their animal once they have made their choices. After some time, the animals started visiting the women in the land. Unfortunately, most of the women got attracted to different animals and they started selecting based on their desire, neglecting the instruction of their God. When the process of selection was over, the remaining animals disappeared and every woman was left with the animal she selected.

The animals they picked ranges from Goat, Dog, Vulture, Monkey, Gorilla, Baboon, Pig, Snake, Shark and Frog. In the entire Kingdom, there was only one wise woman who obeyed God and chose a lion. Before long, the women were at the door of their

God complaining that the animals they picked were all misbehaving. The ones who chose the dog complained that instead of roaring, their animal was barking. The women with snakes came complaining that their animal is a silent killer. Those with pigs were very vocal, complaining that their animal is too dirty and would never stay at home. All of them had complaints except for the wise woman who was enjoying life with her lion king. Then, God reminded them that He had warned them to select only the lion. He explained to them that there was nothing wrong with the animals they picked but that the animals were simply living up to their personality.

This is the story of marriages today. The Word of God is very clear on the Purpose, Process and Pattern of Godly marriage but several have neglected it and are now living in pain and sorrow, wondering whether God loves them. Some are still choosing dogs today, expecting it to be faithful. A dog is not created to be faithful but the lion is devoted to its pride. It is not a mistake that the family of the lion is called the pride. A man with the heart of God takes his family as his pride. If you marry a dog, it will bark. If you marry a lion, it will roar. The choice is yours. For those of you who have married in disobedience to the Word of God, acknowledge your error, repent and ask for the help of God in your marriage. There is no marriage God cannot fix.

To the younger ones who are yet to make that decision, I counsel you to follow the Word of God in the choice of marital partner. Your choice is the foundation. If you get it wrong at that point, it is almost certain everything else will go wrong. The Bible says, "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil." (Proverbs 3:5-7)

SEX IS A NORMAL THING IN A BOY/GIRLFRIEND RELATIONSHIP

You cannot engage in a boyfriend/girlfriend relationship and still complain that someone is pressurising you for sex. The very foundation of the boyfriend/girlfriend relationship is sex. It is a relationship based on worldly principles not on the word of God. Children of God don't do boyfriend/girlfriend relationship. Learn the difference. There is worldly relationship, based on worldly principles and there is Kingdom relationship based on the Word of God. There is a satanic mind-set behind the boyfriend/girlfriend relationship. The mind of God is behind the Kingdom relationship. As a believer, you are to be in Kingdom Courtship. That is a relationship where the two people involved know that pre-marital sex is fornication and they both know they cannot sin. It is a relationship that they both are clear from day one that they are getting married. They are guided by the Word of God not worldly principles.

LOVE VS FEELINGS

Love is a decision, Feeling is an emotion. Love is stable, Feeling is unstable. Love is permanent, Feeling is temporal. Love is commitment, Feeling is desire. Love is sacrifice, feeling is sweet emotion. Love is true, Feeling is deceitful. God is love, Man is feeling. Few can love, everyone can have Feelings. Love is patient, Feeling is impatient. Love is selfless, Feeling is selfish. Love is Faithful, Feeling cheats. Love is scarce, Feeling is everywhere. Love is costly, Feeling is cheap. Love gives, Feeling receives. Love is pure, Feeling is sensual. Love is Compassionate, Feeling is erotic. Love waits, Feeling is in haste.

MARITAL CHOICE IS A SERIOUS MATTER

When you say YES to a person to marry him/her, you are saying YES to the assets and liabilities of the person. You must make the marital decision carefully and prayerfully. Such decision can lift or destroy your life. No one goes through a divorce without a scare and God hates divorce. So, don't treat this matter with levity. Do not choose based on feelings, emotions, sentiments or pressure. Be cautious. The Wisdom of God, the Word of God and the Spirit of God must be your guide. Please don't rush to make decision. If you need counsel and help, seek it in prayer and from truly trust people raised by the Lord. There are many who are married but wish they received sufficient instruction to marry right. You have the opportunity to learn from their mistakes and get things right. The Bible says, "Sensible people will see trouble coming and avoid it, but an unthinking person will walk right into it and regret it later." (Proverbs 22:3)

BLOOD COVENANT AND OATH-TAKING IN RELATIONSHIP

Never engage in any blood covenant or oath-taking in your relationship. It is demonic and devilish. Don't allow your intending spouse to deceive your to swear or make an oath that you will marry him or her. If you have done that already, then you are in a satanic relationship and you will have demonic influence on your life. Until you marry someone, you can never guarantee that you will marry that person. You are not God. Anything can go wrong that prevents you from getting married to the person. You may even realise later that the person is not the kind of man/woman you should marry. It is, therefore, foolishness to make a covenant or swear to an oath that you will marry someone. If you have done that, you need to cry out to Jesus to deliver you. You need help because you have given demons authority over your life. Jesus said, "But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil. (Matthew 5:34-37)

BABIES IN ADULT'S CLOTHING

Beware of babies and boys in men's clothing. They will enjoy the pleasure you can offer but run away and leave you when they are confronted with responsibilities. This is the reason why we have married men running away from the home today. They abandon their wives and children because they are babies in men's clothing. If you are still single, beware of such men. Don't follow such to the altar. ~ #OlusegunMokuolu Please share this post to bless others.

THE SECRETS OF BEING LOCATED BY YOUR HUSBAND

A man that finds a wife has found a good thing and obtained the favour of the Lord. A woman is a bundle of help and favour. The man is a carrier of vision and purpose. The man is seeking a virtuous woman and the woman is seeking to be found by a faithful man. The Story of Rebecca provides us with the wisdom Godly women need to be found by their Godly man.

The Bible says, "And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder. And the damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up. And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher. And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hasted, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink. And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw water for thy camels also, until they have done drinking. And she hasted, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels." (Genesis 24:15-20)

1. HUMILITY: She was not ashamed to carry the pitcher on her should to fetch water. Pride will restrain the hand of God from blessing or helping you. 2. CHASTE: She was a virgin. She was not having intimacy here and there as many do today. Even if you had made mistakes in the past, keep yourself now. 3. OBEDIENT TO PARENT: She was running errands for her parents and taking care of the family. That was her purpose for coming to fetch water. 4. RESPECTFUL: She called a strange man with respect. She was not rude to the man. 5. SELFLESS: She was not concerned about herself and her life alone. She went out of her way to meet the need of this man. 6. CARING: She gave the man water to drink and was caring enough to fetch water for his camel. That speaks of a great caring heart. 7. HARD WORKING: A camel drinks about 50 litres of water. The man had ten camels and servants. She was a hardworking woman and not one that lazy around. 8. PATIENCE: It requires patience to wait on ten camels and servants to drink water. She was a very patient woman. 9. HONEST: When the servant of Abraham asked her about who she is she told the truth. She was not the

type that tells lies to get a man. She was an honest woman. 10. GOD FACTOR: The last thing I want to show you about Rebecca was the God factor. She was at the right place at the right time. That is the favour of God. Only Jesus can give you this.

HEART BROKEN?

Most of the persons you see today who are happily married were once heartbroken. Broken relationship is not broken life. What you are calling heartbreak could simply be God saying no. God's best is the best. Be encouraged in the Lord. Shake depression and discouragement off. Wait for God's best.

YOU NEED A SPOUSE? STOP LIMITING GOD

Often times, we do not know that God wants to do so much in our lives but we limit Him through our disobedience. God is Mighty and limitless but you can limit Him in your life just as the Children of Israel did. "How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, and grieve him in the desert! Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel. (Psalms 78:40-41). Several of the children of God are trusting God for a spouse but have continued to engage in sin, limiting the help of the Lord in their lives. If you are truly trusting God to give you your spouse, then you have to live the way He wants you to live through the grace He has made available in Christ Jesus. You think you are enjoying the pleasure of sin not knowing that you are simply short changing yourself. Sin robs any life of the blessing and help of God. The Almighty God is ready to help but His eyes are too Holy to behold iniquity. Avail yourself of the help of the Almighty God today by repenting and forsaking your sinful way. The Bible says, "Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. (Isaiah 59:1-2) Jesus is waiting to save you from your sins.

A REAL MAN CLEAVES TO HIS WIFE

It takes a MAN to leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife. A baby cannot do that neither can a boy do that. Only a MAN understands that he must leave his parents and cleave to his wife. If you marry a baby or a boy, don't blame him if he cannot untie himself from the apron of his parents. The Bible says, "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. (Genesis 2:24)

DOES HE/SHE FEAR GOD?

A man/woman loving you does not mean he/she won't cheat on you or maltreat you. His/her feelings for you cannot prevent him/her from betraying you. It is only the fear of God that keeps a person from cheating on you physically, emotionally and mentally. This fear is birthed into our hearts when we repent of our sins and become born again. You are only setting yourself up for pain, sorrow and regrets when you choose a man/woman that it is very obvious does not fear the Lord. The kind of person you should marry must have the type of testimony Hanani had in the Scripture. Bible says, "That I gave my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the ruler of the palace, charge over Jerusalem: for he was a faithful man, and feared God above many." (Nehemiah 7:2 KJV) He was a faithful man and feared God above many. Can that be said of the person you want to marry? The man/woman that is committing sin with you now does not fear God and neither do you. You will have yourself to blame when the true sinful nature begins to manifest. Give the palace of your heart only to a person that fears God greatly. Let me show you what it means to fear God. The Bible says, "Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil." (Proverbs 3:7) To fear God is to depart from sin. If he/she is still living in sin, then know with certainty that the fear of God is not in such heart.

BEWARE OF PREDATORS IN ROMANTIC CLOTHING

A lion king is a killing machine but when it comes to mating (sex), it knows how to suppress its killing instinct just to get down with a female. Once it's done with that, it returns back to its killer mode. Young ladies, be careful. A man can become extremely 'loving and caring' just to have a taste of you. Don't get carried away with his insincere care. Many women have fallen for such only to discover they were a prey to a predator. This is the why God says, "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. (Proverbs 3:5-7)

IS YOUR CHURCH PREPARING YOU FOR MARRIAGE?

If our churches cannot invest in teaching Biblical truth on marriage and prepare our young people for marriage, then, we will be investing a lot of our time in prayer praying for troubled marriages and counselling troubled couples. It is better to create time for the younger ones, spend time to teach them Biblical truth and then we can focus our prayer on other pressing needs of the Body of Christ and the world. If you are attending a church where they are not preparing you for marriage through the teaching of Biblical truth, don't blame anyone later if things go wrong in

that aspect. Organise seminars, look for speakers gifted to teach in that area and let them teach you. The time you spend and resources you will spend now, learning the principles of Kingdom marriage is nothing compared to the trouble of a failed marriage. Spend your money today on eternal things so that you won't have to spend your life on temporal things tomorrow. The Bible says, "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field." (Matthew 13:44)

MY SIBLINGS ARE GETTING MARRIED

One of the major reasons many sisters get involved in a wrong or terrible marriage is that they yield to the pressure of their siblings getting married. They don't want to be left behind. For some, they cannot even stand the sight of their younger siblings getting married while they are still waiting. Several sisters have gone ahead and got married to the wrong persons simply because their siblings were getting married. You will be a fool to go into a wrong marriage because your siblings are getting married. Did you come into this world the same day or the same time? When Abraham was trusting God for one child, all his brethren were already becoming grandparents. Which of his brothers do you remember today? Even Abraham, when he tried to help God, he ended up producing a child whose offspring would trouble the world. Our time and season with God are different. Among all of my close friends, I am the one who got married last. Most of them were already parents as at the time I was getting married. But all of that do not matter today. I am happily married to my wife. Stop comparing yourself to your siblings. They are not your rivals neither are they your competitors. We are seriously warned against comparing our lives with that of others in the Word of God. God has a unique plan for every life. The Bible says, "I alone know the plans I have for you, plans to bring you prosperity and not disaster, plans to bring about the future you hope for." (Jeremiah 29:11 GNB)

HOW EXACTLY DO I KNOW WHO TO MARRY?

You will need three critical things to be able to make the right marital choice in life. In fact, you do not need more than these three things. They are the WISDOM of God, the WORD of God and the SPIRIT of God. You actually need the three to make any right decision in life. God has made all of them available to those who have yielded their lives completely to Him. You need to be taught from the Word of God how all of these work will together in your life. There is no haste or crash programme with God. If you want to do things God's way and get God's result, you must be prepared to be taught and learn. The Bible says, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works (including marriage)." (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

DIVINE WISDOM FOR MARRYING RIGHT

There is a scripture that every child of God seeking a spouse would do well to heed. The Bible says, "But GOD told Samuel, "Looks aren't everything. Don't be impressed with his looks and stature. I've already eliminated him. GOD judges persons differently than humans do. Men and women look at the face; GOD looks into the heart."" (1 Samuel 16:7). THE MESSAGE BIBLE. The only way you can know the heart is to depend on the Lord. Don't be fooled by appearance. Appearance is everything your senses can see and perceive about a person. Don't marry someone God has rejected for you because of appearance.

BROTHERS BEWARE

Brothers, don't let a woman manipulate your feelings into a relationship. Understand that women possess the power of influence. If you are the weak type, you will fall into her arms without even knowing it. You will think you are in love not knowing that your feeling is being manipulated. Remember Samson in the Bible, who though was strong, succumbed to the trickery of a woman and paid for it with his two eyes. Let the fear of God and the Word of God guide your affairs with women. The Bible says, "And I find more bitter than death the woman, whose heart is snares and nets, and her hands as bands: whoso pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be taken by her." (Ecclesiastes 7:26)

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GRACE AND SEXUAL TEMPTATION

If you are in a relationship with a carnal person, with the kind of person that the Word of God says you should not be in relationship with, you will find yourself in most cases falling into sexual sin. Grace does not work in disobedience. The first key to purity is to be in a right relationship with a right person. When you violate the Word of God and get yourself involved in a worldly relationship, you may not find grace to resist sexual temptation. You will keep falling. That is why the Bible asked says, "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?" (Romans 6:1)

THE WOMAN IS GOD'S FAVOUR

You are not doing a woman a favour by marrying her, she's God's favour to your life. You are not doing your wife a favour by loving her, it is your duty to love her. The Bible says, "A man's greatest treasure is his wife-- she is a gift from the LORD." (Proverbs 18:22 CEV)

BEAUTIFUL HEART VS BEAUTIFUL FACE

A beautiful face and a beautiful heart are two different things. The beautiful face might be good for wedding photos, but only a beautiful heart will be good for marriage. The Bible says, "Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised." (Proverbs 31:30).

GOD IS LOOKING FOR GODLY SPOUSES

God is looking for men and women who will take His Word and put it to work in marriage. He is looking for couples through whom He can show forth His wisdom in creating marriage. He wants to demonstrate that marriage is His own idea and only when we do it according to His Word that we can be successful. God is looking for young men who will marry correctly, love their wives in obedience to His Word and train their children in a Godly manner. He is looking for virtuous women that will show forth the beauty of marriage based on the Word of God. He wants to show the World that He is the author of marriage and that He is the only one who

understands how marriage can work. Can God count on you? Is your marriage going to be one of such that God can show to the World? "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." (Isaiah 6:8) Will your marriage count for God?"

DON'T MARRY A FOOL

The only way to please a foolish husband is not to marry one in the first place. The only way you can satisfy a foolish woman is not to marry her in the first place. Not everyone is good for marriage. This is why you need God to guide your choice making.

A SINKING RELATIONSHIP

I see many sisters persisting in a wrong relationship even when there are glaring indications that the *relationSHIP* is sinking. Some are even going to the altar with someone that it's very clear is leading them to a war zone. They justify it with all manner of reasons. Some are convinced by other people to go into the trap they call marriage. I have seen a few of such crying a year after their wedding when the marriage has crashed. I pray that will not be your lot. Take heed before it is too late. When you land in a bad marriage, you will wish you were single. The Bible says, "Sensible people will see trouble coming and avoid it, but an unthinking person will walk right into it and regret it later." (Proverbs 27:12)

AVOID FEMINISTS AND CHAUVINISTS

Brother, don't marry a feminist, marry a help meet for you. God did not create a feminist, He made a help. Sister, don't marry a chauvinist, marry a Christlike man. God did not create a chauvinist but created man in how own image. The Bible says, "And God said, *LET US MAKE MAN IN OUR IMAGE, AFTER OUR LIKENESS*: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I WILL MAKE HIM AN HELP MEET FOR HIM." (Genesis 1:26 2:18)

POSTS FOR THE SINGLES AND MARRIED

THE CONFUSION ABOUT RELATIONSHIP AND MARRIAGE

Most of our problems and confusion in marriage or relationship are the results of our pushing aside the Word of God and bringing in our emotions and human ideas to interpret our situations. It will never work out that way. God's word is the only simple wisdom to have a God ordained marital life. The rebellion of the first man cut off their relationship with God and caused friction in their home. The situation is the same today. We are not prepared to obey God and use all kinds of foolishness to cover our disobedience. The truth is that God is the only one who can lead us to our appointed spouse. Marriage is for the purpose of God and not for our selfish interest. Sex before or outside marriage is a sin. Divorce is not an option for true Christian couple. Wife should submit to their husband in everything. If you cannot submit, don't marry. Husband should love their wife as Christ love the Church and dwell with them with knowledge. It's really simple and straight forward. God's word is not ambiguous. But to those who are not truly born of the Spirit (though they sometime go to Church) these things are complex and hard. It is only complex to you because you don't know Jesus. I invite you to repent today and accept Jesus into your heart. He will give you a peaceful home in accordance with the will of God. The Lord bless you as you take that decision and receive the Holy Spirit into your heart.

STOP THE UNGODLY SEXUAL CONVERSATION

Stop engaging in sexual conversation on Facebook and other social media platforms. Beware of men and women who want to engage you in sexual conversation. They are out to pollute your spirit. The Bible says, “Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.” (1 Corinthians 15:33) You need to be careful and guard your heart, mouth and hands. The word of God is very clear, “Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.” (Ephesians 4:29) Let it also not proceed from your hands as your type on your Phone or PC. Sexual conversation will do among others three damages to you. 1. It will set your body on sexually and make you do stupid things. 2. It will waste your time and life as it is not in any way profitable. 3. It will corrupt your heart and cut you off from the presence of the Lord. You are not going to find a godly spouse by engaging in unholy conversation online. Stand up for Jesus and say no to ungodly chats from today. “But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;” (1 Peter 1:15)

DANGER OF PORNOGRAPHY ON RELATIONSHIP

One of the damages done by pornography is that it has affected our young men's perspective on the woman's body. Young men today have come to idealized the type of women's body they see in pornography and they expect women to be like that. They forgot completely that what they see in these sinful movies are mostly artificial bodies and camera film tricks. A woman is not a sex object and should never be defined by her body. Every woman breast sags. Most have stretched marks. They come in different sizes and shapes. God made them that way and men are not perfect either. The real woman is on the inside. The Bible says, "How beautiful you are, my love; how perfect you are! (Song of Solomon 4:7 GNB)

SOME WOMEN PLANNED TO BE SINGLE MOTHER

It is not in every case of single mother that it's a case of another irresponsible man running a way from his responsibilities. I have seen women who go all out just to have baby/babies without wanting to be married or have a husband figure in their life. They are foolish and selfish enough to do this not minding what it means for a child not to grow up under the atmosphere of a dad and mum. It's a big shame for any woman taking this path in life. I just hope those children will find a space in their hearts to forgive you. This is what the Bible says concerning such women, "(She is loud and defiant, her feet never stay at home; now in the street, now in the squares, at every corner she lurks.)" (Proverbs 7:11-12).

HE IS NOT YOUR HUSBAND!

Divorce and remarriage have become normal in the world today. It seems nothing is wrong with it. In fact, in most western countries it is pretty normal. Unfortunately, Christ-professing Christians are also doing this at an alarming rate. Yet this does not change the word of God. The Lord Jesus made a statement in John Chapter four that this generation must give close attention. Jesus said, "For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly." (John 4:18) The woman had been married and divorced several times. When she met Jesus, she was in another marriage but Jesus told her that the man is not her husband. It means she was living in adultery. Now this is Jesus speaking; not Paul or Peter, this is Jesus. This woman remarried and was living with this man. They may have lived together for years and attend the same Church. Those around them may even call them 'husband and wife' but Jesus told her 'the man is not your husband.' It does not matter what you think. Your reason for divorcing and remarrying does not matter. According to the word of God from the mouth of Jesus Himself, he is not your husband. You may even have children for this man, that will not change the mind of God; he is not your husband. Your pastors may sanction the remarriage. Your friends may hail you. Your family may even support the wedding. Jesus says, he is not your husband. Our wrong and sinfulness will never become right. Stop living is

adultery, which you call remarriage. Stop sleeping with another man's husband. He is not your husband. The same applies to men who have left their first love and gone ahead to remarry once or several times. She is not your wife. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." (Galatians 6:7) "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity." (2 Timothy 2:19)

MAKE UP YOUR MIND NOT TO SIN

People have contacted sexually transmitted diseases (STI) such as HIV because of the "heat of the moment". They knew they should have used a condom but they were too sexually excited to make that decision. This shows that you lose some of your senses when you are sexually excited. So don't make decision when you are sexually excited because you might live to regret it. It is not when a man is touching you or when a lady is sitting on your leg that you start contemplating whether it's sinful or not. Make decision when you are calm and reasonable. The Bible says, "Afterward you will groan in anguish when disease consumes your body, and you will say, "How I hated discipline! If only I had not demanded my own way!" (Proverbs 5:11-12).

YOU ARE A DEAD MAN

Every man that sleeps with another man's wife is a dead man. This is according to the Word of God. A King took Abraham's wife (ignorantly) but God declared him a dead man. The Bible says, "But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou art but a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she is a man's wife." (Genesis 20:3) This man was still living but God already saw his dead body. There are many men today who are walking dead. You may think you are smart and enjoying yourself by your sinful sexual pleasure, but God says you are a dead man. It is only a matter of time before destruction knocks at your door. I, therefore, counsel you to repent and invite Jesus into your heart today, before it is too late.

WHAT IS LOVE?

Love is not a feeling but a decision to be committed to one person. It is a decision to love someone for the rest of your life. A decision to love as Christ loves. A decision to sacrifice your life for someone else. It is a commandment by the Lord to be obeyed and it is not subject to feeling. The Bible says you should love your enemies. Your enemies will never give you a good feeling to love them yet, you must love them

because Jesus says you should and He gives the grace to love. Without the grace of God, no man can ever truly love another person. Love is not a feeling. It is a decision to love in obedience to the Word of God by the grace of God. The day anyone understands this, that day, such one is delivered from heartbreak. God is love; love is the expression of God.

UNHOLY CHATS

You can delete your unholy chat, keep it away from your spouse and delete everything from your phone record but how will you delete them from Heaven's record? The Bible says, "And I saw the dead, great and small alike, standing before the throne. Books were opened, and then another book was opened, the book of the living. The dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books." (Revelation 20:12 GNB)

WHAT IS SEXUAL SIN?

Sexual sin is not just what takes place on the bed but what takes place in the heart. But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. (Matthew 5:28) This is why we are warned, Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. (Proverbs 4:23) Just before you begin to think this is impossible, let me share the promise of God with you that assures us that we will not fall. The Bible says, Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. (Jude 1:24-25) God is able to keep our hearts pure. We are not at the mercy of sin.

YOU NEED FRANK TALK

There is a difference between a frank talk and a quarrelsome talk. It is good to have a frank talk in relationship/marriage but unhealthy to have a quarrelsome talk. Quarrelsome talk destroys relationship while frank talk builds up the relationship. Do not avoid frank talk. Do not call frank talk, quarrelsome. It is important to sit down together and have a frank talk from time to time. It makes the relationship grows deeper. Even God calls for a frank talk. "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD:..." (Isaiah 1:18a)

YOU AND NUDITY

If the devil can mess your BODY, he can mess your LIFE. Stop taking and sharing nude pictures of yourself, it is sinful, shameful and you might be shocked where it's going to show up. The nude pictures you take in your moment of foolishness would come around to hunt you forever. Purity pays. Don't let any man trick you into taking nude pictures. He might just ruin your future forever. If a guy has ever taken your nude picture, you almost be certain it's on the web. If he can take it, he can share it. Keep your body pure. Your body is a treasure and it's precious. Why expose it to the whole world? It should be best kept for your Husband. Your body is capable of reproducing another life. Don't porn with your body. Don't waste your precious God given time watching porn. The Bible says, "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil." (Ephesians 5:16) Your body is a God given gift; don't let any man mess it up. Run away from taking nude pictures. Your nude pictures will destroy your past, present and future. You can find refuge in Christ. Christ does not expose you. He covers you with His blood.

THE IN-LAW ISSUE

I pray you will have good and godly in-laws. However, if the man and the woman love one another and are one, it does not matter what kind of in-laws they have, they will enjoy their marriage. But woe unto the couples that are divided, that do not love each other and have terrible in-laws.

SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE IS A PROMISED LAND

A successful marriage is like the Promised Land. Ten men were sent to spy the land. Eight came back saying it is not possible to possess the land but two said the land was theirs already. The ten saw the same thing but they responded differently. Eight looked at the matter with the eyes of the flesh and two with the eye of faith. Be very careful what you believe about marriage. If you think it cannot be good, it won't be good for you. But if you trust God that He will help you and that you will make a success of it, then you will certainly succeed. Unfortunately, just like in the days of Moses, the negative voice often prevails. Do not let the negative voice you are hearing prevail on you. God created marriage and gave us instructions on how to make a success of it. You are guaranteed of success if you keep to the Word of God and depend on His mercy. The Bible says, "And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it. But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we." (Numbers 13:30-31 KJV) Are you among the people

spreading defeat and unbelief or faith among God's people? A group said a good marriage is unattainable but the minority group said it was possible? Which group do you belong? Before I show you the conclusion, let me add that when we speak positively about marriage, it is because our faith is in the Lord. We trust in the Word of God. We believe if God says it, He will perform it. Don't allow unbelief to lead you into a miserable marital life. Now, here the conclusion, the Bible says, "And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief." (Hebrews 3:18-19)

HOW TO AVOID DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The best way to prevent domestic violence is by marrying right. It does not matter what you may have heard or experienced, a truly God fearing man will NEVER raise his hands against his wife and will not (deliberately) hurt her emotionally. The Bible says, "For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh." (Ephesians 5:29-31)

MAN'S LOVE VS JESUS LOVE

The love of man is like CHEWING GUM; it taste nice and sweet at the beginning but shortly afterwards, it lacks any taste and chewing just become a routine. The love of Jesus is like CANDY, it taste sweet and nice from the beginning to the end. That is the reason the Word of God says husbands should love their wives as Christ loves in Ephesians 5:25. The Bible says, "The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee." (Jeremiah 31:3)

WHAT IS A SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE

Marriage cannot be said to be successful simply because two people have succeeded in living together. A successful marriage is a marriage that fulfils the purpose of God for establishing marriage. Unless we understand God's intention for marriage, we cannot even talk about successful marriage.

THE MEANING OF WEDLOCK

Have you not wondered why the state of being married is called wedlock? Two words are joined together to form that word. They are WED and LOCK. It means when you get wedded, you get locked together. It is a permanent locking. It is not *WED-LUCK* but WEDLOCK. If you are not ready to be locked forever with your spouse, it is better you don't get married. If you married, stay locked. My heart goes out to those who have been abandoned by their spouse and whose wedlock has been forcibly unlocked. To the unmarried, give serious thought to this before you become locked, for God hates divorce and no matter how high divorce rate is today, God is not going to change His mind. The Bible says, "I hate divorce," says the LORD God of Israel. "I hate it when one of you does such a cruel thing to his wife. Make sure that you do not break your promise to be faithful to your wife." (Malachi 2:16 GNB)

SEX IS GOOD

God created sex; therefore sex is good and godly. Sex is powerful and comes with a lot of responsibilities. Sex is divine and pleasurable. It is through sex that life is reproduced on the face of the earth. It is spiritual as it affects your spirit, soul and body. God is not against sex; God just wants you to do it right. He wants you to enjoy it in marriage with only one partner. God does not frown at sex; He only frowns at sex outside of marriage. The Bible says, "You should be faithful to your wife (husband), just as you take water from your own well. And don't be like a stream from which just any woman (man) may take a drink. Save yourself for your wife (husband) and don't have sex with other women (man)." (Proverbs 5:15-17 CEV)

MOST ENDANGERED PEOPLE ON EARTH

The most endangered people on earth are ladies sleeping around with married men, destroying families and men sleeping with married women, breaking homes. These people are a step away from destruction unless they repent NOW. Listen to what the Bible says to you today. “He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.” (Proverbs 29:1)

DO YOU HAVE A FIRST LOVE?

You do not have a first love until you are married and at best your spouse will be your second love because Jesus is your first love. The concept of first love, where your first boyfriend or girlfriend (partner in sin) is called first love is borne out of ignorance. The Bible only commands the man to love his wife. So until you are

married, you have no first love. Erase from your heart and mind today, anyone you have tagged 'first love'. Let Jesus be your first love and your spouse.

THE DANGER OF INTIMACY BEFORE AND OUTSIDE OF MARRIAGE

The Bible says, "Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright." (Hebrews 12:16) Esau is anyone fornicating or having sex outside of marriage. What happens is that they are exchanging the plan and purpose of God for their lives for five minutes of intimacy pleasure. They are Esau's generation. Esau was called a fornicator because he exchanged the glorious plan God for him for a bowl of meal. My brothers and sisters, when you fornicate, you are simply exchanging your destiny. You are willingly handing it over to satan while he allows you to enjoy the pleasure of intimacy for a while. Do not be foolish. Stop exchanging your future on the bed of pleasure. This is a serious matter that is destroying the lives of many. Even though Esau later repented, it was too late. I, therefore, beseech you by the mercies of God to repent today. Look at what later happened to Esau, "For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears." (Hebrews 12:17)

DANGERS OF SINFUL HABITS

Sinful habit will keep you stagnated in life. Sinful habit will keep you moving in a circle. Your life will be up and down; sinning today and repenting tomorrow. You will not be able to make any appreciable progress with God. The sinful habit could be pride, fornication, adultery, masturbation, lying, stealing etc. You cannot enter into the purpose of God for your life when you continue to indulge in sinful habits. Your loud amen and faith to the promises of God are empty noise if you indulge in sinful habits. Stop cheating yourself. The pleasure of sin is nothing compared to the purpose of God for your life. I have seen potentially great men and women amounting to nothing in life because of sinful habits. Rise up today, repent and take up your cross and follow Jesus Christ. The Bible says, "Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear." (Isaiah 59:1-2)

THE SEVEN COMMON SINS

The devil does not need you to be involved in several sins to destroy you; one is enough. In today's world, there are seven sins that devil has found to be potent in

this generation. They are: 1. Masturbation 2. Fornication 3. Pornography 4. Lying 5. Adultery 6. Stealing 7. Pride Most people today are involved in one or more of these sins. Just one of this is enough to destroy a life and keep that life permanently shut out from the Kingdom of God in eternity. The good news is that Jesus Christ is waiting to set you free if you will surrender to Him today. The Bible says, "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God (JESUS CHRIST) was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil." (1 John 3:8)

SINGLE LADIES DIGGING THEIR GRAVES

If you are dating a married man, if you are having an affair with a married man, if you are sleeping with a married man, if you are having feelings for a married man, you are digging your grave. You are reducing your life span. You are throwing a stone that will turn back to hit you when you are married. You are inviting sickness, curse and evil upon your life. If you love yourself, stop it now. You cannot escape the judgment of God. Mark my word, you will suffer terrible consequences unless you repent NOW. The Bible says, "Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous." (Hebrews 13:4 ESV) God will judge you. As for the married men and women doing this, your judgment is waiting for you. Married men chasing single ladies should know that they are inviting the wrath on God upon themselves. If you don't repent today, destruction and eternal sorrow is what is waiting for you because the Bible says, "He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy." (Proverbs 29:1)

SAY IT AS IT IS

If you are not married and you are sleeping with a man or woman, you are not making love, you are fornicating. You are not getting down, you are sinning. If you are married and you having intimacy outside of your marriage, you are not having an affair, you are committing adultery. You are not cheating, you are sinning. No adulterer nor fornicator shall enter the Kingdom of God according to the Word of God. The Bible says, "Surely you know that the wicked will not possess God's Kingdom. Do not fool yourselves; people who are immoral or who worship idols or are adulterers or homosexual perverts or who steal or are greedy or are drunkards or who slander others or are thieves---none of these will possess God's Kingdom." (1 Corinthians 6:9-10 GNB)

THE MYSTERY OF LOVE

Love is a mystery that you can only understand in Christ. Outside of Christ, you cannot understand love because God is love. A lot of people today are confused when it comes to love simply because they do not know God. Unless you have a revelational knowledge of God, you can never understand love. Most people are trying to pursue love outside of Jesus Christ and they are ending up in crisis. When you know Jesus, when God grants you the revelation of Christ, all your questions concerning love is resolved immediately. It is so sweet to know God and understand love. The Bible says, "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." (1 John 4:7-8)

JESUS HAS ALL RELATIONSHIP/MARITAL ANSWERS

Every Relationship and Marriage questions have their answers only in Christ Jesus. The Beginning of marital success is abiding in Christ. Jesus Christ, Himself said, "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me." (John 15:4)

YOU CAN BUILD YOUR LOVE LIFE IN TWO WAYS

Love can be built in two ways. You can build love on SAND or on the ROCK. It takes some time to know what you are building your love on. When you build your love life on sand, it implies you are building it on feelings, passion, sex, fantasy etc. But when you build your love life on the Rock, it implies you are building on JESUS our Rock; you are building it on the Word of God. Whether you build on sand or on the Rock, will be revealed with time. Strong winds and storms of life will test your love life. Only the one built on Jesus Christ will stand the test of time. Jesus said, "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it." (Matthew 7:24-27).

THE GOLDEN RULE FOR SINGLES AND MARRIED

Woman, do unto other women's husbands, what you want other women to do to your own husband. Man, do unto other men's wives, what you want other men to do to your wife. Husband, treat your wife the way you want her to treat you. Wife, treat your husband the way you want him to treat you. Jesus said, "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets." (Matthew 7:12)

LONELY AND COMPROMISING

You are compromising your purity because you are lonely. You are running into the hands of a man that defiles your body, which is the Temple of God because of loneliness. You are afraid to lose a man and you are giving him your body on the bed of sin. You claim to be born again but is that how born again behaves? Some people were ready to be thrown into the fire instead of compromising. The Bible says, "The three men replied, "Your Majesty, we don't need to defend ourselves. The God we worship can save us from you and your flaming furnace. But even if he doesn't, we still won't worship your gods and the gold statue you have set up." (Daniel 3:16-18 CEV) These are like the true Christians who have denied themselves, carried their cross and following the Master. They are not like you that just on account of loneliness, you are ready to take your clothes off. You should be ready to be single for life if all the men you meet want to defile you. Marriage is not life, Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. You don't need a man to be happy and fulfilled in life, you only need Jesus. Live for Jesus, that's all that matters. For you to be a true Christian, please read the condition before you discover that you have not been following Jesus in eternity. The Bible says, "And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple." (Luke 9:23-24, 14:26-27)

BROTHERS BE ROMANTIC

Dear brothers in Christ, Christianity is not an excuse to be dirty, unkempt, uncivilised and unromantic. It does not cost you anything to have your clothes properly washed, ironed and smartly dressed. Having a smelling mouth is not holiness. Wearing dirty socks and shoes is not righteousness. God expect you to be loving and romantic with the woman he has chosen for you to marry. It is NOT worldliness to write peoms, compose sweet sms, send romantic voice notes to the one you are married to or planned to marry. The Songs of Solomon is a book in the Bible. Please read it and

adjust appropriately. We are spiritual, but we are also emotional. You must be tender, kind and loving. Even the scirture says you must nourish and cherish your woman. Thank her, appreciate her, be gentle with her, surprise her, tell her you love her. These are the halmark of a truly Godly man. You should be the most loving, caring and romantic person on earth because the most romantic poem is available in the Bible to teach you. Be romantic.

Permit me to share with you the letter a lover wrote to his love in the word of God. He wrote, "How beautiful you are, my love! How your eyes shine with love behind your veil. Your hair dances like a flock of goats bounding down the hills of Gilead. Your teeth are as white as sheep that have just been shorn and washed. Not one of them is missing; they are all perfectly matched. Your lips are like a scarlet ribbon; how lovely they are when you speak. Your cheeks glow behind your veil. Your neck is like the tower of David, round and smooth, with a necklace like a thousand shields hung around it. Your breasts are like gazelles, twin deer feeding among lilies. I will stay on the hill of myrrh, the hill of incense, until the morning breezes blow and the darkness disappears. How beautiful you are, my love; how perfect you are! Come with me from the Lebanon Mountains, my bride; come with me from Lebanon. Come down from the top of Mount Amana, from Mount Senir and Mount Hermon, where the lions and leopards live. The look in your eyes, my sweetheart and bride, and the necklace you are wearing have stolen my heart. Your love delights me, my sweetheart and bride. Your love is better than wine; your perfume more fragrant than any spice. The taste of honey is on your lips, my darling; your tongue is milk and honey for me. Your clothing has all the fragrance of Lebanon. My sweetheart, my bride, is a secret garden, a walled garden, a private spring; there the plants flourish. They grow like an orchard of pomegranate trees and bear the finest fruits. There is no lack of henna and nard, of saffron, calamus, and cinnamon, or incense of every kind. Myrrh and aloes grow there with all the most fragrant perfumes. Fountains water the garden, streams of flowing water, brooks gushing down from the Lebanon Mountains. Wake up, North Wind. South Wind, blow on my garden; fill the air with fragrance. Let my lover come to his garden and eat the best of its fruits. (Song of Solomon 4:1-16 GNB) Emulate this. God bless you.

THERE IS NO LUCK IN MARRIAGE

When you see couples who are doing well, be rest assured that they are not lucky, they are working. They are working at their marriage to ensure it is successful. Nobody succeeds in marriage by luck. The two persons involved must be determined to make it work and give everything to ensure it works. The Bible says, "Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." (Philippians 2:12)

THE LAW OF SEX

It is a divine law that whenever two people are involved in sex, they become joined. Sex unites two people as one. Sex is not an ordinary chemical or mechanical processes, it is deep and spiritual. For every person you have sex with, you become joined to that person. A part of that person lives in you and a part of you lives in the person. That's the reason God intended sex only in the marriage where the husband and wife becomes one. You are destroying your soul and body my having sex with more than one person. If you are single, wait until you are married to have sex with only your spouse. If you are marriage, remain joined to only your spouse. The Bible warns, "Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. (1 Corinthians 6:15-20)

LET GO OF YOUR PAST FLAME

Stop calling your past, let go. Stop thinking of your past hurt and pleasure, just let go. Stop missing your past; you've got to move on. Don't allow your past to creep back into your life. There is nothing like first love; it the person you eventually marry that is your first love. So, let go and let the Lord heal your heart. Don't do anything to rekindle the old flame in your heart; let your heart be sanctified. How long will you be tied to your past; break loose in the name of Jesus and move on. It is time to move on. The Bible says, "But the LORD says, "Do not cling to events of the past or dwell on what happened long ago. (Isaiah 43:18)

WE ARE ALL TEMPTED

There is no married man or woman that is not tempted to commit adultery. There is no single man or woman that is not tempted to commit fornication. Everyone has been or will be tempted. If you fall, it is not because the devil is on your case, it is simply your choice. The Bible says, "You are tempted in the same way that everyone else is tempted. But God can be trusted not to let you be tempted too much, and he will show you how to escape from your temptations." (1 Corinthians 10:13)

PREGNANT BUT ALONE

It is simply evil and wickedness for a man to impregnate a woman and allow her to go throw it all alone. It is a great evil. The man and the woman must go through the journey of nine months together. If you cannot spend nine months with her and father the child, don't spend the five minutes that leads to it with her. Ladies, never allow a man who has not married you to impregnate you. It is simply stupidity for you to bring such upon yourself. Don't you know you are the one that will carry the greater part of the burden? That is why the Bible warns us against fornication. The Bible says, "Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body." (1 Corinthians 6:18)

ABORTION IS MURDER, PERIOD!

You are committing murder by aborting innocent babies that God has planned to come into this world just the same way you came. Don't think because they cannot fight back, that you gonna get away with it, no, God is gonna fight for them. Planned parenthood is when you prevent pregnancy from occurring, once pregnancy has taken place, any form of planned parenthood is simply planned murder. One of the major reason why the children of Israel were killed and driven out of their land was because they were killing their children. Is there blood on your hands? You need to repent today and call on Jesus. You have been warned! The Bible says, "Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity." (Acts 8:22-23)

MARRIAGE IS NOT HELL

Marriage is not hell. Marriage is an institution created by God for His own purpose and glory. It is human beings who become hell to themselves in marriage. Marriage is beautiful. You can have two adult fighting in a first class compartment of a jet. The first class cabin is beautiful but it is the two boxers that have turned it into a ring. So, don't get it twisted. Marriage is a fantastically beautiful institution authored by God.

MARRIAGE IS FORK AND KNIFE

Marriage is not the coming together of two people with equal grace and strength. It is the coming together of two people with different strength and grace to

compliment and complete each other. It is fork and knife not fork and fork and certainly not knife and knife. The Fork and Knife work on the same plate, at the same time for just one purpose. That's how marriage is. The Bible says, "And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him." (Genesis 2:18)

RUN AWAY HUSBANDS AND FATHERS

The height of insanity and wickedness is for a man to abandon his wife and/or children and move on with life as if he had not married a wife nor fathered a child. How can you abandon a woman you willingly promised to remain with her for the rest of your life? How can you abandon children you willingly brought into this world? How do you expect a woman to cope with the responsibilities you created? Be rest assured that if you have abandoned your wife and children, God will one day call you to judgment. The judgment may be slow in coming but it will surely come. If you know you were not man enough, why did you get married? If you know you were not going to be responsible, why did you bring kids into the world? Repent today, go and reconcile with your wife and children so that you can obtain God's mercy. This is what the Lord say, "And why isn't God pleased? It's because he knows that each of you men has been unfaithful to the wife you married when you were young. You promised that she would be your partner, but now you have broken that promise. Didn't God create you to become like one person with your wife? And why did he do this? It was so you would have children, and then lead them to become God's people. Don't ever be unfaithful to your wife. The LORD God All-Powerful of Israel hates anyone who is cruel enough to divorce his wife. So take care never to be unfaithful! (Malachi 2:14-16 CEV)

WORLDLY RELATIONSHIP LEADS TO SORROWFUL UNION

Several Christians are involved in worldly relationship/marriage but are hoping to have Godly results. It does not work like. It’s either you do it God’s way and get God’s result or you do it your way and get worldly result. You either follow the Word of God or the works of the flesh. There is no middle ground and no mixed results. You will reap what you sow. If you are truly building your relationship/marriage on the Word of God, you will have the God kind of result. You cannot do it in a worldly way and get a Godly result. The Bible says, “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.” (Galatians 6:7-8)

THE WOMAN'S GREATEST PAIN

Deflower pain, Menstrual pain, Labour pain are nothing compared to the pain the woman experiences when she's heartbroken. Stop maltreating your wife before her maker arises to avenge her. God is the defender of the helpless. You will pay for every pain you cause her. Repent now!

THE OUTWARD AND INWARD BEAUTY

The outward or physical beauty is a blessing from the Lord and we must be grateful for it and use it well. However, physical beauty will SURELY depreciate but the beauty of the heart (inner beauty) has the potential to appreciate forever. The Bible says, "You should not use outward aids to make yourselves beautiful, such as the way you fix your hair, or the jewellery you put on, or the dresses you wear. Instead, your beauty should consist of your true inner self, the ageless beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of the greatest value in God's sight. (1 Peter 3:3-4 GNB)

STOP RENTING OUT YOUR BODY

Your body is the temple (house) of the Holy Spirit, stop renting it out. When you engage in sin with your body, you are defiling the temple of the Lord and grieving the Holy Spirit that lives in you. The Bible says, "Do you not know that your bodies are the members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them the members of a harlot? Let it not be! Or do you not know that he being joined to a harlot is one body? For He says, The two shall be one flesh. But he being joined to the Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits fornication sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit in you, whom you have of God? And you are not your own, for you are bought with a price. Therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." (1 Corinthians 6:15-20)

MARRIAGE WITHOUT CHALLENGES

There is no marriage on earth without its challenges. Even a marriage built completely on the Word of God still has its challenges. There are no couples without challenges but successful couples have learned how to turn their challenges into growth while others have allowed their challenges to crush them. Don't ever assume that some couples are lucky to have a perfect marriage; God has simply helped them and they are also committed to one another. The home built on the sand and the one

built on the rock will both face challenges. The difference is that one will collapse while the other will stand. Jesus said, "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it." (Matthew 7:24-27)

COMPONENTS OF LASTING LOVE

For love to be lasting it must have three critical components which are unconditional love, selfless love, committed love. If love is unconditional, selfless and committed, it will never fail. Unfortunately, many in this generation do not know this type of love. They are used to sensual, erotic love which is very transient and temporal. God is love and those who truly know God will have committed, unconditional and selfless love.

LADIES, MEN KNOW YOUR WEAKNESS

Men generally know that a woman's heart is easily moved by care. So, many of the men are using it to deceive women. They show her deceitful care so that she can open her heart and then finally open her legs. Be very careful. It is not every act of care/kindness that is genuine. You need the wisdom of God to know the difference. The Bible says, "When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee: TO DELIVER THEE FROM THE WAY OF THE EVIL MAN, FROM THE MAN THAT SPEAKETH FROWARD THINGS;" (Proverbs 2:10-12)

POSTS FOR THE MARRIED

WHAT'S LACKING IN YOUR SPOUSE?

Whatever seems lacking in your spouse, satan will attempt to supply through another woman or man so that he can destroy your marriage and home. Stick with your spouse and love your spouse the way Jesus loves the church. Your spouse is your own. "Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that is

thy portion in this life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun." (Ecclesiastes 9:9).

THE AUTHOR OF MARRIAGE

You cannot forget the author of marriage and still hope to have a good marriage. Only God can hold marriage together. Without Christ truly living in your heart, you will soon hate that your spouse that you think you love so much. You can NEVER have a God prescribed marriage without first having God as the Lord of your life. "Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD." (Jeremiah 17:5).

DON'T MAKE YOUR HUSBAND FEELS LIKE A FAILURE

Don't make your husband feel like he is a failure because he cannot provide enough finance. Good relationship should not be defined by money. Don't allow money to kill your peace, joy and love for one another. He may be struggling financially today but tomorrow will be great.Let love grow with or without money. Poverty in the eyes of man is different from poverty in the eyes of the Lord.

WHAT KIND OF HUSBAND ARE YOU?

Some men are animal at home, human being outside. They make their wife cry on the inside and smile on the outside. Don't assume you will get away with it for her God will fight for her because she's the weaker vessel. "You ask, "Why?" It is because the LORD is acting as the witness between you and the wife of your youth, because you have broken faith with her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant." (Malachi 2:14).

WAITING FOR A CHILD IN MARRIAGE

A child does not make the marriage. Marriage is a covenant relationship between a man and his wife. Children or no children, the marriage stands. Don't make having a child a parameter for your marriage. Live joyfully with your spouse. It is the responsibility of the man as the head and Priest of the family to pray for his wife if she cannot conceive. Husbands should not allow their wives to be running from one prayer meeting to the other because they want a child. Stand as a man and call upon the Lord through Jesus Christ and your wife shall conceive. The Bible says, And Isaac

intreated the LORD for his wife, because she was barren: and the LORD was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived. (Genesis 25:21) It was Isaac who took the responsibility.

THIS STORY WILL AFFECT YOUR MARRIAGE FOR GOOD

One day, God called one of his children and gave him a beautiful bird. This bird was so beautiful it never left the presence of God until it was handed over to this child of God. God greatly love the bird and was reluctant to hand over the beautiful bird to this his child, but because he loved this son of His more, He gave him the beautiful bird to keep and take good care of for a while. God told the man that He was traveling but could only trust his own son to look after the beautiful bird. He pleaded with him to take good care of the beautiful bird until He returned. He warned that on no condition should the beautiful bird be beaten or abused. He charged his son that even if the bird offends him, he should wait to report it to Him when He comes back, but that he should never raise his hands against the beautiful bird.

God added that it would bring shame to His name if anything bad happens to the beautiful bird. The young man promised God that he will take good care of the bird and would not allow the name of His Father to be brought to shame. With this assurance, God took His journey having made provision for all the needs of his son and the beautiful bird. The first few days were really great with the beautiful bird. The son and the bird played together and enjoyed each other's company. However, after a while, they both offended each other and the boy being stronger, beat the beautiful bird. This continues for a long time until the beautiful bird eventually died. Then God returned and asked His son where His bird was. The son, looking distressed, said that the beautiful bird was dead. God was angry with His son.

He told His son that everything he had ever wanted was inside that bird. God said He decided to keep all his blessing inside the bird to keep the enemy from stealing it. He said his son would have reigned with Him if he had taken good care of the beautiful bird. God then commanded His Angels to take the boy and lock him up where there will be gnashing of the teeth. This son wept bitterly, but it was too late. Suddenly, he woke up from sleep and discovered it was only a dream. Then He heard the Holy Spirit say to him, "My son, that bird you saw in your vision was your marriage. Marriage is a very precious gift given to man by God. Marriage is not about the man, but about God.

If you had understood this, there was nothing the beautiful bird did to you that you would not have forgiven it because it holds the key for you fulfilling God's purpose on earth. Go now and mend the relationship with your wife before it is too late." The man got up and asked for his wife to forgive him and they have been living happily since that day. Marriage is a great treasure. Believers bring shame to the name of God when they abuse or divorce their spouse. God will judge seriously those who are desecrating this sanctified institution of God. You have heard and you have been warned. Do not be among those bringing shame to the name of the Lord. Protect

what God has given you. If you are not married, asked the Lord for grace to marry right and stay married till death do you part. Peace. The LORD God All-Powerful of Israel hates anyone who is cruel enough to divorce his wife. So take care never to be unfaithful! (Malachi 2:16 CEV)

LOVING YOUR WIFE

The man must love the woman in three areas: spirit, soul and body. If you love her spirit, you will pray for her always and share God's word with her. If you love her soul, you will not lead her to sin or hurt her emotionally. If you love her body, you will cherish, nourish and care for her. This is the way God wants you to love your woman. The Bible says, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Thessalonians 5:23)

20 RULES FOR GODLY MEN

1. Don't shout at your wife when you are talking. It really hurts her. (Proverbs 15:1) 2. Do not speak evil of her to anyone. Your wife will become who you call her. (Gen. 2:19) 3. Do not share her love or affection with another woman. It is called Adultery. (Matt. 5:28) 4. Never compare your wife to another woman. If the other woman was good for you, God would have given her to you. (2 Cor. 10:12) 5. Don't ever allow her to beg you for sex. She owns your body just as you own her body. (1 Cor. 7:5) 6. Be gentle and accommodating. She has sacrificed so much to be with you. It hurts her deeply when you are hash and irritating. Be tender. (Eph. 4:2) 7. Hide nothing from her. You are now one and she's your helpmeet. Let there be no secret you are keeping from her. (Gen. 2:25) 8. Do not make negative comment about her body. She risked her life and beauty to carry your babies. She is a living soul not just flesh and blood. Do not let her body determine her worth. Cherish and appreciate her even till old age. (Eph. 5:29) 9. Never shout at her in the public and in private. If you have an issue to sort with her, do it in the privacy of your room. (Matt. 1:19) 10. Thank and appreciate her for taking good care of you, the kids and the house. It is a great sacrifice she is making. (1The 5:18) 11. All women cannot cook the same way; appreciate your wife's food. It is not easy to cook three meals a day, 365 days a year for several years. (Pro. 31:14) 12. Never place your siblings before her. She is your wife. She is one with you. She must come before your family. (Gen. 2:24) 13. Invest seriously in her spiritual growth. Buy books, tapes and any material that will edify her and strengthen her walk with God. That's the best thing you can do for her. (Eph. 5:26) 14. Spend time with her to do Bible study and pray. (James 5:16) 15. Make time to play with her and enjoy her company. Remember when you are dead, she's gonna be by your grave but your friends may be too busy to attend your funeral. (Ecc. 9:9) 16. Never use money to manipulate or control her. All your money belongs to her.

She is a joint heir with you of the grace of God. (1 Pet. 3:7) 17. Do not expose her weakness. You will be exposing yourself too. Be a shield around her. (Eph. 5:30) 18. Honour her parents and be kind to her siblings. (SOS 8:2) 19. Never cease to tell her how much you love her all the days of her life. Women are never tired of hearing that. (Eph. 5:25) 20. Grow to be like Jesus. That's the only way you can be a good and godly husband. (Rom. 8:29)

20 RULES FOR GODLY WOMEN

Never raise your voice against your husband. Any man can be broken through soft spoken words. (Proverbs 25:25) Don't discuss your husband with your friends and family. (Proverbs 11:13) Never allow your husband to have reason to doubt you. His heart must safely trust in you. (Proverbs 31:11) Submission is the greatest gift God has given you. Never become too wise to submit to your husband in all things. (Ephesians 5: 22-24) You must be prudent because you are the manager of the home. (Proverbs 19:14) Do not put your trust in your husband as your source. Let God always be the one from where your help comes from. (Jeremiah 17:5) Learn to pray to God about your challenges before discussing them with your husband. (Genesis 25:22) Never become carefree with his meal. (Proverbs 31:14) Never become a hindrance to him doing the will of God; God can replace you. (Esther 1:19) Never mock your husband for serving God in a way that you consider not dignified enough for your status; it is the number one cause of permanent bareness. (2 Samuel 6:20-23) Do not develop the habit of speaking lowly of your husband in the presence of his friends and family. Always hold him in high esteem. (Proverbs 31:23) Do not allow yourself to be provoked to the point where you abuse and curse your husband; he is your head. (Ephesians 5:23) All your income and resources belong to the two of you. You do not independently own anything because you are one. (Matthew 19:6) Never use sex to manipulate your husband. He owns your body just as must as you own his body. Sex is not a tool for punishment. (1Corinthians 7:3-5) Never allow your siblings and family to come between you and your husband. Your relationship with your husband should be your only priority. (Genesis 24:58) Respect your husband and call him in a name that is honourable. That was the secret of women of old who excelled. (1Peter 3:6) You can always win your husband over by your good conduct. (1Peter 3:1) Give yourself to the study of the word of God. That's the only place you can find tested wisdom to build your home, children and live a godly life. (Proverbs 14:1) Be a woman of prayer. Grow in intimacy with God through prayers. That's the place where your battles are won. A kingdom praying wife is a great treasure. (Philippian 4:6) The plan of God for your life is that you are conformed to the image of Christ. That is the only way you can live the life described above. (Romans 8:29)

THE SOURCE OF MARITAL PROBLEMS

Do you have problems in your marriage? Are you going to through a crisis, separation or divorce? Listen to me; every marital problem (without a single exception) is traceable to the violation of the Word of God either at the point of making the choice or right inside the marriage. Every marriage built according to the Word of God will stand the test of time and be beautiful. If you are ready to repent and do things according to the Word of God, joy will be restored to your marriage. "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man (and woman), which built his house upon a rock: " (Matthew 7:24).

THE GUARANTEE FOR MARITAL SUCCESS

There is a simple way to understand marriage and make a good success of it as children of God. Marriage simply put is the expression of the fruit of the Holy Spirit. If you walk in the fruit of the Holy Spirit, your marriage is guaranteed to be a success. The Bible says, "But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Here there is no conflict with the law." (Galatians 5:22-23).

ONENESS IN THE HOME

The blessing of God flows when husband and wife dwell together in peace and in unity. The anointing and power of God flows through such Christian couples and their prayer of agreement can unlock any door. Satan is aware of this and would do everything to sow the seed of discord, quarrels and continuous agitation between couples. You are greatly missing out on the blessing of God when you allow yourself to be used to cause disharmony in your home. Never allow the cord of peace of your marriage to be broken. The Bible says, “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren (COUPLES) to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: FOR THERE THE LORD COMMANDED THE BLESSING, even life for evermore. (Psalms 133:1-3)

TRAIN YOUR CHILD

Most parents are more excited about their children getting married than preparing them for marriage. Parents have mostly failed in preparing their children for

marriage. That is why grown-ups are confused when it comes to marriage. They are mostly zero because their parents never instructed them on this matter. Are you a parent? Wake up! Educating your child is good but what God said is that you should TRAIN your child. The Bible says, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6). You are to train your child in the nurture and admonition of our Lord Jesus Christ. Again, the Bible says, “And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.” (Ephesians 6:4)

CHEATING MEN

There are a lot of so-called Christian husbands who are cheating on their wives, committing adultery and treating their wives with contempt. They are making their wives sorrowful and sad. Several of their wives have become depressed and frustrated. Most of these men think they are smart and have no remorse whatsoever. I have a news for you. God is going to fight for that woman. Her innermost cry goes to God every day. Do not think you will get away with this evil? You better repent today before it is too late. Listen to what God says, “And what else are you doing? You cry noisily and flood the LORD's altar with your tears, because he isn't pleased with your offerings and refuses to accept them. And why isn't God pleased? It's because he knows that each of you men has been unfaithful to the wife you married when you were young. You promised that she would be your partner, but now you have broken that promise. Didn't God create you to become like one person with your wife? And why did he do this? It was so you would have children, and then lead them to become God's people. Don't ever be unfaithful to your wife." (Malachi 2:13-15 CEV)

GOD’S INSTRUCTIONS TO PARENTS

These instructions supersede the laws of any country. Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him. (Proverbs 22:15) He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes. (Proverbs 13:24) Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him. (Proverbs 22:15) Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. (Proverbs 23:13) The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame. (Proverbs 29:15) And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:4) Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged. (Colossians 3:21) For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him. (Genesis 18:19) And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when

thou risest up. (Deuteronomy 6:7) And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. (Deuteronomy 11:19) Didn't God make you one body and spirit with her? What was his purpose in this? It was that you should have children who are truly God's people. So make sure that none of you breaks his promise to his wife. (Malachi 2:15 GNB)

MONEY IN MARRIAGE

If you are not naked financially in marriage, you are not naked at all. How can you share your body with each other but hide money from one another? Is money more important than your body? You are ONE. Your body, spirit, soul and finance should be ONE. Financial secrecy is a bitter root that kills marriage. The Bible says your body is no longer your own; so also your money is no longer your own. Correct Biblical marriage is that in which your resources are jointly owned. The Bible says, "The wife's body does not belong to her alone but also to her husband. In the same way, the husband's body does not belong to him alone but also to his wife." (1 Corinthians 7:4).

NOT CHEATING BUT SUSPICIOUS

It is not enough that you are not cheating on your spouse, you must also not act in a way that gives room for suspicion. Be open and do not give your spouse the room to doubt you. Be pro-active with trust. Don't wait until your spouse starts asking questions before you start explaining. Trust is fragile, handle it wisely. The Bible says, "When Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, he said about him, "Here is a real Israelite; there is nothing false in him!""(John 1:47 GNB) Can your spouse say this of you?

LOVING YOUR CHILD MORE THAN YOUR SPOUSE?

You will be surprised how gullible some couples are in their affection; pouring their love on their child instead of their partners. I see a lot of that on the social media and in homes. They are always showing off their children's photos, but that of their married partner does not see the light of the day. Even their actions at home clearly reveal that the child/children are now more important. Some men would change their background phone photo to their child's picture, and their wife will never get a mention again. The children are only a product of the marriage. I am not saying you the way to love your spouse is by displaying their photos online. I am just using that to illustrate my point. The man and the woman should primarily love each other till death do them apart while caring for their children. It’s okay to love your offspring,

but they must not take the place of your spouse. You must love and care for your wife/husband more. Train the children in the way of the Lord and let them go but love your spouse until death do you part. Don't be foolish. Be wise! Homes have broken because of this. You may think this is a small matter, but I tell you, a lot of people can't handle it, and it causes the problem for their home. Some even love their parents and siblings more than their spouse, and it tears their marriage apart. Let nobody ever come between you and your spouse. You only have a covenant relationship with your married partner. The Bible says, "That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united with his wife, and they become one." (Genesis 2:24 GNB)

WHAT IS THE COST OF ADULTERY?

There is only one place to find out, the Bible. According to the Bible, "A woman who sells her love can be bought for as little as the price of a meal. But making love to another man's wife will cost you everything. (Proverbs 6:26 CEV) Adultery will cost the man/woman EVERYTHING.

A MESSAGE TO THE MARRIED MEN

Hear me O married men! You complain that your wife has lost her shape, that she no longer looks the way she was when you married her. You compare her to the young girls you see all over the place. You have forgotten that she was like the young girls you are now chasing when you married her. You are foolish not to call to remembrance that her tummy was stretched to limit all the time she carried your babies. Are you blind not to see that her vagina was expanded to allow for the head of all your children to enter into the world? Did you not know that she had breastfed all your kids with the same breasts for several years? Yet, you want her breasts to remain firm like a teenage girl. Are you that ignorant that you are not are aware that her internal organs were displaced in order to accommodate your children in her womb? She had spent more sleepless nights than you. If you had been married for 20 years, she must have cooked an average of 21,600 meals for you, taking the heat of the kitchen while making the meals. But you are looking for young girls who are very tight. You completely forgot that some of these young girls have only blood passing through their vagina every month. Their breasts were formed just a few years ago, and they have not known the rigour of breastfeeding a baby 24hours a day. This is what you are chasing up and down. Foolish man, don't you know that the young girls of today would also become the old women of tomorrow? Go and make your wife and family happy. The man that is faithful to his wife is an honourable man. Unfaithful men are dogs. Repent today and go back to your wife before it is too late. The Bible says, "Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun." (Ecclesiastes 9:9)

HAVING A BAD MARRIAGE?

There is no marriage too bad or damaged that Jesus cannot make whole. In my short life, I have seen completely hopeless marriages come back to life. I have seen dead and buried marriages resurrect. If you hand it over to Jesus, He will surprise you. He came to heal the broken-hearted. Listen to what Jesus Himself said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to HEAL THE BROKENHEARTED, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, (Luke 4:18)

BEWARE OF THE WOMAN'S PRESSURE

Husband, don't allow your wife to push you to steal, borrow or commit fraud. Live within your means. Don't allow your spouse to put subtle pressure on you to start running a race you are not intended to run. Live a contented life. Live within what God has provided for you. Don't compare yourself to other men and don't allow her to put pressure on you by showing you what other men are doing. Stand your ground, do your best, trust God and be contented. "But godliness with contentment is great gain." (1Timothy 6:6)

A GOOD MARRIAGE IS POSSIBLE

A loving, beautiful and fulfilling marriage is not by accident; it is a choice, a deliberate decision to have a happy home. You can choose to be faithful to your spouse. You can opt to submit to your spouse. You can decide to love your spouse unconditionally. It is a choice. If you see people who are having happy and fulfilling marriage today, it is because they made that choice. No one stumbles on a good marriage. A good marriage is the product of the right choices of two people backed by the grace of God. You can choose to make your wife miserable or the happiest woman on earth. You can decide to frustrate your husband every day or be a favour to his life. The choice is yours. So, the kind of marriage you want is in your hands. It is your choice.

ADULTERY IS A SERIOUS MATTER

When you go out of your marriage to have sex, you sin against God, you grieve the Holy Spirit, you betray your spouse, you sin against the Body of Christ, and you sin against your body. It is such a serious matter that it can destroy your life. Adultery is the fastest route to untimely death. The Bible says, "Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth. Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths. For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her. Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death." (Proverbs 7:24-27)

RISKY AND SINFUL AFFAIR

You are a married woman, but you still have a man from your past or present telling you how beautiful you are, how much he miss you and how greatly he loves you, but you don't know you should block and delete such a person. You are risking your life and marriage for a man that has nothing to lose. Is it when you are disgraced and sent out of your marriage that you will have some senses? You are eating stolen water and bread in secret. Listen to what God says about what you are doing, "Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant. But he knoweth not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell. (Proverbs 9:17-18)

IS YOUR MOUTH KISSABLE?

You know you have mouth odour, but you will not visit the dentist or take action to deal with the problem. Yet, you expect your spouse to kiss you all the time and be comfortable with it. You are unfair to your spouse. Take steps to put your mouth in a kissable state. No one wants to kiss a bad smelling mouth.

ARE YOU A BOSS OR A HEAD?

Husband, God did not make you head of the family so that you can boss your wife around and lazy around the house. The head has the eyes, the ears, the mouth, the nose and the brain. This means you must have a clear vision of God for the family. You must be able to hear from God from time to time to give the family direction. You must instruct the family lovingly in the way of the Lord. You must supply life and protection to the family with prayers. You must lead by example by modelling Jesus for your wife to follow. That is what it means to be the head of your wife. Listen carefully to what the Bible says, “For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.”

LOVE IS A COMMANDMENT

I don't love my wife because she loves me. I don't love my wife so that she can love me back. I do not love my wife because she's good. I love my wife because the Word of God commanded me to love my wife. I am glad and grateful to God that my wife loves me, but if she does not it won't make a difference because I will still love her all the same. I cannot disobey my Father in Heaven who commanded me to love my wife. This for me is love. The Bible says, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;" (Ephesians 5:25) Love is a commandment.

COLD WAR IN MARRIAGE

Beware of cold war settling in your marriage. Many couples, though living together, are in cold war. They hardly talk or relate to each other. Each one is watching his or her space. That is no marriage. Befriend your spouse and make a deliberate decision to enjoy your spouse despite any challenge you might be facing. The Bible says, "Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun." (Ecclesiastes 9:9)

GOD'S QUESTION TO MEN

There is a question God asks every man committing adultery. Here is the question, "Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned? So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife; whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent." (Proverbs 6:27-29 KJV) God is saying in essence that you cannot get away with your adulterous life. You think you are smart but God is saying you are foolish. You think your spouse will not find out and that you won't face any consequence, but you will soon find out that God is watching you. Since it is impossible to walk on hot coals and not be burnt, so you cannot commit adultery and get away with it. Repent today before you are burnt. Again, God is asking you, "Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?"

MAKE YOUR WIFE HAPPY

It is better to love your wife and make her happy than to have great ministry while your wife is weeping and bitter. Marriage must come before ministry. That is the Biblical pattern. The Bible says, "(For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)" (1 Timothy 3:5)

RESPECT YOUR HUSBAND

When a wife says, 'I LOVE YOU' to her husband, it does not mean much to the husband until the woman RESPECTS the man or humbles herself. Man interprets respect/humility as love!

DO THINGS TOGETHER

It is good for couples to Eat together, Sleep together, Read the Bible together and Pray together. Do this with a sincere heart and watch your marriage grow from strength to strength.

COUPLES, THIS CAN HINDER YOUR PRAYERS

The prayers of several married Christian men are not being answered because of the way they are treating their wives. The same also applies to many Christian wives whose prayers are hindered because of their relationship with their husbands. God is very much interested in what goes on between husband and wife. It is in your best interest to love, care and be at peace with your spouse. The Bible says, "Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered." (1 Peter 3:7)

YOUR WIFE, A MORON?

Husband; don’t treat your wife as if she does not have a brain. She may not seem as smart as you think she should be but she carries the grace of God to help your life. She is the bone of your bones and the flesh of your flesh. She is God’s favour to your life. She is your help. God has placed help in your wife that you will never find somewhere else.

DO YOU WANT BACK YOUR HUSBAND'S LOVE?

Many marriages have turned sour. Particularly, many husbands have forsaken their first love and they now maltreat the same woman they once professed to love greatly. Many Christian women are suffering in silence as their once beloved husbands have turned against them. Unfortunately, this is caused (in most cases) by disobedience as many genuinely born again sisters, entered into a relationship with church-going and religious men. Some even started fornicating with such men until they eventually got married. Now, they are reaping the fruit of their disobedience because the fake Christian man is now showing his true colour. The prayer of such wives is now for God to win the heart of their husband for them. That's where they are making another mistake. Listen to me if you are in such a situation. Acknowledge your mistake, repent of your sin and disobedience. Then, let your pray be that Jesus should win the heart of your husband for Himself. When you help Jesus to win the heart of your husband for Himself, Jesus will help you to win your husband's heart for you. God is merciful and He is ready to restore troublesome marriages but you have to commit all to Jesus now and first, seek that your husband know Jesus and then Jesus would turn his heart to you. Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to HEAL THE BROKENHEARTED, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord." (Luke 4:18-19)

HUSBAND PRAISE YOUR WIFE

As I search through the scriptures seeking divine wisdom for successful marriage, I found a particular wisdom that is the key to successful marriage. Husband must praise their wives always. Commend her, thank her, and appreciate her for everything she does if it's possible. You will be surprised how wonderful your wife can be when you praise her. Praise brings out the best in your wife. You may reach me for further counselling.

WORK VS MARRIAGE

Couples need to be careful not to allow their work to kill their relationship. With the way our world is now structured, it is very easy that husbands and wives form bond more with their colleagues at work instead of one another. More time is spent at work and life almost now revolves around work. This has destroyed many marriages as jobs/work becomes more important than the spouses. It is good to work and we shall continue to work by the grace of God but marriage is more important than work. Your spouse is more important than your office colleagues and friends. If you are successful at work but a failure at home, you are a failure. Give priority to your spouse. Make time for one another. Be loving, be romantic. God first, your spouse

second and others/other things last. That's the divine order. "(For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) (1 Timothy 3:5)

KEEP SATAN UNHAPPY ABOUT YOUR MARRIAGE

The devil is happy to see husband and wife fight and quarrel all the time. He knows that when Christian couples are united, his kingdom is in trouble so he does everything possible to make sure they are always fighting. Satan will use anything to start a fight in the home, even foolish things because the couples are ignorant. The Bible warns Christian couples saying, "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices." (2 Corinthians 2:11) Unfortunately, many Christian couples are ignorant of the devices of the enemy. The devil keeps creating division between husband and wife because he knows that a house divided against itself shall not stand. Jesus said, "And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand." (Mark 3:25) Don't allow satan to use your hands to destroy your marriage. End all divisions, quarrels and fights today. Let Jesus Christ rule over your marriage all the days of your life. Be wise!

THE WOMAN IS A LAND

A woman is like a fertile ground. What you sow in her is what you get. Invest positively and greatly in her. Invest love, care, patience, kindness, faithfulness and you will reap it a hundred fold. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." (Galatians 6:7).

THE PAST SINS AND MISTAKES OF YOUR SPOUSE

Don't use the past sins and mistakes of your spouse to continue to hurt, insult, abuse, disgrace and intimidate him/her. You are called to be like your Heavenly Father who said, "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more." (Hebrews 8:12)

THE GREATEST MARRIAGE INGREDIENT

Someone wants to know the one thing that is most critical in marriage. The one ingredient that is essential for marriage to succeed. It's really very simple. It is called MERCY. That is what I have come to know as the most important factor in marriage.

It is possible to do everything right and your marriage will still turn out bad. That is why we all need mercy. Unless God shows us mercy, even the best teachings on marriage will amount to nothing. We need mercy for life and marriage. Every marriage needs the mercy of God. The Bible says, "Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." (Psalms 127:1)

TO ALL MARRIED WOMEN WHO ARE GOD'S CHILDREN

1. Be careful of unnecessary kindness from men. 2. Beware of excessive compliments from men. 3. Be on your guard against flirting messages from men. 4. Be on your watch against deceptive frequent calls from men. 5. Be on guard against ungodly body contact with men. 6. Be wise to know sexual advances from afar. 7. Be mindful of emotional connection with men.

MARRIAGE AND ECONOMIC HARDSHIP

Don't marry in order to escape economic hardship. God created marriage for a specific purpose and only if you understand and walk in that purpose can you have a fulfilled marriage. When you enter into marriage for the wrong reasons, you will only end up in pain, regrets and frustration. To use marriage as a means to economic attainment is a wrong reason for marriage that usually backfires. Trust the Lord for your life, wait for the right person, marry for the right reason and God will take care of the rest. The Bible says, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19)

THOSE SEXUAL THOUGHTS

Whenever you start having thoughts that you can have better sexual satisfaction outside of your marriage, you can be sure that is the voice of satan through the voice of your flesh. Do not entertain such thoughts in your heart. That was how Eve was deceived because she entertained satanic thoughts in her heart until she believed it and obeyed it. Be warned. The Bible says, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:" (1 Peter 5:8)

OVERCOMING LUST

Lust is a spiritual condition. It works like hunger; you only feel good when you satisfy it. For example, if you have the lust for pornography, fornication or masturbation, you will only feel good (for a while) when you have satisfied that lust. After some time, the lust will demand again that you do those things you don't want to do. The only way out is to overcome lust. The Bible says, "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." (Galatians 5:24) When you come to Christ, He takes care of your lust through His cross. This is not psychological; it is the reality of the Christian life. It is sad that the teaching on the power of Christ to overcome lust is not on the item of modern preachers. That's why we are raising an arrogant, money conscious, sinful and powerless generation.

THE MINISTER OF GOD AND HIS WIFE

It is a waste of time for you as a minister of God to maltreat your wife and still be doing ministry. It is simply a waste of your life for you to relegate your wife, hurt her and still go ahead doing church work. Who you are to your wife is more important than who you are to the church. Men may be praising you but you have no reckoning with God. The gifts of God may still be in operation in your life but you are not recognised in Heaven. The Word of God says, "For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?" (1Timothy 3:5) How will you answer God? I will leave you with the Word of God that says, "And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that he regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth it with good will at your hand. Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant." (Malachi 2:13-14)

THE DANGERS OF ADULTERY

Many married men and women today are engaging in adultery as if it is normal. They do it for pleasure, thrill, money, emotional connection, loneliness and several other flimsy excuses. What they do not realize is that they have through their sin made themselves endangered souls as they risk burning eternally in hell for the sin of adultery alone. Here is a summary of the dangers of adultery. 1. Adulterers are at the risk of the severe judgement of God. (Hebrews 13:4) 2. Adulterers will not enter the Kingdom of God. (1Corinthians 6:9) 3. Adulterers will burn in the eternal lake of fire. (Revelation 21:8) 4. Adulterers risk being visited upon with strange and terrible illness and diseases. (Revelation 2:22) 5. Adulterers will face tribulation and unexplainable difficult times. (Revelation 2:22) 6. Adulterers risk having their

children killed. (Revelation 2:23) 7. The sin of adultery destroys the souls of the Adulterers. (Proverbs 6:32) 8. Adulterers will be exposed and disgraced. (Proverbs 6:27-29) 9. Adulterers exchanging nude/erotic photos/videos with their partners in sin risk having those photos leaked to the internet for the whole world to see. (Luke 8:17) 10. Adultery reduces the life of adulterers to a piece of bread. (Proverbs 6:26) 11. Adulterers may have to confess to their spouses or the church for them to obtain forgiveness. (Matthew 5:23) 12. Adultery is a sin against God, your spouse, your body and the Body of Christ. If you are involved in it or been involved in adultery, you need to repent and cry out to Jesus Christ today to have mercy on your soul before the Judgment of God falls on you. The Bible says, "Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge." (Hebrews 13:4)

IN-FIGHTING IN MARRIAGE

The devil is already committed to fighting your marriage to ensure it fails. Don't make it possible for him by fighting each other in marriage. Peace, unity and oneness in the home are essential for any marriage that will stand the assault of the enemy. The Bible says, "Do your best to preserve the unity which the Spirit gives by means of the peace that binds you together." (Ephesians 4:3)

CONSIDERING OR INVOLVED IN EXTRA MARITAL AFFAIR?

Your spouse may not be there for you, love you, care for your but all of that should not be the excuse to go to the lap of another man or woman. Your spouse may not have been good to you but you will be responsible for your sin if you go and sin because of that. God will hold you, not your spouse, responsible for any extra-marital affair you indulge in. I pray that the Lord will touch your spouse and give you a peaceful/pleasurable marriage but never allow his/her present attitude and behaviour lead you to sin against God. The Bible says, "Marriage is to be honored by all, and husbands and wives must be faithful to each other. God will judge those who are immoral and those who commit adultery. (Hebrews 13:4 GNB)

ARE YOU BEATING YOUR WIFE?

A man that beats, slaps or harm his wife is needs to be checked for insanity. It is great wickedness, evil, foolishness and completely animalistic. She is a human being like you. It is blood that runs in her veins. God gave you strength to protect her not to kill her. Actually, it is a sign of mental problem when a man beats his wife. Only a mentally ill person would beat himself. You and your wife are one. So, for you to

raise your hands against her is to raise your hands against yourself. Your prayers will never get answered and God (and the law) will avenge her. You will never get away with it. I, therefore, counsel you to repent, seek her forgiveness, seek God's forgiveness if you want to receive mercy. O! Wicked man, repent today. The Bible says, "And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that he regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth it with good will at your hand. Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant. And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. (Malachi 2:13-15)

IS SHE HAPPY OR FRUSTRATED?

When your marriage gets to the point where your wife is staying in it only because of her children, you have failed as a man and you need to wake up from your slumber. The Bible says, "...Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth." (Malachi 2:15)

WHY YOU SHOULD NOT MARRY A MAN WITHOUT CHRIST

Elimelech was the husband of Naomi. He took a wrong decision by relocating his family abroad because of famine in Israel, contrary to the will of God. He paid for it with his life and that of his two sons. Naomi became a widow because of the wrong decision of her husband. The decision a man will make because he is the head of the woman will affect you. If that man is not in tune with Jesus Christ, he could take decisions that will leave you or the family in jeopardy. To prevent this, let the Lord guide your choice of marriage mate. Allow the Word of God to be your guide. Your brain and feelings are too misleading to be what determine your choice of marriage mate. Many families are in pain today because the men are making terrible decisions with deadly consequences. Let God guide you in your choice making. The Bible says, "He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved. Selah." (Psalms 47:4) Who is choosing for you?

LEARN TO BE GRATEFUL AND APPRECIATE YOUR WIFE

Don't call the sacrifices your wife makes little. Learn to appreciate everything she does for you. Be kind and gracious; to have another human being take care of you and your home is a great honour. Thank her every day, appreciate her here and

there. Let her know you are truly grateful to have her in your life. Appreciation will not cost you anything but it will go a long way to cement your marriage and give assurance to your wife that her contribution (in whatever form) is impactful. Did you know that one of the signs of the end time is that people will be unthankful? Read this, “This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, UNTHANKFUL, unholy,” (2 Timothy 3:1-2) Don’t allow such negative prophecy to be fulfilled through you. The Bible says, “In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

MARITAL SUICIDE

Are you frustrated in marriage to the point where you are contemplating taking your own life? Then I need your attention now. Never take your life because of marital problem. If you do, the person frustrating you in marriage will probably remarry and move on with life. What then would you have gained? Anyone who takes his or her life will burn in eternal hell. Don't allow someone's action to push you into eternal condemnation where there will be no room for repentance. There is no marriage that is hopeless. Jesus is in the business of bringing dead marriages back to life. Some worse marriages than yours have been restored. The difficulty you are facing in marriage today is not impossible for God to turn around. Your spouse is your choice. You willingly marry the person. So, relax and stop crying. Take the matter to Jesus Christ who is the Master in the impossible situations. The Bible says, "For with God nothing shall be impossible." (Luke 1:37)
YOUR MARITAL JOY

If money is the source of joy in your marriage, you have put the joy of your marriage in the hands of the Central Bank. It also means that during an economic recession, you cannot have marital joy. That’s a miserable place to keep your joy. Let the joy of the Lord be your joy always. That way, you can enjoy your marriage even during an economic downturn. A wise prophet once said, “Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The LORD God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places.” (Habakkuk 3:17-19)

YOU CANNOT DELETE GOD'S RECORD

You can delete your unholy chats, messages, pictures, videos and hide them from your spouse. You can delete every ungodly thing from your phone record but how will you delete them from Heaven's record? The Bible says, "And I saw the dead, great and small alike, standing before the throne. Books were opened, and then

another book was opened, the book of the living. The dead were judged according to WHAT THEY HAD DONE, AS RECORDED IN THE BOOKS." (Revelation 20:12) God is taking a record of everything you are doing. Straighten your record with God today by repenting of your sins.

HOW TO BE THE HEAD

Dear Husbands, You don't prove that you "are the head of the family" by shouting at and threatening your wife. You demonstrate it through unparalleled love, Godly character, and exemplary lifestyle. Whatever you want to see in your wife, live it for her to see.

WHICH IS SUPERIOR: HUMAN LAW OR GOD'S WORD?

The law of most societies says that if you kill, you will be imprisoned for life. Some go ahead and kill and are now in life imprisonment. God says if you marry, it is for life, you went ahead and got married. Now, you want to come out of it; no you cannot come out. God hates divorce and He is not going to change His mind because of you. You and the society you live cannot change God. The only way you can get a parole in marriage is when your spouse dies. Therefore, young people, choose right. Let God help you. Married people, Jesus is still in the business of healing homes and marriages. Let Him help you.

SUBMISSION IS SIMPLE AND CLEAR

A woman who is truly submissive to Jesus will have no problem submitting to her husband. A woman who is not submissive to Jesus cannot submit to her husband. A woman who truly know Jesus does not argue with submission, while a woman who does not know the Lordship of Jesus cannot even understand submission. There is no need to struggle or argue about submission; it is expressively stated and clear for a woman who knows the Lordship of Jesus. The Bible says, "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing." (Ephesians 5:22-24)

SUBMISSION WAS NOT PREACHED TO A CARNAL WOMAN

Don't waste your time trying to convince a carnal woman about submission. It's like trying to convince an atheist that God exists. Submission was not preached to a carnal woman but to a new creation woman. The message on submission was contained in an Epistle to a church advancing in the life and knowledge of Christ. Those who have not tasted of the eternal life of Jesus and His power of resurrection cannot understand it. Any woman who has truly made Jesus the Lord of her life has no argument with submission. Jesus said, "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46) Those who made Jesus the true Lord of their lives will do whatever He says.

FORGIVE YOUR SPOUSE BEFORE THE SUN GO DOWN

Never go to bed quarrelling with your spouse. You are not sure if you will wake up. Settle every issue before going to bed. Never go to bed with an offence because you might wake up on the side of eternity with an offence on your hands. You are not forgiving because the person is repentant but because Jesus forgave all your sins. You are not forgiving because you are not hurt but because God will not forgive you if you do not forgive others. Anyone who died with unforgiveness in his/her heart will not enter the Kingdom of God. Don't allow marriage to lead you to eternal fire. I beg you by the mercies of God, forgive your spouse and it shall be well with you. The Bible says, "Be tolerant with one another and forgive one another whenever any of you has a complaint against someone else. You must forgive one another just as the Lord has forgiven you. And to all these qualities add love, which binds all things together in perfect unity." (Colossians 3:13-14)

UNITY BETWEEN CHRISTIAN COUPLES IS A THREAT TO THE DEVIL

True unity and oneness between Christian couples are a threat to satan and the kingdom of darkness. The reason for his fear is because Jesus said, "Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. (Matthew 18:19) The devil knows that when Christian couples are united, they will advance the Kingdom of God and diminish his kingdom. That's why he will do everything to make sure couples fight and quarrel all the time. He will create enmity between them and keep feeding their heads with ideas that will create disaffection between them. Unfortunately, several Christian couples are not even aware that marriage is a spiritual entity and that the devil is out to ensure no single Christian marriage stands. Even Jesus said, "Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme: (Mark 3:28) Once the devil can create division between couples, he knows it is only a matter of time before the marriage falls. What then is the way out? The answer is in the Word of God. The Bible says, "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be

perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. (1 Corinthians 1:10)

THE BLAME GAME IN MARRIAGE

Most people today find it difficult to accept blame and responsibility. This is even more so in marriage where blame becomes a Forex that is traded. Be humble to accept your fault. Husband in particular should take note of this. Since you are the head of your wife, God is going to hold you accountable. So, don't put the blame on her like Adam did in Genesis chapter 3. Accept your responsibility and fix your marriage.

LOVE OR SUBMISSION: DO WHAT CONCERNS YOU

I don't bother myself about my wife's submission. The Word of God says I should love my love and that my wife should submit to me, so I am concerned about loving her. I take the instruction that concerns me. Too many people today are concerned about what the other party is doing. Your business is what God says to you. Whether my wife is submissive or not does not matter to me. As long as I keep my own side of the deal, I am okay with my God. My love for her is not dependent on her submission; I am accountable to God. When I stand before God, in the end, I want Him to commend me for obeying Him by loving my wife.

PARENTS, PREPARE YOUR CHILDREN FOR MARRIAGE

Most parents are more excited about their children getting married than preparing them for marriage. Parents have mostly failed in preparing their children for marriage. That is why grown-ups are confused when it comes to marriage. They are mostly zero because their parents never instructed them on this matter. Are you a parent? Wake up! While your children are growing up, it is your responsibility to keep instructing them from the Word of God, the counsel of God on marriage. You are also to show them by the way you live your life. You are to model Kingdom Marriage to them. Educating your child is good but what God said is that you should TRAIN your child. The Bible says, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6).

DON'T LET YOUR MARRIAGE FAIL

The devil is working to see to it that your marriage fails. There are also people waiting and wanting your marriage to fail so that they can mock you. But I have a good news for you. God is committed to seeing your marriage succeed. All He needs is your cooperation with Him. Listen to His promise for you, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." (Isaiah 41:10)

DANGER OF DIVISION IN MARRIAGE

"And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand. " (Mark 3:25). When husband and wife fight each other and becomes divided, their home is heading for the grave. They are going to be confronted with all kinds of problems. A divided home/house/marriage will open the door for all kinds of problems and demonic manipulations. It is in the couples' interest to live in the bond of peace with each other. If Jesus says that house CANNOT stand, you can be sure it won't stand.

LEARN TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY IN MARRIAGE

When the Spirit of God is not in a man, such a man blames his failures on his wife. That was the case when the Spirit of God left Adam. The Bible says, "And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" The man said, "The woman you put here with me - she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." (Genesis 3:11-12). He blamed the wife like most men today. Unfortunately, the woman also blamed the devil like most women today. The bottom line was that they were not ready to be responsible for their actions.

MARRIAGE OF COMMITMENT OR CONVENIENCE

Marriage is about COMMITMENT not CONVENIENCE. Most people in this generation go into marriage with convenience in their mind thereby, they are quick to quit at the slightest sign of discomfort. Commitment should be the operational word in marriage. Make a commitment to be committed to your spouse. Love is commitment, not convenience.

HOW TO ENJOY YOUR WIFE

God has given every man the grace to enjoy their wives. Looking at the word of God, it is clear that the Lord has made it possible for the man to decide whether to enjoy his wife not. So, the man cannot blame God if he is not enjoying his wife. Let me quickly share and comment on two scriptures that buttress my position. The Bible says, "Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love. (Proverbs 5:19) The word 'let' puts the responsibility in the hand of the husband. The man must let his wife be a loving hind and be ravished with her love. If you give your wife the right space and atmosphere, that's exactly what she will become to you. Secondly, the Bible says, "Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun." (Ecclesiastes 9:9) Every man can choose to live joyfully with his wife or live harshly with her. But God has commanded every man to live joyfully with their wife. You must create an atmosphere of joy in the marriage and not an atmosphere of fear, guilt, mistrust, fight, regrets and frustration. Every true Christian man should live like this with his wife. You have the grace to live like this with her. It is your responsibility. Wives also must ensure they live peaceably and joyfully with their husbands.

I AM ALWAYS RIGHT HUSBAND

Don't be a husband that believes he is always right. There is no one that is always right. Learn to listen to your wife, give her the space to offer you counsel, and apologise to her when your decision goes wrong. It is true that the husband is the head of the wife but a good head must be humble. Remember that it is God who created your wife. God cannot create something that is useless. Therefore, avail yourself of the help the Lord has placed in your wife and stop this I am always right attitude. The Bible says, "Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour." (Ecclesiastes 4:9) The man is better off in life when he walks and works with the wife.

SELFLESSNESS ON THE MARRIAGE BED

True selflessness is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. The hallmark of Christian love is selflessness. This fruit would operate anywhere including in the bedroom. A truly spirit filled person will be selfless when having sex with the spouse. The true spirit filled person would focus on satisfying his/her spouse before himself/herself. Making sexual experience more pleasurable and satisfying to your spouse than to yourself is a testimony of a spirit filled life in the bedroom. "Don't be selfish; don't

live to make a good impression on others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourself. " (Philippians 2:3).

YOUR WIFE IS SEXUALLY UNIQUE

God did not create the woman's sexuality to have formula. Every single woman's sexuality is different. Reason? God does not intend the man to figure out what works sexually for every woman. He only wants the man to know what works sexually for one woman (his wife). That is why woman's sexuality seems complex. God designed it so. A man is to know only one woman sexually. The Bible says, "And Adam KNEW Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD." (Genesis 4:1). Adam knew (sexually) just one woman. How many do you know?

IS SEX WITH YOUR SPOUSE STILL EXCITING?

When you feel like having sex but you don't feel like doing it with your spouse, you need to cry out to God for help because adultery is knocking the door of your heart. God designed you to have sex with only your spouse and to be excited having sex with your spouse. It is when lust sets in that you start desiring sex with someone else. Take heed because sin is at the door. The Bible says, "...sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him. Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth. Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love. And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?" (Genesis 4:7, Proverbs 5:18-20) You can write me for further help and counselling for this is destroying many marriages.

IS YOUR SPOUSE SATISFYING YOU SEXUALLY?

It is spiritual and godly for couples to satisfy each other sexually. Never for once think that it does not matter or that it is a carnal thing. No! It is not carnal. It is biblical and spiritual. The wife should satisfy the husband and the husband should satisfy the wife. One of the best ways for the husband to satisfy the wife is to ensure the wife is first satisfied before he is satisfied. After all, we often say, 'woman first'. God calls it FRAUD when a partner denies the other of sexual pleasure. fraud is a sin, therefore, sexual denial is a sin. The Bible says, "So don't refuse sex [and sexual pleasure] to each other, unless you agree not to have sex for a little while, in order to spend time in prayer. Then Satan won't be able to tempt you because of your lack of self-control. (1 Corinthians 7:5 CEV)

SEXUAL LUST VS SEXUAL PASSION

There is a big difference between sexual passion and sexual lust. Sexual passion is God given feeling of sexual expression between the man and his wife. It is a normal feeling and Godly feeling to be expressed only in marriage. Sexual lust is a feeling of lust produced by the sinful nature in man. God has not called us to suppress our sexual desire but to put off sexual lust through Christ. Marriage will satisfy your sexual passion but can NEVER satisfy your sexual lust. Sexual passion is God given while sexual lust is a manifestation of the sinful nature.

HUSBAND, ORGASM FOR YOUR WIFE IS NOT OPTIONAL

Orgasm is very important in marriage. It is a woman's equivalent of the man's ejaculation. A woman that does not experience orgasm during sex with her husband is actually being made to suffer. It's like a man having sex with his wife without being allowed to ejaculate. Every woman has her own unique style and touch that makes her have an orgasm. For some it is the touching of their breasts, for another, it is the sucking of her clitoris, for some it is the fingering of their g-spot, while some do have an orgasm during intercourse. Some also have some uncommon positioning and movement of the body that makes them have an orgasm. Some could just be the sex position or duration of the thrusting. It is important for the man to know his wife and ensure he does regularly that which makes the wife have an orgasm. If possible, the husband should ensure the wife climax first before he climaxes. if not, the wife should be made to climax immediately after the man's climax. There is no formula here; the couples should determine what is best for them. The principle is that couples must be selfless and seek the pleasure and pleasing of the other. There is no spirituality in not making your wife to have an orgasm. The fruit of the Holy Spirit (patience, long-suffering, selflessness) must also be expressed on the marital bed. True love is the sacrifice to please and satisfy another. Let that guide your sexual intimacy. It is wickedness if as a man you just care about your own ejaculation and don't care about the woman's orgasm. It is wickedness, not spirituality. A truly godly and spiritual man satisfies his wife in intimacy. The Bible says, "Behold, thou art fair, my beloved, yea, pleasant: also our bed is green. (Song of Solomon 1:16) Is your bed green? It has to be fresh all the time to remain green. This is the Word of God.

SEXUAL NATURE OF MEN AND WOMEN

Women see sex as important while men see sex as urgent. There are few cases where it is the other way round. Finding a balance between sex as important and sex as urgent is critical in marriage. The one that sees sex as urgent wants it now and

may end up not being considerate. The one that sees it as important wants it right but may kill the excitement of the one that sees it as urgent. How can this be resolved? It's pretty simple. Seek to please your spouse and not yourself. Make pleasing your spouse your greatest satisfaction. The love of Jesus must be extended to the bedroom of married couples. The husband as the head of the home should take the lead in pleasing, pleasuring and satisfying the wife. The Bible says, "For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another." (Galatians 5:13) Serve your spouse.

WHEN SHE DOES NOT WANT SEX

Husband, it is true that your wife's body belongs to you and yours to her. However, there will be occasions when she does not want to have sex either for physical fatigue or psychological reasons. At such times, you must be considerate and lovingly respect her. Sex is not food. You won't die if you don't have sex. She will also be considerate at such times when you also cannot come out of your shell. Let the love of Jesus be the guiding principle in your home, including the bedroom.

MEN ALSO DENY THEIR WIVES SEX

There is so much talk about women denying their husband sex, attributing it as the reason men go outside the marriage for sex. Unfortunately, it is even more common among men to deny their wives sex. A lot of married men are denying their wives sex. The women are suffering in silence. It is a sin to deny each other sex. However, the fact that your spouse denies you sex is not an excuse for adultery. If you are a man and you have been denying your wife sex, repent today. That woman has right to your body as much as you have right to hers. The Bible says, "A man should fulfill his duty as a husband, and a woman should fulfill her duty as a wife, and each should satisfy the other's needs. A wife is not the master of her own body, but her husband is; in the same way a husband is not the master of his own body, but his wife is. Do not deny yourselves to each other, unless you first agree to do so for a while in order to spend your time in prayer; but then resume normal marital relations. In this way you will be kept from giving in to Satan's temptation because of your lack of self-control. (1 Corinthians 7:3-5)

WAYS MEN DENY THEIR WIVES SEX

There is so much talk about wives denying their husbands sex whereas, a lot of husbands are denying their wives sex. Here are some of the ways husbands deny their wives sex. 1. By outright refusal to have sex with her. 2. By deliberating coming late to avoid her. 3. By having sex with her only when he wants and not when she wants. 4. By making the sex painful so that she won't want to have it. 5. By regularly

coming home drunk. 6. By picking quarrels to prevent the atmosphere for sex. 7. By sleeping in another room or living room. 8. By deliberately ensuring that the wife does not have orgasm. 9. By insisting on a style the wife does not find comfortable. 10. By making her feel like a whore for asking for sex. If you are involved with any of the above, it is wickedness. Repent today. The Bible says, "Husbands and wives should be fair with each other about having sex. A wife belongs to her husband instead of to herself, and a husband belongs to his wife instead of to himself. So don't refuse sex to each other, unless you agree not to have sex for a little while, in order to spend time in prayer. Then Satan won't be able to tempt you because of your lack of self-control." (1 Corinthians 7:3-5 CEV)

SEX IS GOOD

God created sex, therefore sex is good and godly. Sex is powerful and comes with a lot of responsibilities. Sex is divine and pleasurable. It is through sex that life is reproduced on the face of the earth. It is spiritual as it affects your spirit, soul and body. God is not against sex; God just wants you to do it right. He wants you to enjoy it in marriage with only one partner. God does not frown at sex, He only frowns at sex outside of marriage. The Bible says, "You should be faithful to your wife (husband), just as you take water from your own well. And don't be like a stream from which just any woman (man) may take a drink. Save yourself for your wife (husband) and don't have sex with other women (man)." (Proverbs 5:15-17 CEV)

SEX IS NOT A FIGHTING TOOL

It is a sin to use sex as a manipulative tool or as an instrument to punish your spouse. Sex is a gift from God to married couples. Do not abuse the gift of God. The Bible says, "The wife gives authority over her body to her husband, and the husband also gives authority over his body to his wife. So do not deprive each other of sexual relations. The only exception to this rule would be the agreement of both husband and wife to refrain from sexual intimacy for a limited time, so they can give themselves more completely to prayer. Afterward they should come together again so that Satan won't be able to tempt them because of their lack of self-control." (1 Corinthians 7:4-5).

SEX SHOULD BE TOTAL

Every sexual relation with your spouse must achieve three things; the joining or cementing of your souls, the giving of pleasure and the expression of love. Don't let your sex life just be about pleasure. If you don't care whether your spouse is satisfied or not as long as you are satisfied, then sex for you is about pleasure not

love. You must express sincere love for your spouse also during sex and show that you care about his/her feelings and wellbeing.

WOMAN SEX IS FOR YOU ALSO!

Dear godly woman, don't always wait until your husband demands for sex before you will have sex. You should also demand for sex when you want it. It is not wrong to make the first move as a woman. In fact, some husbands would appreciate it if it is their wives that make the first move. Don't turn yourself into a sex object. Sex in a godly marriage should be mutual and communal. There would be times when you would want sex and your husband does not want it. So you should let him know you need him at that time. Christian couples must be selfless even in the bedroom. You must learn to please one another even if it is not convenient. You are not wayward for demanding sex from your husband and you should not feel guilty about it.

TURN HER ON

Nothing turns a woman on like loving her genuinely and greatly caring for her. That's the best foreplay. Her heart is her most sensitive clitoris. Love her faithfully and let her know you do and you will have her always turned on.

THE GREATEST RELATIONSHIP

Until you get your relationship with Jesus Christ right, you can never get the relationship with your spouse right. Unless Jesus is the centre of your life, He cannot be the centre of your marriage. Except you are following Jesus all the way, He cannot lead you into the right relationship. Get it right with Jesus and you will get it right in life. The Bible says, "Then Jesus said to his disciples: If any of you want to be my followers, you must forget about yourself. You must take up your cross and follow me." (Matthew 16:24 CEV) There is not shortcut to following Jesus.

START A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

Everything contained in this book will be meaningless and useless to you until you enter into a relationship with the invisible author behind this book by the name Jesus Christ. He is the beginning and the end of marriage. He is the author of

relationship and marriage. Unless He guides you by Himself, you cannot have a fulfilling, God glorifying marriage. I therefore, invite you today to confess your sins, turn from them and accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour and be Baptized in the Holy Ghost.

TO BECOME BORN AGAIN

PLEASE PRAY LIKE THIS

"Dear God in Heaven, I thank you for sending Jesus Christ into this world to die for the sin of man including mine. I confess to you that I am a sinner and I need you to save me from the world, the flesh and sin. I repent today of my sinful life and I commit the Lordship of my life into the hands of Jesus Christ. I believe in my heart that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and I confess with my mouth that He is my Lord. I ask that you send me the Holy Spirit and fill me with your Spirit. Thank you for saving me. I thank God that I am now born again and a child of God. Give me the grace to walk in this new life from now on. In the mighty name of Jesus Christ I have prayed. Amen."

Congratulations, you are now a child of God. Please join any Bible practising church or contact me for counselling.