

16 COMMON MISTAKES SINGLE MEN MAKE

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Many men make mistakes in their relationships before marriage. Some of these relationships end up in a successful marriage, some end before they have a chance to tie the knot. So many men have to date so many women before being able to get married. Some enjoy messing around with women. This ought not to be so for a child of God.

A person may be nice and have good intentions and yet have these unpleasant things happening – unable to keep a good relationship or make the relationship end up in marriage. Most of these experiences are as a result of mistakes that are being made in relationships.

In this study, we are going to look at some of these mistakes. Happy reading, and do make corrections as it affects you.

1. Getting Into Sex before Marriage

There is a natural tendency for a man to want to share his sexuality with the one he finds himself strongly attracted to or in love with. This tendency is natural and only normal, but evil in the sight of God. It is God's desire that sex should be practiced only in marriage. So until the relationship is consummated in marriage, it is illegal and evil in the sight of God for you to involve yourself in sex.

Rev 21:8

8 But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars-their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

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If you violate this rule and allow yourself to go to bed with a woman before marriage. You may even get the woman pregnant. Abortion is deadly. Pregnancy before marriage is shameful. Sex before marriage attracts a curse on your life and intended marriage especially when you have known the truth before involving yourself in the act. Be careful.

2. Sharing Too Much Too Soon

Until you are very sure the woman is very serious about her relationship with you, don't share so much about your past. Don't let your feelings for her push you to make this mistake that many have made in time past. As the relationship builds so you open up. Give a little at a time. Otherwise, the woman will be scared about all she will hear and take off. Keep your woman in suspense; let her discover who you are with time. I am not encouraging you to hide things, but to reveal yourself little by little as you get to know the each other. As she reveals so you reveal.

3. Dating Married Women

If you are looking for a relationship that will definitely end in marriage, it should not be with a married woman. Going out with a married woman is called adultery. No man including you likes to share a woman with another. Therefore, do not go near another man's wife. There are many single women out there. It is an open market. Keep away from the married.

A married woman that comes to you must be a loose person. If she can be unfaithful to her present husband, what makes you think she will not be unfaithful to you in future before marriage or in marriage? She may just be looking for a sex partner outside her home. Be careful, because you will be the loser at the end. Don't let money and meeting of your present needs make you to use your life with a married woman. Many had played this game and lost. Don't be one of them. Moreover, it is dangerous to play with another man's wife. Don't stir the wrath of jealousy.

Prov 6:23-32

23 For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a light, and the corrections of discipline are the way to life, 24 keeping you from the immoral woman, from the smooth tongue of the wayward wife. 25 Do not lust in your heart after her beauty or let her captivate you with her eyes, 26 for the prostitute reduces you to a loaf of bread, and the adulteress preys upon your very life. 27 Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned? 28 Can a man walk on hot coals without his feet being scorched? 29 So is he who sleeps with another man's wife; no one who touches her will go unpunished. 30 Men do not despise a thief if he steals to satisfy his hunger when he is starving. 31 Yet if he is caught, he must pay sevenfold, though it costs him all the wealth of his house. 32 But a man who commits adultery lacks judgment; whoever does so destroys himself.

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4. Moving Into A Woman's House Or Bringing The Woman To Live In Your House Before Marriage

To let a woman move in and start living with you is ungodly and a great mistake. If you truly love a woman take her to the Alter. The problem with this kind of behaviour is that, men become reluctant in going to the Alter after they have started to live with a woman in the same house. The drive to legalize the relationship dies down since they are already living together. And this puts the women in a disadvantaged position. Worst still is a man moving into a woman's house to live with her while they are not married.

Playing house with a woman is foolish because it is violation of the laws of God and the laws of many families and communities. Living together with a woman you are not married to and having children together does not make you married.

5. Spending Too Much Time With A Woman You Just Met

Spending all or too much of your time with a woman that you just met would appear harmless on the surface but could also very easily mess up your chance of success with a new flame. Too much of anything is bad.

When you start to spend too much time with a woman you just met, you just become boring. It is as simple as that. Never think that being too close so soon will increase her affection for you. Let her be hungry for your presence that each time she sees you, she values your presence. Keep the love aflame by being scarce in her presence.

As you get to know each other better, you can increase the time you spend together. Don't rush; take your time in this matter.

6. Refusing To Let Go Of An 'Ex'

So you gave it your best and it didn't work out. You did all you were taught to do, and yet it failed, and she walked out on you. Now you spend the whole of your time mourning and crying over a failed relationship. This will not help you at all. All you need to do is to let go of the past and move on with your life. Learn the lesson inherent in the mistakes you made, and believe God for another relationship that will work.

Don't, each time you are with a new person, always talk about your 'ex' and what happened and how you loved her and she broke your heart and so on and so forth. If you continue, you will drive the new one away. Don't bore her with your past. No matter how painful it may be, put it behind you and move on with your life. There are many fishes in the water. Choose out of the many that come your way the type you want.

7. Failing To Pay Her Attention

Jesus taught that we should do unto others what we will have them do unto us. I am sure you will love your woman to spend long hours with you to get to know you and make you happy. You will want her to pay you undivided attention when you have something to tell her or discuss with her. The truth is that she will want you to do the same to her. This is supposed to be the natural flow and sequence of things in any loving relationship. But some men easily become self-centered with concern for their needs only, forgetting their woman also needs some special attention.

A word of caution: Make sure she has proved herself by showing some substantial commitment to the relationship before you start to give her any extra privileges of care and attention. By care and attention, I mean, when sick, help her run some errands when she is terribly busy, listen to her in time of frustration and pain, encourage her in time of loss of something or family member or a dear friend, etc. Women like to care for the one they love, so, never make the mistake of thinking that your woman's care is a desperate attempt to trap you.

8. Loving Women Who Don't Love You

Matt 7:6

6 "Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and then turn and tear you to pieces.

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Spend your time and effort in relationship building with women who are worth your attention; those who are available and respectful of your feelings. Loving a woman who

don't love you is a waste of time and energy. It is not wise for you to get too emotional with a woman that does not love you. It takes two to tangle. Love has to come from both ends for it to be sweet. It is true that man has to be the hunter and not the woman, but, you have to have the ability to draw a line when you discover the lady you are pursuing is not interested in you or does not have real love for you. Don't force some woman to love you. Once you notice the woman you have feelings for does not love you, turn off immediately.

9. Insisting That Your Woman Gets Pregnant Before Marriage

It is not right to get a woman pregnant before marrying her. If you love her, you should marry her first before going to bed with her. Trying to find out if she can conceive before marrying her is not right at all. Love trusts and expects the best. If you are so scared you want to be sure, then go for medical tests to see if she can be pregnant, but never have sex with her or insist that she gets pregnant first.

10. Becoming Over Possessive

This actually amounts to trying to run a woman's life and most, perhaps all women will respond to this by gradually, but surely becoming resentful. No woman wants to be controlled like a machine without a mind of her own or say. Women want the love of the man of their dreams. However if the price of such love is the loss of her freedom to do some of those 'harmless' things she is used to doing before you met, then chances are she will most likely soon start to reassess her picture of you; which was originally that of, the best thing that could ever happen to her.

Adjust to accommodate your woman as you give her the opportunity to make your life exciting and peaceful. Let her maintain her freedom. You were not meant to enslave her but to make her life sweeter. The man was designed to love and care for his wife and not to make life unbearable for her.

11. Always Picking Holes In Everything Your Woman Does - Fault Finding

Many men in an attempt to establish their dominance and leadership of the home make the blunder of finding fault in everything their woman does and scolding her for it. This is retrogressive. It does not help at all. It has killed a lot of potential relationships that would have ended up in a sweet marriage. No one can be like you. No one can be perfect as you expect or do things the way you do them. You must always remember this as you relate.

Do not forget that the woman was given to the man to help him in life. Therefore, give her a chance to perform that responsibility by being more accommodating and not hostile to her. It may take some time for her to catch up and measure up to your standard, so give her some time as the Lord Jesus Christ does to all believers. If you as a man does not like all you have seen in her, and after talking about it to her nicely about some of your concerns (there are some habits that must really go that are very bad), you find she is adamant about making any changes, either you get used to it, or you quit the relationship.

12. Failure To Appreciate That Time Reveals Hidden Things

The only way to know if a woman truly loves you is with time. Whatever is hidden in a woman will reveal itself with time. That is why it is good to have enough time to court so you can identify all that is hidden. Time solves problems especially of this nature. Time will reveal what she is after, you or your money, love or sex, a husband or a helper? Be patient as you relate with an open heart. Don't be in a hurry. If you want a quality woman, keep yourself from corruption and look to God for guidance and help.

13. Failing To Love Themselves Before Expecting Others To Love Them

Lev 19:18

18 Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the Lord.

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If you don't love yourself you won't be able to accept or appreciate love from others. Stop allowing your past to make you think that you are not loveable. God loves you. And there are people who love you and want to show it. You have to give them a chance by changing your attitude to yourself.

Love yourself first and you will feel loved, as they love you. Have a good image of yourself. See yourself as God sees you. Take stocks of your strength, gifts, and abilities and you will see how much the loving Father has invested in your life. Forget your weaknesses and all you cannot do or have suffered in the past. Concentrate on what you can do, and not on what you cannot do. Feel loved, love and receive love.

14. Inability To Communicate Effectively

The tongue is a powerful force in man; it is so powerful that the Word of God declares that there is power of life and death in the tongue

Prov 18:20-21

20 From the fruit of his mouth a man's stomach is filled; with the harvest from his lips he is satisfied. 21 The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

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Many do not realize that with the mouth they can make things better or worse. Relationships have been built and made strong through quality, effective and sweet words. Many relationships have also been destroyed through wrong words and communication. Many men do not know how to talk and communicate their feelings. Sometimes they have good intentions but a wrong communication skill makes them to be misunderstood, and this creates more problems rather than solve them. Many are too authoritative and sometimes sarcastic in their language.

Every woman wants a man that is skillful in communicating. Every woman wants a man that understands timing in communication and is wise in communicating his dreams,

feelings, desires and instructions. Pointing out the advantages of your suggestion is better than ordering your woman to do exactly what you say and want.

15. Too Jealous For The Woman To Bear

Jealousy is in every human on earth. Some are too jealous to a panic and confrontational level. It is understandable that no one wants to share his or her lover with another, but it is unwise to become over-jealous to the point of making your woman miserable and a prisoner such that she cannot even greet or fellowship with another male. This has made many to break relationships. That your woman greets and laughs with another female does not mean that they are having an affair. Jealousy has to do with fear fathomed in the mind as a result of negative thoughts. That your woman complains that you are too jealous does not mean she is interested in another man. The truth is that all women wants to be trusted and wants to be free to associate with people without fear.

If your love for your woman is perfect, you will trust her until she gives you reason to distrust her.

1 John 4:18

*18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love
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Your lack of trust can become unbearable and send the woman running from you. This has happened in many relationships.

16. Demanding Too Much Financial Support

Love demands that one give to the one he or she professes to love. It is important that giving be done not out of compulsion but out of love. When a man begins to demand too much, especially more than the woman's income can bear, or taking advantage of their relationship to milk the woman, the woman will reconsider her interest in the relationship as it becomes visible that the man may be only interested in her because of what she has. Do not be a sucker, but a friend.