

25 COMMON MISTAKES SINGLE WOMEN MAKE

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Many ladies have asked themselves where did I go wrong or have wondered what went wrong in a relationship that seemed perfect at the beginning. This sometimes can become a burden in the heart especially when it is becoming a re-occurring experience.

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. Making The First Move.

This is one mistake you should never make because it's the one that is capable of ensuring that you end up a looser in the end. It is not right for a woman to make the first move, though it is becoming the 'in thing' now amongst single women especially those in the women liberation movement.

God created woman to be admired and wanted by man. That is why man was created to respond to the beauty of a woman by sight (Man is wired to sex by sight.)

"The Lord God said, 'It is not good for the man to be a lone. I will make a helper suitable for him.'" (Genesis 2:18)

"Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. 23 The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." (Gen 2:22-23 NIV)

"He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favour from the Lord." (Proverbs 18:22)

When you come to a man first, he will either tactfully avoid you, or he will think you are cheap and reckon you will probably run off with another man whom you may find more attractive in future. This will not be in your favour. It is better

to be the haunted than be the hunter.

2. Saying, "I Love You" Before He Does So.

"Do you see a man who speaks in haste? There is more hope for a fool than for him." (Proverbs 29:20)

This scripture advises us not to be hasty with words. You need to take more care when it comes to making a commitment to a man. When you start talking about loving a man in a relationship, you are actually consciously or unconsciously stepping into the path of commitment. Except a man is already in love with you and is itching to hear you say those words, telling him you love him will probably make him start to withdraw. The first thought that most likely will come to his

mind is that you want a commitment without getting to know him or you are desperate for marriage.

3. Getting Into Sex before Marriage.

There is a natural tendency for a woman to want to share her sexuality with the one she finds herself 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.

*“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 sulphur. This is the second death.” (Revelation 21:8)*

If you violate this rule and allow yourself to go to bed with a man before marriage, if you are fortunate he will probably end up not seeing you as a sex object; someone who is there just to satisfy his sexual desire whenever the desire is there. You may even get 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.

4. Neglecting To Develop Themselves.

This is one mistake that many women in developing countries always make. So many were brought up to believe that all a woman needs to do is to be a good housewife who does not earn money but take care of the children and the home. This has made many to neglect the God-given abilities in them to bless the world and in the process earn some good money to support their families.

Many men like developed (educated, skilled, hardworking and polished) women. Men want to marry a woman that is polished by the reason of education and training. The type of lady you are will determine the type of man that will come to you. Your self-worth will determine the husband that you will get at the end of the day.

5. Sharing Too Much Too Soon.

Until you are very sure the man is very serious about his relationship with you, don't share so much about your past. Don't let your feelings for him 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 man will be scared about all he will hear and take off. Keep your man in suspense; let him 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 man. As he reveals so you reveal.

6. Failing To Keep In Shape.

Most men will like their mates to possess a stately and beautiful figure. No matter how ugly a man may be, he wants a beautiful woman. Failing to watch your weight and figure is creating problems for yourself. Fatness is not a sign of good health. In fact it may be a sign of disease. Obesity is not good. Let every woman make herself beautiful to behold by keeping fit.

Some ladies after they have entered into a commitment to marry or have become married begin to add weight. They seem to forget that their man was attracted first by their figure. This causes a lot of men to get dissatisfied with their wives and start admiring other women outside. Keep yourself fit for your man before and after marriage.

7. Asking A Man To Marry You.

Never ask a man to marry you. Being outspoken about your feelings for your man does not mean it is right for you to be the one to propose marriage to a man. The man may see you as a damaged or insecure person. Not every man will rate you high when you as a woman propose marriage.

Be patient and wait for the man to ask the golden question. Don't bring yourself low by taking up the responsibility.

8. Dating Married Men.

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

A married man that comes to you must be a playboy. If he can be unfaithful to his present wife, what makes you think he will not be unfaithful to you in future outside of marriage or in marriage? He may just be looking for a sex partner outside his 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 useless your life with a married man. Many had played this game and lost. Don't be one of them.

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

To move in and start living with a man as if you are married to him will be the worst mistake of your entire life. Playing house with a man is foolish because the man will never take marrying you serious when he is already living with you in the house. What is the use of tying the knot with you when you are already living together as though you were married?

When you press for the marriage from his house or while living together in your house, he will keep postponing action. Never live together until marriage. If he wants you, let him marry you. Living with him is making yourself cheap and acting desperate. You will not have value before him. Live him with the memory of how you came to his house – a legally married woman.

10. Spending Too Much Time With A Man You Just Met.

Spending all or too much of your time with a man 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.

When you start to spend too much time with a man you just met, you just become boring. It is as simple as that. Let him be hungry for your presence that each time he sees you, he values your presence. Keep the love aflame by being scarce in his 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.

11. 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 he 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 him and he broke your heart and so on and so forth. If you continue, you will drive the new one away. Don't bore him 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.

12. Failing To Pay Him Attention.

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

A word of caution: Make sure he has proved himself by showing some substantial commitment to the relationship before you start to give him any extra privileges of care and attention. By care and attention, I mean, when sick, help him run some errands when he is terribly busy, listen to him in time of frustration and pain, encourage him in time of loss of something or family member or a dear friend, etc. Unless he does so first, he may misinterpret your care as desperate attempt to trap him.

13. Loving Men Who Don't Love You.

"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." (Matthew 7:6)

Spend your time and effort in relationship building with men who are worth your attention; those who are available and respectful of your feelings. Loving men who don't love you is a waste of time and energy. It is not wise for you to get too emotional with a man that does not love you. It takes two to tangle. Love has to come from both ends for it to be sweet. Don't force some man to love you. Once you notice the man you have feelings for does not love you, turn off immediately.

14. Trying To Trap A Man By Getting Pregnant.

Trying to trap a man by getting pregnant for him is actually as a result of loving a man who does not love you. This is a very costly mistake. You can't force, coerce or intimidate a man to marry you. Marriage should be by free will. If it is not, it will be frustrating and sickening. The man may abandon you and the child, and you will be left alone to cater for the child. This will then

become a burden. Marriage is not by force.

15. Becoming Over Possessive.

This actually amounts to trying to run a man's life and most, perhaps all men will respond to this by gradually, but surely becoming resentful. Men want the love of the woman of their dreams. However if the price of such love is the loss of his freedom to do some of those 'harmless' things he is used to doing before you met, then chances are he will most likely soon start to reassess his picture of you; which was originally that of, the best thing that could ever happen to him.

Learn to adjust to the man's life more than you want the man to become who you want him to be. Let him maintain his freedom. You were not meant to enslave him but to make his life sweeter. The woman was designed to help, assist and support the man and not run his life and dreams for him.

16. Trying To Remake A Man.

Many women are trying to achieve a complete makeover of a man that they are relationship with. They want to change his habits, his friends, his looks, and his total outlook on life. Sometimes they make the man lose his own identity. It comes to a point that the man does not know who he is anymore. Bottom line is that he starts to feel uncomfortable about the whole relationship and wants to quit to get his freedom.

Do not forget that the woman was given to the man to help him in life not to run the man's life. Any attempt to change this will end in a broken relationship. If you as a woman does not like all you have seen in him, and after talking about it to him nicely about some of your concerns (there are some habits that must really go that are very bad), you find he is adamant about making any changes, either you get used to it, or you quit the relationship.

17. Being Unnecessarily Fussy And Nagging.

"Better to live on a corner of a roof than share a house with a quarrelsome wife." (Proverbs 21:9)

"Better to live in a desert than with a quarrelsome and ill-tempered wife." (Proverbs 21:19)

Men are human and as such will not do everything the exact way you want it. It is important that we understand that in every relationship there will always be offence, and expectations will not always be met. This will condition our minds to accommodate each other's mistakes.

Nagging is dangerous to a healthy relationship. Many relationships got broken because the man could not take the nagging and quarrels any more. Constant quarrels in courtship are a sign that the marriage will be full of quarrels. Of course, the man will be scared.

18. Failing To Practice Proper Standards Of Hygiene.

The reason some women find it difficult to get a man interested in them is not that they are actually undesirable, or that they are any less endowed than most other women, but is rather as a

result of their sloppiness. Failing to maintain proper hygienic standards leads to bad breath, unpleasant body odour and in many cases poor health.

Men are looking for someone that is clean and will keep his house and home clean. As soon as he gets close enough to discover the woman he is interested in is dirty, he begins to back pedal. A man who will not complain about a woman's poor hygienic standard must be a low quality man. Quality attracts quality.

19. Failure To Appreciate That Time Reveals Hidden Things.

The only way to know if a man truly loves you is with time. What ever is hidden in a man 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 he is after, you or your money, love or sex, a wife or a slave? Be patient as you relate with an open heart. Don't be in a hurry. If you want a quality man, keep yourself and environment clean, destroy laziness that leads to untidiness and learn to be an organized person.

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

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.

21. Neglecting To Look One's Best At All Times.

It is true that a lot of men are more concerned with your personality than just your looks when they are thinking of marriage but they still do need you to look good. When you form the habit of looking good, then you may truly possess the most pleasing and attractive personality, but if your dress sense is really nothing to write home about, then chances are that most men will never find out what a good wife you could be.

Regardless of what you may think, the first sign of suitability or attraction a man has toward a woman is often as a result of her appearance - her dressing. This is not a call for obscene and seductive dressing. You are not expected to dress like a prostitute or a woman begging for sex. Learn to wear neat, clean well-pressed clothes that fit. Learn to smile and look at peace with yourself and with life. It is important. Every man wants a woman with a healthy, pleasing personality but they also want someone to look at and be happy they have got someone with them.

22. 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

“From the fruit of his mouth a man's stomach is filled; with the harvest from his lips he is satisfied. The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit”. (Proverbs 18:20-21 NIV)

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 women 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.

Every man wants a woman that is skillful in communicating. Every man wants a woman that understands timing in communication and is wise in communicating her feelings. Every woman should learn the act of persuasion rather than confrontation. Pointing out the advantages of your suggestion is better than ordering your man to do exactly what you say and want.

23. Too Jealous For The Man 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 man miserable and a prisoner such that he cannot even greet or fellowship with another female. This has made many to break relationships. That your man 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 man complains that you are too jealous does not mean he is interested in another woman. The truth is that all men wants to be trusted and wants to be free to associate with people without fear.

If your love for your man is perfect, you will trust him.

“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”. (1 John 4:18 NIV)

Your lack of trust can become unbearable and send the man running from you. This has happened in many relationships.

24. Always Talking About Other People's Affairs.

Good and godly men don't like gossips. When a lady is always talking about other people, running people down, telling stories that don't concern them, dabbling into other people's affairs, the man will become scared and swiftly run for his life. Because he knows he will have no secrets with her and that is not good for any relationship.

“But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.” (1 Peter 4:15 KJV)

“Besides, they get into the habit of being idle and going about from house to house. And not only do they become idlers, but also gossips and busybodies, saying things they ought not to.” (1 Tim 5:13 NIV)

It is common knowledge that one who loves gossip will work with he or she hears without confirming the reports. This is dangerous for relationships especially marriage. There is therefore the tendency for much quarrel in the relationship where gossip is part of the life of one of the party's life.

“Without wood a fire goes out; without gossip a quarrel dies down.” (Prov 26:20 NIV)

25. 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 lady begins to demand too much, especially more than the man's income can bear, the man will reconsider his interest in the relationship. Do not be a sucker, but a friend.