

COMMON MISTAKES SINGLE WOMEN MAKE (continued)

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In our last edition we looked at thirteen mistakes that single women make that result in broken relationships. We are going to look at the concluding part of this teaching in this edition. Be blessed as you read in Jesus name.

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.

16. Trying To Remake A Man.

Many women are trying to achieve a complete makeover of a man that they are dating. 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.

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. 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. 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. 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.

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)