

WHEN SUITORS ARE NOT FORTH COMING

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Every growing girl desires to marry and settle down at a very convenient age. No girl wants to marry when very old. The older a girl becomes, the more difficult it is for her to get a husband. Because of this, many get apprehensive when no suitor is coming and the clock is ticking. It is also believed that the older a girl becomes, the more difficult it is for her to get pregnant. This makes many ladies to become increasingly troubled as the days go by and no one is asking their hand in marriage. This challenge has made many to become sadists, difficult, mentally drained, and aging faster than it's supposed to be. Some have gone into depression because they couldn't handle the negative thoughts and the pressures from their family and friends over late marriage.

There are many reasons for this kind of situation. It is very necessary that we take a good look at the causes for delay in marriage so that those of you who are in this situation will deal with the things that need to be dealt with and overcome, and those growing up can avoid lifestyles that create it.

CAUSES OF AND SOLUTIONS TO DELAY IN MARRIAGE

1. **Born into a family with a bad name or known for certain evil lifestyle.**

It is a common knowledge that marriage is not only between two individuals but between families. When two people in love get married, the two families become connected together. The family a person comes from tells a lot about the kind of upbringing he or she has and the kind of principles the person may be living by. There are certain traits (evil character) that run through the family blood or lineage. There are curses and peculiar problems that are in operation in certain families. These are the reasons why many families want to know more about the family their son or daughter is marrying into. If they have any reason to be afraid for their child, they will refuse the marriage no matter what their daughter or son says.

Many young ladies are experiencing a scarcity of suitors because of the family they come from. As soon as enquiries are made and some disturbing or suspicious discoveries are made, the person will short his mouth and change his mind. (There are those who investigate before they start a relationship. They don't start before they investigate).

If your family has a bad name, you need to go to God in prayer and disconnect yourself from this plague using these scriptures.

2 Cor 5:17

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

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John 1:12-13

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

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Ezek 18:20

20 The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

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2. Evil character.

You must always remember that people read you before they get to meet you. Don't forget the saying, "action speaks louder than voice". Marriage is for peace and happiness. Marrying someone with an evil character is invitation to crisis. This is the reason why men look before they leap. Many girls don't care so much about their personal character. They give more attention to their face, skin and fashion than any other thing. It is my opinion that more attention should be giving to character for that is what makes bonding in relationship stronger or impossible.

Living a wayward life – naughty, unruly, errant, disobedient, difficult to control, head-strong, badly behaved, strong-willed, willful, and rebellious life, will and always scares good men away from ladies. Manifesting terrible anger, ability to keep malice and harbour grudge is another "get away from me" signal. A lady who lives her life flirting should know that men are watching and reaching conclusions about her. Even the men you flirt with may not want to marry you when they want to settle down because they can't trust you as a result of what they know about your lifestyle with men in the past.

A girl who does not know how to talk or communicate with wisdom will find it difficult settling down. Some girls talk like machine guns in operation. Some talk rudely without respect even to their own parents in the presence of their friends and neighbours. Some hardly listen when they are talking; they just talk away as if the other person has nothing good to say. They even respond to what you are yet to say assuming they know what you want to say when they do not. Some are saucy and arrogant in speech. Such girls will find it difficult getting married. The Bible teaches that it is easier to live on the roof top or the desert than to live with such women.

So many complain of having a history of broken relationships that could have ended in marriage, and they blame it on spiritual enemies, while they are responsible for the turn of events in their lives because of the wrong character they manifest. Some have never had a relationship that was set to end in marriage and they wonder why. The truth many ladies don't want to admit is that someone is always watching. Someone is asking secret questions about you before he makes his move to approach you. And when he gets the wrong signals, he turns back without showing up. Work on improving your character and person. It is not enough to go to church, devils go to church too. Allow the Holy Spirit to

change and make you a better person. Apply the word of God that you hear and know to every area of your life and you will attract good suitors who will make good husbands.

3. Not ready to marry when younger, because of the pursuit of career and immoral life.

I met a lady a few years back in one of the Asian countries who was 51 years old at that time. She was not married and was seriously, believing for a husband. I also met another one who requested for prayer for God to provide her with a husband from the same country. She was 49 years at that time. On enquiry, I realized they have never been married, and the reason for this was they were busy pursuing their career. By the time they realized what was happening, they have passed the age when men rush for young ladies for marriage. As they waited, the clock kept ticking, while they kept aging.

This may be your problem too. It is good to pursue your career, but you must understand that there is a certain age a girl will get to, and it will become difficult to get a husband. Don't let the flower age pass you by. Career has its place in the life of a woman, so also marriage. And the Bible teaches, there is a time for everything. When it is time to get married don't close the door, but come out to be seen. Marriage will not stop your career if you marry the right man and both of you sufficiently discuss your career before your marriage.

The pursuit for fun, sex and money has made many to postpone their marriage till it became too late. What a man sows he will eventually reap. Many are jumping from one bed to another for fun, money and sex, forgetting there is a tomorrow. When they were approached, they rejected because they were not ready to settle down, until they have acquired enough money, property through sex with both the married and the unmarried. To them, marriage will cut off good money from coming in; marriage will bring a lot of restrictions which they don't want at that time. Today, there are many "senior girls" who are desperately calling on God to get them a husband. You that is walking in the way these older ones have walked, I caution you to stop and think again about your tomorrow. Don't forget, someone is watching you. Some people are watching you and they will tell stories about you in future when someone makes an enquiry.

4. Insisting on loving and marrying a man who doesn't love or want you, and as a result rejecting all previous suitors until no one is interested in coming close.

You cannot force a man to marry you. When it becomes clear to you that a man you love is not interested in you, kill the love you have for him and open up your heart for the one God will bring to you. Insisting it must be the one you have set your heart to love and live with, when he does not want you, is imprisoning yourself, and building a time bomb that will kill you tomorrow. It takes two to make a happy home. If a man does not love you and marries you, how will that marriage look like? You will die in pain. Never waste your time waiting for a man who does not love you or show sign that he wants to live the rest of his life with you. Time is precious, don't waste it.

5. Refusal to let go an ex-boyfriend and refusal to start a new relationship until it is too late.

Many have made themselves prisoners of the past. In their minds, they don't want to let go the past. They hold onto it tenaciously, torturing themselves to death. Let go of your failed relationship and allow God to heal your hurting heart and bring someone new that will bring back sunshine into your life. Don't tell me you cannot love another person. You can if only you will let go of your broken relationship and open up for healing. While you are waiting for your ex-fiancé or boyfriend to come back, the clock is ticking, and soon, it will be too late. It is true you have to give sometime to see if things can be righted, but when you notice, nothing is happening, it is proper that you end it and disconnect in your heart to save you more pain in future when it becomes too late.

6. Parents insisting on meeting certain conditions and not allowing daughter to make her choice of a life partner.

Sometimes, it is the parents that make it difficult for their children to get married. They come up with several conditions that are hard to meet. Some insist that the person must come from their home country and town. Some have other monetary and material conditions before the suitor is considered. Some have grudges in their hearts from their encounters with the family the suitor comes from or grudges transferred to them by their ancestors. Sometimes it is the issue of religion or education. This parental obstacle causes disappointments and delays in marriage. Since it is important to get parental approval and blessing in one's marriage, many are in a fix as to what to do, as a result they are not married to the ones they wanted to marry.

This calls for prayers and dialogue between parents, their wards and the church leadership in order to help solve problems of this nature. The church can also help by educating their members not to be an obstacle to their children in marriage matters but to support and help them in every way they can while they play their roles as guides. For you young lady, don't fight your family and don't cut off from them to marry a man you love. Prayerfully settle it. But if it comes to a point where you must part ways with the one you love, let the will of God be done and believe God for the best.

7. Too much education, high-ranking position and high-profile lifestyle, intimidating the men you are acquainted with.

It is unfortunate that many men are intimidated and scared of highly educated women. This is a problem all over the world. Many women who are highly educated, highly placed in the society and wealthy have few men if any approaching for a serious relationship. No man should be intimidated by a woman's education, position and success. The fear that such women cannot submit are usually not true. Some are very kind hearted, submissive, respectful, humble and well behaved. These are the qualities a man need in a woman to make a successful marriage.

It is also important that young ladies note that it is important to think about getting married while you pursue your education and career. When God presents a good man to you, take it and keep the relationship going while you pursue your education and career, so you don't miss out in the end.

8. Anti-social lifestyle. Refusal to mix up with people.

Those who don't mix up will not be discovered. Living where you will not be seen or meet the right people is not helpful to you. Where you are determines who sees you, and who sees you determines what comes to you. This is not to say you must always be out of your house from one party or function to the other. It does mean you don't have to always be by yourself. You have to learn to interact with people with an open mind.

9. Always looking unkempt.

Nobody will want to have a relationship with a woman who is always looking unkempt. The appearance of a woman speaks a lot about who she is. To be well dressed does not necessarily mean to wear expensive clothing or dress like a harlot. Neatness and decency should be your watch word. Always remember, people see and read you before they get to meet you to know you. No man will like to enter into a relationship with a woman he is not attracted to.

10. Spiritual bondages - Covenants and curses.

Many are not yet married because of demonic covenants they have inherited from their parents and ancestors. Some are personal covenants they have with certain spirits that forbid them from getting married here on earth. Some are married in the realm of the spirit, and the spiritual spouse will not permit them to marry in this physical world. Such people need to verbally break these covenants in the name of Jesus Christ and have the evil spirits cast out of their lives by an anointed minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ. When there is no deliverance, there can be no marriage for this category of women no matter how beautiful they are. Something will always go wrong with every relationship they enter into until deliverance occurs.

There are those who labour under curses that forbid them to get married. Many in their earlier years were promiscuous to the point of dating married men. The wives of these men in desperate attempt to get their husbands back placed curses on the women they believed were taking their husbands away from them. The result is difficulty in getting a husband in their later life. Until ladies in this category come to Christ in repentance and deal with this particular curse in prayer, there will be no change.

Some have parental curses working on their lives. Because of the evil things they did to their parents, they were cursed. Ladies in such situation should go and make peace with their parents or guardians and ask for blessings and prayer from them and your problems will be solved. Any other kind of curse or spell can be dealt with through prayer in the name of Jesus Christ and the word of God.

CONCLUSION

Do not be alarmed about your situation. There is hope for you in Christ. Believe in Him with all your heart and see a minister of the gospel to counsel you and pray with you and you will overcome. I will also emphasize the need for patience on your part while God works out your miracle. Do not be in a hurry with God. Do not make the mistake of jumping into bed with a man thinking that that will make him love you more and propose to you. Those who made such mistake in the past are still mourning their action. Take heed to what you have learnt in this teaching and go to work on yourself. Do not be

alarmed as the days go by. Be assured that God will settle you in your own matrimonial home. The peace of God, keep your heart as you put your trust in the Lord.

Isa 26:3

3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

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