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### Dedication

To my father in Lord, Dominic James, the Evangelist who answerers all my questions just anytime

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Should I tell him/her my past while dating, or should I wait till we marry?

I believe the past in question here talks about 'the ugly side'. And dating here refers to a relationship that would cumulate marriage (courtship stage).

### Here's my answer:

We don't marry just an individual. We marry both their past and their future. Of course we do that in the present.

Why do you want to risk marrying someone who cannot put up with your past? If you hide it now, it might

explode tomorrow and destroy both of you.

That single secret will trap you like a prisoner, making you feel guilty and often doubt the love your spouse profess for you. You are prone to thinking, 'if he truly knows me, will he not run'

I think this could be the biggest test of love. Tell him now, and if she/he is not comfortable, they should go. Keep loving who you are and who you are becoming. Beautiful days are ahead. The one truly meant for you will show up eventually.

Is it true that there is only one person that I am supposed to be married to in the entire world?

I think this is referring to the 'missing rib' concept or 'the better half' idea.

To this I will ask 3 more questions:

- I. If a wife dies, the Bible permits the man to marry again. The question is whose rib would that be? Won't it cause problems in the system? Or are there spear ribs kind of Sisters?
- 2. The next question is, do we have exactly the same number of males and females on earth?

3. The last question (which I will answer), what does the Bible teach? In Genesis of marriage, we saw that God took from the man and made 'a woman', not the woman. And it was consistent throughout the account--a woman. Check again.

Scripture says he that finds, 'a wife'. It is you that interpreted, 'he that finds the wife or his wife'.

Another scripture says, 'a wise woman who can find, her price is more than rubies'.

Bottom line: Brother you can marry just any sister. She is made to be 'adaptable

or suitable', that is if you will be patient enough. But some are more suitable than the other. Some are suitable now but can't take it tomorrow. So we depend on Holy Spirit leading.

Sister, don't be proud, you are highly replaceable. If a brother wants to marry you, and instead of going to pray, you decide to play with him because he said God led him to you. God can lead him to carry on to another sister.

What you need to know quickly is that, the female is the container and a wife is the content. We marry content. God can take the content for a brother and pour it into another vessel if one vessel refuses. Or if a brother, because he does like the container of a sister, decide to be delaying as if he is praying, God will

just give the sister to another willing brother who needs same content, maybe with a little adjustment here and there.

The only condition specified in the scripture about who to marry is:

- 1. She must be from among your people (born again) to this our elders advised, 'a mature believer. So that people will not just pretend to believe in order to catch a sister or a brother.
- She must not be a divorcee (that's adultery)
- 3. She must agree to be married to you (1 cor.7)

Then Paul added, if you are having feelings towards her, marry.

Then Church fathers, by their wisdom added that, the issue of compatibility should be checked. But in scriptural sense, a sister should be trained to be flexible and adaptable. She is not given any purpose but the man. Her purpose is to help the man. So that should handle the compatibility issue 80%.

Finally, we know that for everything we want to do, including marriage, we must ask the Holy Spirit to guide us and be willing to accept his wisdom. It's written, the meek will he guild in the way'.

Brother go and marry. Sister, won't you marry? Or you are eyeing a particular

brother in the fellowship, while turning down all proposals and making it look as if you are waiting on God. You better be sure the brother is not looking somewhere else.

Receive wisdom!

# What are the big things that scatter marriages?

Actually, there are no big things that spoil marriages than small things like, not brushing your teeth before going to bed, and not taking your bath after returning from market before hitting the bed.

Think about the small things and be wise.

### How do I know who to marry?

To this question there is no one-plusone rule. However for the believer, we say generally, you will be led by the Holy Spirit.

The next question usually is, how do I know the Holy Spirit is leading me? Answer: How have you been going on as a believer? How have the Holy Spirit been leading you all these years?

If you don't know or you are not sure, I will advise you to forget marrying till you put yourself together spiritually.

Plan B: Or you should just forget the will of God and try your luck, you may succeed, after all our forefathers did it and succeeded somehow, isn't it?

Let wisdom guide you

## Does reading plenty book on marriage guarantee a successful marriage?

My sincere answer is NO. There are cases where well-read people have had a bad experience in marriage. But I must also add that these are exceptions and there are few cases.

The fact is that reading alone does nothing. Reading is acquiring knowledge like a mechanic spending so much money to purchase a tool box full of all manner of tools. But what good will the tools be if he doesn't use them or if he uses them wrongly.

However, do we say that because some do not use their tools, no mechanic should border buying tools? Not at all.

Even Master Jesus, when answering questions regarding marriage, started by asking, 'HAVE YOU NOT READ?' Matt. 19:4

Let wisdom guild you.

## Can a wife work to support the family financially?

My sister the answer is A BIG YES. You're there to help out. And if helping out means engaging your hands to support the pocket, why not.

### Issue:

- Don't see working as part of your responsibility until it becomes. If he says don't work, then working is never your duty.
- 2. Don't plan to work because you are afraid that your future husband will not give you money when you need it. This is a wrong mindset that could scatter the foundations of your marriage,

- trust. Don't marry a man you can't trust fully.
- 3. Do not work as a way to compete with the man and show him that you are also resourceful, and that you can do without him. If you are right, why marry in the first place.
- 4. Your salary is not your private money. The way the whole earth belongs to God that is how all you are and have belong to your husband. Don't argue; JUST DON'T MARRY A MAN YOU CANNOT SUBMIT UNDER FULLY.

In summary working is not bad and can never be.

I hope I did justice to this one.

Sir, all my life I have been dreaming of marrying a Virgin and I have also been keeping myself but I just found out that my to-be is not. Advise me.

This one is a very popular worry among young people especially among the Christian brethren. First I thank God you asked before you tied the knot if not this alone could have given Satan enough space into your marriage.

Meanwhile, I will ask you to solemnly weigh your decision very well. The question is, 'do you want to marry a wife or a Virgin?' Do you know that most of the so-called Virgins are only a

piece of shit that still has a hymen? Character is different from behavior.

One mistake or mistakes does not accurately define the present and of course the future. Focus on the character of that lady. I think that lady telling you boldly without pretense gives her a credit.

Do some medical test if you must. But don't terminate the contract on this basis alone, it's not wisdom.

If you need more on this, message us.

Thanks for your sincerity.

Man of God, my to-be is more educated than me, I'm scared if she will respect me. Should I go ahead and marry her?

My brother, we don't marry heads but hearts. Don't let her head (brilliance) distract you. The most important thing is that she agrees to marry you the way you are.

Let me add that, marrying an illiterate does not guarantee that you would have a submissive wife. Some brothers tried it and today, they are in a big mess. It doesn't also mean that we do not have arrogant educated women. What it means is that SUBMISSION is a matter of the heart (character); a good

woman will lay it down to serve you. She would use it all to help you.

It's dangerous to marry a woman that is not even smart. How would she be able to advise you effectively? Meanwhile, if you have a chance to upgrade your intellectual status, why not. After all, you can pay that price if it will aid the success of your marriage. But know that, this is not a rule.

Thanks you.

Hello Sir, I don't still get the issue if hearing God and I'm not getting any younger. Can you draw from how you knew who you would marry and speak about this more practically?

The first problem is that many do not understand the principles of heaven, and they have resorted to men's experiences as a worthy guidance. When this happens and persist, confusion is the end result.

 Likely, every zealous brother wants to hear God give them a name in a dream or trance like so and so man of God.

- Sorry it's not God's principle. It's exception.
- You want to see a vision of you marrying a certain lady before you 'confirm'. Beware your mind might trick you.
- 2. You want to have a laborious testimony to share like Michael Smith, so you want to create yours. E.G, the first girl that will bring food to my hostel etc.
- 3. You want to join the spiritual crib brethren to talk like them. So you are searching the scripture to see, 'Chioma weds Emeka'. Then you better get Igbo Bible and pray harder.

4. At least it should be like Bro Gbile, who wrestled with God for 8 hours or 12 hours because the lady does not appeal to him. So if the lady appeals to you, it is not God. Wake up from this nightmare, brother.

Brother you will be there until you are 60 and all your mate have moved on while you are still praying.

Did you notice that God did not impose wife on Adam? He even brought animals to see if Adam would find a help-meet. And scripture says whatever Adam called, became their name. But he called one woman.

Let's be able to differentiate between the spiritual component of making choice (prayer) and physical component, wisdom.

# How can I know who I will marry?

Most brothers are still unmarried today because they're expecting a revelation. They want to hear voice or dream a dream. And if you ask them where they picked the idea, they will quote one man of God or the other.

God has never *chose* wife for anybody, and your case won't be different.

For Adam, God brought first the animals, but Adam didn't choose them. Then he brought Eve, 'to see what Adam, would call her'. Then Adam said, 'this is the bone... She shall be called woman...'

What if Adam chose Chimpanzee?

Eliezer of Damascus, prayed all kinds of prayer, but God did not give him a name, the way you are expecting a dream. When it was time, he had to make the choice. He could decide to pray further for 2 more years to confirm the already known will of God.

Brother, God may have long said it's not good for you to be alone. And He would have also brought all the ladies to you SO THAT YOU CAN CHOOSE, but you are still praying. Open your eyes brother and see if Madam Eve has been around you all these years.

God will guild the Meek in the way according to His word. But the Meek

must make the move in order to receive guidance.

I hope age is still on your side for those long religious prayers. Receive sense In Jesus Name! Man of God, I have been with this girl for long, and we have even done some bad stuffs together. Now I'm having understanding, but I feel pity to leave her now. Should I just go ahead and marry her?

This one is one of the most popular struggle among the brethren. They'd be cruising around with a girl then the word of God comes to them showing them that they are in the wrong track thus heading the wrong destination.

Now this brother is asking, 'should he reverse his car or continue to the wrong destination since they have gone too far'.

And one lady was arguing, how can you dump her? After using her, now you want to dump her. To that argument I will reply, 'who was using who?'

The ladies always want to act as if in every relationship they're the ones most vulnerable, most pitiable, most cheated etc. That's not true! As long as there was consent, then it is a relationship. Relationship means that the both parties where in it intentionally and deliberately, thus enjoying the ride while it lasted.

When the lady begin to cry, 'You used me and dumped me', my brother just smile and tell her, 'we are used to that

strategy'. That's an old fashioned witchcraft strategy to tie a brother down.

Brother, walk out. It's not a sin. Don't forget to apologize to her. But still go. That's the best you can do for her right now. Or both of you will marry and you'd be secretly thinking she's not really your choice. Ladies can understand what that thought means in details.

A word for the sisters: Don't go into a relationship like a slave or brainwashed person. Make your choice, and enjoy it. Don't follow a man you are thinking is using you in the first place. Upgrade yourself like a Princess you are. And quality things we come around.

Never do anything to keep a man who is not married to you or you will keep the devil God was delivering you from. If you believe you are that quality, what's the fear for? The earlier you are sure he loves you the better for you. Packaging, no matter how tight, don't last forever But content.

Shalom!

There is this girl, she is just too caring for me. Could she be the will of God for me?

It could be that you are asking if caring is a way to know who to marry? To that I'll say that you may have to reconsider your evaluation. Marrying just for caring sake, is too shallow and naive.

Meanwhile, you should understand that every female is naturally caring; caring is wired into them. As long she is happy, she would be caring.

We have seen cases where a caring exercise only lasted as long as the fish

has not taken in the bait. So care must be taken.

When you also meet that lady in her provoked state, you might want to change your mind. Now I didn't say you should intentionally provoke her that could mean throwing your gold into the sea so that you can find it.

Finally, look at other factors, before hopping in. Marriage is a long journey.

Sir we are engaged but time to time we touch ourselves. I think we need advice.

Sure brother/sister you need advice. Let me show you an adage:

Have you eaten an unripe orange before? How was the experience when you took your first bite? Before that time, you did everything possible to pluck it: you stoned, climbed, and all that appeared very eventful. And hurriedly, you got a knife to peel it, thinking to yourself, what a wonderful orange this is. Then you took your first bite before the sour taste bit you and reminded you that, 'God's time is the best'.

If you could relate with this story, you would remember the regret you heard after tasting that sour orange. You'd wished you never did.

Wait for the time. Don't waste your orange. Don't spoil your orange. Don't damage your feeling. If you wait, you would not regret it. The pleasure would far exceed the pain of waiting.

Every touch, every kiss etc takes you farther away from your God-intended enjoyment. Some of us who had committed fornication before always wished we hadn't. It's a sour orange experience. I wish young people would

not engage their emotions wrongly at all till that night, you'd confirm that the Maker's manual is the best way to go.

Lastly, when you do those things with your intended spouse, you chop off your trust bridge. It could come to a point when after you'd finally married that you don't trust yourselves anymore. DISASTER is the name.

Confess, and refrain totally and God will restore you. May God help you!

# Should a poor guy marry?

My first response is, 'why should he?' Must he marry? Who is forcing that guy to marry? You need to hear some of the reasons why some people marry. The worst is those who marry for obligation: they say or most times, their mother told them that at their age, they have to look for someone and marry. Now, imagine this happens at the age of 32, what do you expect this guy to do? He had no plans to marry, so he had not put his finances together for such an important decision.

I think sisters should learn how to politely ask brothers who come to them

for marriage, 'why do want to marry?' Now I don't want it to sound as IF YOU ARE BROKE as a brother, YOU CANNOT MARRY (it's never a rule in the scriptures and cannot be one). But let me talk to brothers briefly:

Brother, marriage is not your priority in life, that's an error. You were created to do an assignment, that's why you were created: PURPOSE is your priority.

Marriage is not a destination, the way village guys view it. It is only one of many Junctions in life.

Most people today are divorced or are not enjoying their marriage NOT

because they're necessarily bad people BUT largely, due to lack of adequate preparation.

See God's wisdom which is greater than your pastor's experience:

- First, God formed the man = THE MAKING
- **Next**, He prepared a job opportunity for him = **PURPOSE**.
- Then God put the man INTO it to tend and to keep it (work) = ASSIGNMENT.
- Next God commanded the man, 'of the trees and herbs of the garden you may freely eat' = PROVISION.

 Then He added, BUT of that tree over there, you may not eat = PRINCIPLE.

Then God said, 'it is not good for the man to be alone ='PARTNER' that is COMPANION.

Which man is God talking about here? A man that has been formed.

A man that has enough food to eat. And where did he get the food? From working the garden, the food came out. So he was employed.

And he has some control over his life (some dos and don'ts); he is a disciplined man.

This is God's idea. If you want the best, follow it. If not follow yours. The worst testimony you may probably have is marrying under pressure.