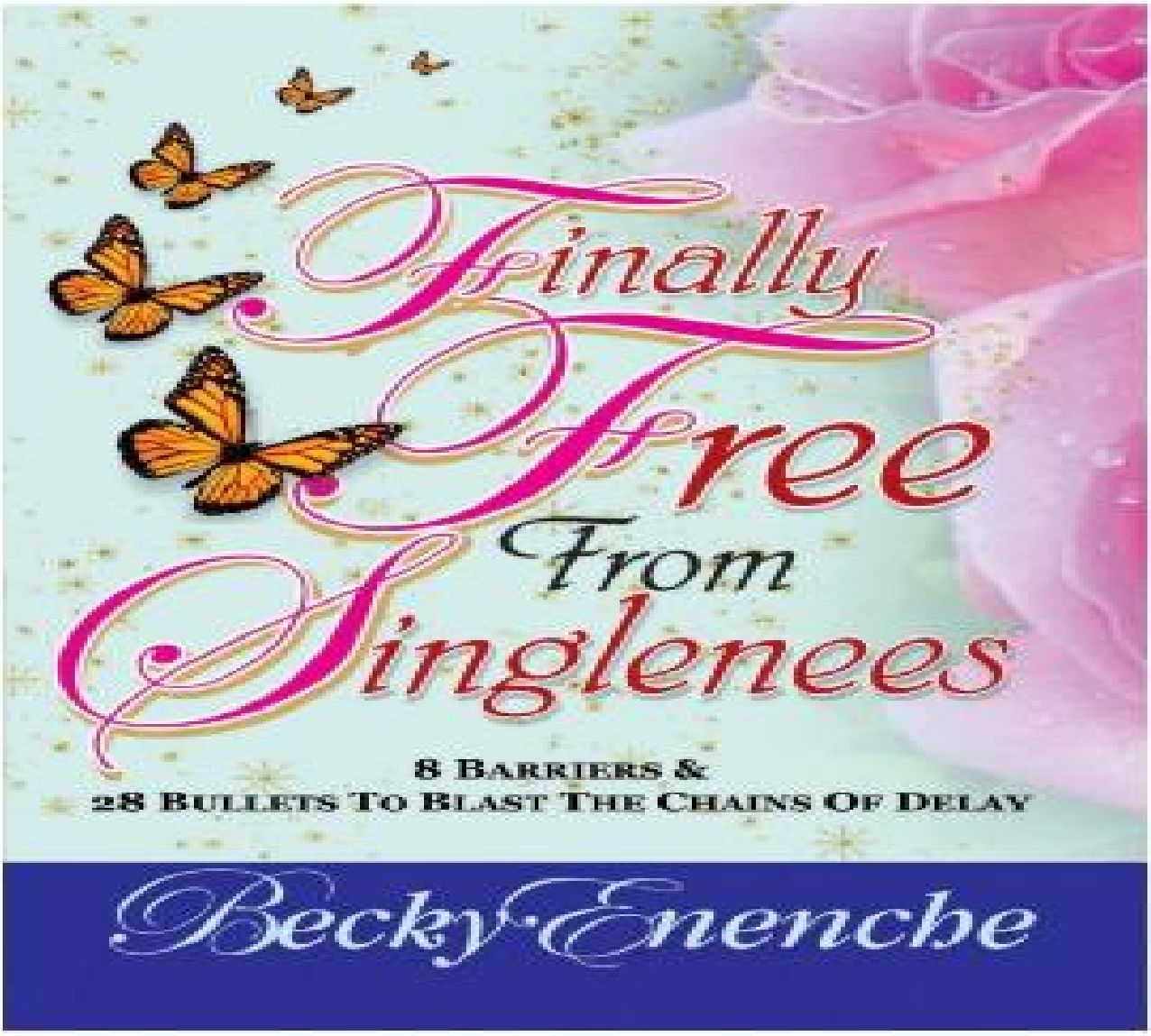
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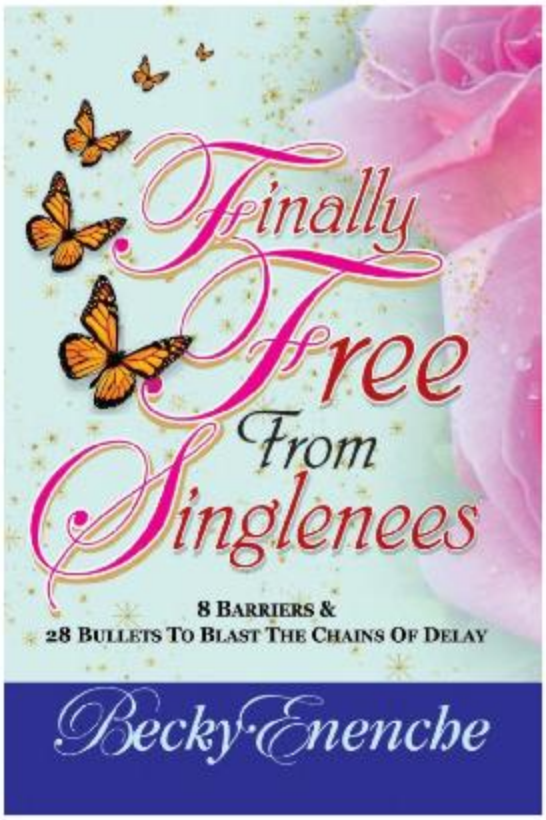
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A WORK OF FICTION

It was Friday night, her first day of night off after a very hectic night duty week. As matron of over thirty years, fifty-six year old madam Theresa Spiff had worked as an obstetrics nurse and night duty schedules were always the most dreaded, as babies always seemed to choose to be born at night. She certainly was looking forward to a very peaceful night rest today as she stirred her steaming cup of hot chocolate and inhaled its aroma.

It was drizzling outside her home, having rained cats and dogs earlier, a heavy thunderstorm had blown up the power supply in her part of town. The night was serene, cold and dark and she also looked forward to smuggling into her warm bed. Unexpectedly, she heard the voice of her daughter as she walked through the main entrance to the house.

Madam Spiff watched as her daughter strode uneasily towards her, she was an otherwise bubbling personality, but strangely, she dragged her feet as she approached. She reached her hands towards her mother, giving her a somewhat shallow casual hug. Her voice was dull as she greeted her mother and headed straight for her room.

Angela had moved to her own apartment in a plush estate just about 100 kilometer away from her mother's house. A thirty-two year old microbiologist, she was the head of her department at a food manufacturing company.

Pausing at the door, she bid her mother good-night as she apologized for barging in without prior information but wished to spend some time with her as she was feeling lonely. With that said, she opened the door to her room and sank into the throw pillows she had fondly left on the ground at her last visit.

Madam Spiff savoured the last drop of her now cold 'hot' chocolate and made for the kitchen to wash up and check to be sure that the doors were locked before retiring to bed. Stepping towards the kitchen, she heard a muffled sound from the direction of her daughter's room. Curious, she moved towards the door and gently opened it to see Angela curled up on the floor with her face in a pillow sobbing uncontrollably. In shock and utter surprise, madam Spiff hurried towards her daughter and stumbled slightly in the dark room, her empty mug crashed to the ground, making a loud shattering sound. Angela, startled, lifted up her tear-drenched face and looked in her mother's direction, "I am sorry" she blotted out in-between sobs as her mother simultaneously grabbed her, asking what the matter was.

"Oh mother," she sobbed, "I am tired of life, I don't think I have a reason to live anymore." "Am I so ugly?" "What is the matter with me mum?"

Then her mother said, "don't say those words my child, you are not ugly and nothing is

wrong with you."

Angela continued, "Why then do all my relationships fail so unceremoniously?" "It looks so unfair, I give the men everything they want, I spend my money on them, I bought a car for the second to the last one and he still walked out on me!" "Mum, I am generous to a fault, could that be my offence?" She then turned and held her mother by the shoulders staring into her eyes and almost yelled out, 'and now, 'Tony the 9th man in three years, walked out on me yesterday." She then sank into her mother's arms and wept hysterically.

After a prolonged period, as madam Spiff rocked her daughter back and forth, the crying subsided. She then began to remind her daughter of the fact that she was not married herself. She had given birth to Angela out of wedlock after many failed relationships. She told her about her own mother and two out of her three sisters who were not yet married but with children. At which point, Angela interrupted her mother to inform her that, one of her cousins, only the previous week, had also been jilted by yet another boyfriend.

"Mum" she asked, "could this be some kind of a recurrent problem?" Is it possible that this is what one of her colleagues in the office was trying to talk to her about? She thought. He had pleaded with her to accompany him to his church for service but she had not given much

attention to him. He was the head of marketing, a very good looking young man, but she was always irritated at how much he loved to talk about Jesus, he seemed to carry his own Christianity way too far. She attended church but felt she could still have relationships and enjoy sleeping with the men, especially as an incentive for them to marry her. She had wondered why he was always talking about purity, that it would pay her better than compromise. He appeared so sure that if she began to follow in his ways with God, that she would succeed more.

She heaved a big sigh and with a resolute tilt as she lifted up her face, she said, "mum, there is a colleague of mine at work that we will follow to church on Sunday, probably, this trend will be broken, perhaps, there can be a change of story in our marital destinies. Madam Spiff nodded, more in encouragement than in belief, at least her daughter seemed to have a ray of hope in her eyes now.

PREFACE

Sometimes, as a result of delays and misdirection, we have to be forced in the direction that we ordinarily should have found ourselves.

"Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh."

Genesis 2:24; KJV

The above scripture was the original intention of God for man. God created marriage for the purpose of companionship, purpose pursuit, purpose fulfillment and fellowship with Him.

The undesirable state of chronic singleness in which many people find themselves in, is not God's plan or purpose for their lives.

Today, marriage and the process of getting married have been abused and what is obtainable in several cases, are marriages saturated with turbulence and chaos. A marriage that is characterized by marital turbulence is nothing but the experience of "hell on earth." That shall not be your portion, in Jesus Name.

You may have picked up this book because you are one of those who have found themselves wondering why you are still single. I congratulate you because your efforts to find a solution to this nagging question shall soon yield a positive result as you see some factors that may be responsible. As you come to terms with these factors and work on them, I assure you that you shall step out rejoicing as you become free

of marital delays and as you step into your marriage, in Jesus Name. The fact is that, there are several factors militating against God's design for marriage and one of the main factors responsible for chaotic marriages is a lack of premarital knowledge and ignorance. Papa, Bishop David Oyedepo said, "You do not prepare in marriage, you prepare for marriage." A marriage is meant to be enjoyed and not endured, but, it is a lack of preparation that generates failure in marriage.

The lack of prior knowledge about choosing a life partner has led many young people to run into marital errors.

Some of such marriages tend to be lived in endurance while others result in the separation of the couple or an actual divorce.

The Bible says in the book of Ecclesiastes 10:15 that;

"The labour of the foolish wearieth every one of them, because he knoweth not how to go to the city."

There is a joyful city called marriage and there is a stress free and effortless pathway to enter into that city. It takes wisdom to identify and to follow the right path.

Marriage is a serious matter. Once you get married, you become bound in a covenant, it is not a rehearsal, neither is it a casino to play a gamble in. There is no room for guess work before entry, it is a serious matter. Every sphere

of life has principles and rules of engagement that govern them and to be successful in any given field, you must abide by its rules and regulations. Thus, to have a successful marriage, you must acquire the necessary skills, knowledge and understanding.

This book has been written to emancipate you from singleness and launch you into a blissful marital establishment.

Many singles see marriage as a route of escape from loneliness and poverty or as a means to satisfy their burning sexual passion, but marriage is much more than that.

As a single man or woman, you must prepare yourself to go into a marital relationship as a "whole person" and not a "half person" desiring to be completed by another person.

You must build the required values in your life as a single man or woman before you embark on the journey called marriage. Don't wait for a man on a rescue mission to come and pull you out of defeat, or lack, or loneliness. As a man, marriage is not the solution to the lack of control on your passion and sexual urge. You must have learnt to control yourself via a total surrender to God first even before you step into marriage. Note that, you must not be married before you can be satisfied in life. You can be single and yet be settled in life, established and fulfilling destiny. Marriage can then come in as an addition, as a plus to make better, a life that

is already very good.

Being single does not make you less than anybody else. It's time to wake up out of a pitiable state and make something profitable out of your life even before you get married.

We will be x-raying several factors that are responsible for delayed marital establishments, as well as what to do about them.

Whether you are within your prime time or you have begun to panic at the passage of time without being married, this book will be a ready answer to your questions.

Your experience through this book will change your paradigm about marriage, get you acquainted with what you need to know and what you must do that will propel you from the state of an undesired singleness to enable you choose rightly or be chosen and then to get you established in marriage.

Chapter One
THE TERMINATION OF LIMITING FORCES

The truth is that, there is almost no family in this part of the world (Africa) that is totally scot free from ancestral plantings or altars, which seem to be working against the destinies of such families. This is because many of our ancestors were involved in several activities and covenants that invited and established some negative forces in their lives. Such forces still seem to be speaking against their descendants several years after they were gone. I don't know if you are an unfortunate victim of such covenants, but for every victim, there is hope: because Christ has paid the price and your liberty is sure.

"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."

Galatians 3:13-14; KJV

Take a look at that same passage in the Amplified Bible:

"Christ purchased our freedom [redeeming us] from the curse (doom) of the Law [and its condemnation] by [Himself] becoming a curse for us, for it is written [in the Scriptures], Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree (is crucified); [Deut 21:23.] To the end that through [their receiving]

Christ Jesus, the blessing [promised] to Abraham might come upon the Gentiles, so that we through faith might [all] receive [the realization of] the promise of the [Holy] Spirit."

Galatians 3:13-14; AMP

The above scripture says that, we have received the realization of the promise of the Holy Spirit having being redeemed from the curse of the law.

The Message translation says thus;

"Christ redeemed us from that self-defeating, cursed life by absorbing it completely into himself. Do you remember the Scripture that says, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"? That is what happened when Jesus was nailed to the Cross: He became a curse, and at the same time dissolved the curse. And now, because of that, the air is cleared and we can see that Abraham's blessing is present and available for non-Jews, too. We are all able to receive God's life, his Spirit, in and with us by believing — just the way Abraham received it."

Galatians 3:13-14; MSG

This means that by being born again, you can confidently demand for your total liberty from all limiting forces and curses upon your life.

"In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children's teeth are set on edge. But everyone shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge. Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant

with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:"

Jeremiah 31:29-31 KJV

By the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have been redeemed from the curse of the law because Jesus has been made a curse for us. He has paid the price and bought our freedom by His shed blood at Calvary.

For every victim of ancestral covenants, there is hope; because Christ has paid the price, your liberty is sure.

That is the new covenant that Jeremiah refers to in verse 31 above. By the shed blood of Jesus at work on your life, the covenants that your fathers and ancestors made with deities that are now setting your teeth on the edge and making your life difficult, no longer have any legal binding or hold on you. But for those ancestors who ate the sour grape, it is their own teeth that shall be set on edge.

From today, refuse to suffer for what you knew nothing about. You make up your mind to refuse ancestral poverty, and delay in marriage, or barrenness simply because an ancestor of yours exchanged your prosperity, or marriage or children unborn for a covenant that he entered into years ago. Friend, Christ has redeemed you from those curses.

In Physics, the Newton's Law states that, a body or an object remains in a state of rest or continuous motion unless it is compelled by an

external force to move otherwise. That is to say, if there is no friction on the ground, for instance and a person is running, that person has no ability to stop except for the introduction of friction.

Have you ever noticed that if there is no obstacle, and you put an object on the floor, maybe a round object, something like a ball, or your ring falls off and there is nothing to stop it, it continues to move or roll until an obstacle stops it. The other part of the same law says that: Everything remains in a state of rest until compelled by an external force to move. If I put an object in a particular position, as long as nobody else exerts any force on it, it remains in that position. That is the Newton Law and that law applies both in spiritual matters as well as in physical things. Every human being continues in the state in which he or she finds themselves except another force, most probably, an external force compels them to do otherwise.

How does this apply to the subject at hand? It simply means that, for anybody born into families where negative forces are at work, such forces continue to work in such families and in those lives unless an external force greater than those forces comes to stop such activities.

The essence of this book is to help provoke the force of the Power of God to put asunder and to neutralize every negative force that has fought

your life and that of your family members all this while, in Jesus Name!

You must determine within you that, "enough is enough," then arise, take a stand by the power and word of God and I declare that your positive change is guaranteed by the time you reach the end of this book in Jesus Name.

PRAYER

"By the Power of the most High God, I rise above every negative force fighting against my life, especially my marital destiny from my foundation, they are destroyed in Jesus Name"

Nuggets

Because Christ has paid the price, your liberty is sure.

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Chapter Two

In certain families, there are certain familiar occurrences which happen all the time. Such occurrences include, ladies who do not marry on time, while in some others; all the females tend to be delayed in getting married until they reach a certain age, for example, until they are over thirty or forty years of age. There are also other trends, such as, ladies in a particular family getting married but do not actually stay married or, they get married and then find it difficult to conceive. In some cases, some others who get married and conceive, may never be able to maintain their homes. When you analyze these, you will realize that, such things do not just happen by chance, there are curses at work.

My husband once told me a story about a lady who met her mother and asked why she (the lady) wasn't married yet. So, her mother said to her; "Look at me, am I married?" "Look at your grandmother, is she married?" Then she also asked her daughter if she had not noticed that, in their family lineage, they could have as many children as they wanted out of wedlock but they never got married? Then the lady said, "No! I am born again, I am a child of God and I am operating under a different covenant, therefore, I cannot be a victim of that same trend." Thus, she went right ahead and put in place the covenant of the Almighty, the covenant of

the blessings of Abraham and the redemptive work of Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary and not long afterwards, she got married, had her children and kept on living a successful married life because she refused to continue in the state of rest or of uniform motion in the wrong direction. She decided to apply the force of the power of God and there was a change in her position and in her story.

There are a lot of people in a similar state with that lady's family. In some cases, every single one of the ladies tend to have one problem or the other. Some get married but none of them gets to be at peace with their husbands.

I remember during a family conference that held in our church, I was ministering and a word of knowledge came concerning a woman. In her family, the women were the ones financially responsible for their husbands and the children. A lady stepped out in response to the word and was prayed for. Shortly afterwards, the same lady came back to church and testified that, following that Word of knowledge and the prayers, everything turned around for the better in her family. Her husband became gainfully employed and the heavy burden was lifted off her shoulder.

I want you to know that, such things are not ordinary and I declare that, if you are a victim of such negative trends, you too shall be totally free after this book encounter, in Jesus Name.

Have you ever noticed that there are some families that the ladies are very quick-tempered? They tend to quickly get angry, do the wrong things and then realize in the end that they shouldn't have done so, but they just couldn't help it! Many times, we human beings quickly condemn others when we see them exhibit negative tendencies. Most of such people, however are working under a force and an influence beyond their human ability to stop. Some others lose their temper and say very regrettable things, many of which could damage relationships.

There are things that they wish they could stop but are unable to stop. Every negative tendency in your life shall be terminated by the power of God, in Jesus Name.

I prayed for a lady about a year or two ago who was HIV Positive. Guess what her story was? She was positive and all her sisters including her mother were positive too! You might say, "It's their life style," and that's true, because they all had the same lifestyle. But then, what you need to understand is that, there is a force that is responsible for the kind of lifestyle that led to that condition. Each of them saw what happened to the person before her, they should have known better, they should have chosen to desist from such a life style, but they just couldn't control it. They knew when the first person became HIV positive, yet, the rest of

them continued in the same life style that led to the same condition!

Beloved, when you look at these things, you realize that we need the help of God because when the help of God arrives, no demon can stand His power. That is one of the essences of this book, to lead you in prayers and then in a series of declarations that will set you free from the controlling influences of negative spirits in your life, in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Sometimes, you look at a whole family group or clan and everyone of them is found to be under the influence of a certain character challenge, such as, polygamous tendencies. There are some that have bitterness tendencies, while for some, it is immorality or promiscuity. It takes only the power of God to break these kind of situations and strongholds off the lives of people.

If you have been in a state of stagnation...you need an external force from God to push you forward.

Some men operate under the spirit of adultery, you could see a man married to a very beautiful woman yet, he would still go after the house help to commit adultery. It is a spirit! He could commit adultery with a dirty little girl with a body odour, or a maid that doesn't even know how to properly take her bath. The only explanation is that, there is a bad spirit at work and many times, when you analyze it, it is a spirit

that runs through the family, because all the man's brothers, his father and other male relations would also be victims of the same struggle. Some people say, "it runs in the blood." It may not be the physical blood but it certainly runs in the family spiritual lineage. It is a spirit influence that must be destroyed.

If you have been in a continuous state of rest, a continuous state of stagnation; nothing working, education not working, job not working, business not working, marriage not working and virtually everything not working, you need an external force from God to push you forward and that force comes your way as you read through this book, in the Name of Jesus.

I know of a certain woman who by prophetic ministration, was told that, there was a negative force working and fighting against her ability to do business. On analyzing and thinking about it, she realized years later that every business she ever tried to do, never worked. Every time she resolved to start a good business, it failed. But that woman stood her ground and decided that, "though there was a curse like that on her family lineage, it had no place in her life anymore." She stood her ground in prayers and that curse was broken. It doesn't matter what it is that has been working on your life, it shall be broken, in Jesus Name.

Everything that has fought your life, is coming to an end. As Jesus steps into your situation,

He will cause a turn around to come in your current situation in Jesus Name.

Some years ago, I prayed for a woman who was into lesbianism. It was a force that worked in her family, she was married but still had an extra-marital relationship with another woman and it gradually destroyed her marriage and family until she was forced to deal with it.

In 1999, during a service in our church, a secondary school class mate of mine was present in the service. At that time, I had been married for several years and already had three children but that lady wasn't married yet. She wasn't the cause of her predicament, she was only a victim of negative forces. As she passed by to partake of the communion and I sighted her, compassion flooded my heart, pity and sympathy overwhelmed me and I began to cry and sob profusely. The Holy Ghost overwhelmed me and began to work on me and I sent a message to her telling her to come and see me. When she came, I told her to take a fast and I went through the spiritual exercise (fasting and prayer) with her, prayed for her and released her to go and get established in marriage.

We did that on a Saturday and within an interval of a week from that day, she had to travel for her friend's wedding in a village. When she got into the lady's family compound, as she got to the entrance, she stood there wondering which hut her friend could be in and as she

stood there, in one of the huts, one of the young men who came as a friend of the groom saw her standing and immediately became irresistibly attracted to her. Completely oblivious to the fact that someone had just seen her, she found her way into her friend's hut. The young man searched from hut to hut until he got to the hut where she was; breaking all protocols, he blotted out, "I saw you at the gate and the spirit of God told me that you are my wife, I want to marry you." Surprised, she replied, "I don't know you and I have never met you before, how can you be telling me such a thing in a strange place like this?" But soon after wards, she got married to him and they have a happy marriage blessed with four children.

Let me share one more testimony here of a lady who got married after her fortieth birthday. By God's mysterious intervention, she got married as she turned forty one years of age. My greatest joy was that, God immediately blessed her with a baby within one year of marriage.

There are countless testimonies to share, but that might make this book unnecessarily bulky. Suffice it to say that, your testimony shall be the next in Jesus Name.

PRAYER

"Every conscious or unconscious negative family pattern, cycles or trails militating against my marital destiny, I lose myself from you now, in Jesus Name and your hold is hereby broken off my

life, in Jesus Name. I too shall share my testimony very soon in Jesus Name."

Nuggets

If you have been in a state of stagnation. You need an external force from God to push you forward

When the help of God arrives, no demon can stand His power.

It takes only the power of God to break these kind of situations and strongholds off the lives of people.

Chapter Three
THE REALMS

Let me show you the reality of the spirit realm and where our battles are being fought.

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

Ephesians 6:12-13; KJV

"This is no afternoon athletic contest that we'll walk away from and forget about in a couple of hours. This is for keeps, a life-or-death fight to the finish against the Devil and all his angels. Be prepared. You're up against far more than you can handle on your own. Take all the help you can get, every weapon God has issued, so that when it's all over but the shouting you'll still be on your feet."

Ephesians 6:12-14; MSG

"For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere. Therefore put on God's complete armor, that you may be able to resist and stand your ground on the evil day [of danger], and, having done all [the crisis demands], to stand [firmly in your place]."

Ephesians 6:12-13;AMP

You must understand that, our battles are not against "flesh and blood." The issue is not about your step mother that said, "you shall never be married," your problem is not with the lady that is in adultery with your husband, the issue is not even with the Doctor that gave you a bad medical report, the issue is not the blocked fallopian tube or the ovarian cyst or uterine fibroid, it is not the hormonal imbalance or the hyper prolactinemia. It is not about physical opponents or physical things, but it is a spiritual fight and the sooner you come to terms with the fact that it is a spiritual battle and handle it from the spiritual aspect, in addition to the physical things that you need to do, you might continue to "beat about the bush," except you address the issue from the roots.

We are on earth but our earthly affairs are controlled in the realm of the spirit. There is the spiritual realm controlled by God and the spiritual realm controlled by the devil, but one of the things that is clear is that, when we got born again, we were translated from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of His Dear Son.

"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:"

Colossians 1:13; KJV

So, from the moment you said, "Jesus come

into my life and be the Lord of my life,' you no longer operated in the realm of the devil which is the realm in which he had access to you, but you began to operate in the Heavenly realm, from where you are seated far above principalities and powers.

"Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:"

Ephesians 1:21; KJV

You must understand the fact that, you are not of this earthly realm but you are seated together with Christ in heavenly places far above principalities and above powers and above rulers of darkness in this earth. You are an authority, you are a decision maker and you are not under the influence of the devil.

"And it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck." Genesis 27:40b; KJV

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing."

Isaiah 10:27; KJV

Note that, It is by the anointing that that yoke shall be broken. When you come to terms with that, you have come to terms with breaking the back of the devil from off your life.

It's not about that witch, it's not about that

wizard. They were not the reason why you stayed down, your ignorance was the cause.
The issue at hand now is about what you didn't know. By the virtue of this book, you will be more enlightened and therefore your freedom has arrived. The anointing in this book and upon this printed material breaks that limitation from your life, in Jesus Name.

PRAYER

"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:" Colossians 1:13 KJV

"By the hand of God, I am set free from every evil realm in the spirit. I live in the realm of God's Kingdom from today, in Jesus Name"

Nuggets

For every victim of ancestral covenants, there is hope; because Christ has paid the price and your liberty is sure.
Our battles are not against "flesh and blood"
We are on earth but our earthly affairs are controlled in the realm of the spirit.
You are seated together with Christ in Heavenly place far above principalities and above powers.

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Chapter Four

BARRIERS TO MARITAL ESTABLISHMENT

In this chapter I will draw your attention to frequent barriers that people encounter in their quest towards getting married. As you identify them and renounce them, your testimony will arrive speedily, in Jesus Name.

1. ANCESTRAL CURSES

Ancestral curses follow ancestral lineages and appear in many different forms. Many ancestral curses date back to a strong man in the family lineage, a mighty king, a great hunter, or an indefatigable warrior. These men were great while they were alive but many of them mortgaged the lives, destinies and greatness of their unborn children. They were great at the expense of their unborn seeds. Many of them entered covenants with demonic beings, to the detriment of their lineage. They made covenants that enabled them to be very great during their life time, but in exchange, their children's children to variable descendants would be limited in one or more areas. Such limitations manifested in areas such as in their marital destinies, their fruitfulness and in their financial status amongst many other areas of limitation.

Some of these ancestors in their greatness compounded the curses by having slaves buried alive with them at their death.

I heard the story of a lady who was unable to get married. The case in her family was that,

the ladies were unable to get married and if they eventually did, at a certain age, they were cut off. So, her family investigated and discovered that years ago, one of their ancestors was buried with a certain slave girl who was in her mid-thirties and in the process, she cursed the family saying: 'for the wickedness they did to her, none of the daughters of that family will ever get married and if any did, they will never live above the age at which she was buried.' It was an ancestral curse which the family didn't know about, and it worked against them, until they came in contact with the understanding of the power in the Name of Jesus and that curse was broken from their lives.

If your ancestors made any covenant that is speaking against you today, I declare that the redemptive blood of Jesus sets you free today, in Jesus Name.

2. GENERATIONAL CURSES

These kinds of curses follow the pattern of a family and its generational lineages. My husband once told a story about a Chinese Pastor. As you may know, the Chinese people tend to have strong historical records and are able to trace their family histories a long way back. About one thousand (1,000) years back in this Chinese pastor's family lineage, there was a warrior who went on a quest to become a mighty warrior and in exchange for that, there would never be a male again in his

generational lineage for a thousand (1,000) generations from himself. He covenanted that his lineage would cease to exist. He made that deal with the demons/gods in his land; they agreed and made him great. At the time when the Chinese Pastor got born again and became a Pastor, his generation was the one thousandth generation in that lineage. After he got married, whenever his wife got pregnant and gave birth, if the child was a male, he died but if they were females, they lived. Thus, she had about four female children that were born alive and four male children that never lived. The family history was traced and when he got to know, he settled down on the Word of God and meditated on the following scripture.

"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:"

Galatians 3:13 KJV

He declared that, "Christ hath redeemed him from the curse of the law." Thus, they prayed and that curse was broken from their lives and his wife had her sons.

About twenty years ago, my husband and I prayed for a lady, we discovered that before she was born, when her mother didn't have children, she went to a water priestess to ask for children and the powers of darkness agreed to give her children but with the condition that, when she gave birth and the children grew, she

would give them back to the devil; the children were to die at the age of twenty one and the woman agreed. Thus, she had two children, a male and a female. When the boy got to twenty one years of age, he died but the girl got born again just before she was twenty one, and so the devil became helpless. He couldn't take her life but because he had a covenant with her mother, he resorted to tormenting her and her life became distorted with recurrent afflictions. She had several un-diagnosable abdominal conditions and she was operated severally but they never found anything. She was frequently rushed into the theatre for a condition known as "acute abdomen" in Medicine. Severally, she was taken in for operations, thinking that she had a ruptured organ or some other abdominal condition but they wouldn't find anything. All manner of illnesses took hold of her and at a point, she was even sent to a psychiatric hospital. On one of those occasions while she was on an admission, in a hospital, she asked for a soft drink and when it was brought, an invisible hand collected the already opened drink and turned the drink upside down but not one drop poured out and after a while, the demons stood the drink upright again. The demons would speak to her and she heard them very clearly, threatening her frequently. When she was brought in for prayers, we prayed for her, in the course of praying, there was a very

violent manifestation and for me, that was the first time I took part in such a deliverance session where the person manifested so violently. But that day, the lady was gloriously set free. She has since been married and she has her own children.

I don't think that your case is half as bad as that lady's case and even if it is, you shall be set free too as you read on, in the Name of Jesus. Take a look at this scripture passage, it is highly liberating. Declare your freedom as you read it in Jesus Name.

"What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge? As I live, saith the Lord God, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die."

Ezekiel 18:2-4 KJV

By the scripture passage above, I declare that every ancestral, generational or parental covenant made on your behalf is no longer binding on you in Jesus Name.

It is those ancestors who ate the sour grapes that will suffer the negative effects on their own teeth; you will no longer be a victim of the wickedness of your ancestors in Jesus Name. Your life shall be sweet. It shall not be bitter or sour because of them in Jesus Name.

3. BLOOD COVENANTS

These are curses inflicted by an individual on himself or herself. We have prayed for a couple of people, sometimes, it's a young girl and a boy "in love," who cut themselves and went into blood covenants. In some cases, they cut themselves and put the blood into a glass of wine, mix it and drink from it and then make a vow of commitment to each other, never to leave each other and stating that they cannot marry anybody else. Thus, when they eventually get separated, they realize that every other relationship that they ever go into never works.

I want you to know that, as you renounce such a covenant or vow from your heart and mean it, you will be set free because, the days of ignorance, God overlooks.

4. SOUL TIES

Another kind of self-inflicted curse happens when people indulge in pre-marital sexual relationships which lead to soul ties. Thus, even when two persons in such a relationship break up, their "hearts" still stay connected to each other. The lady for instance, wouldn't imagine getting married to anybody else. She would tend to compare every other man that comes her way with the man with whom she has a soul tie. Soul ties prevent people from having a successful marriage.

Self-inflicted curses happens when people

indulge in premarital sexual relationships which leads to soul ties.

It is common to have a soul tie with the person who breaks your virginity or someone with whom you engaged in sexual relationship, someone that left a very marked impression on your mind or soul. This is a very risky situation because many times, even when such a person gets married, they live in a state of perpetual comparison and dissatisfaction.

I equally pray for your total liberty today as you renounce such covenants and past sexual relationships, in Jesus Name.

IDENTIFICATION IN THE REALM OF THE SPIRIT AS BEING MARRIED

If a couple goes to the court for a registry marriage, with an agreement to get married and they both proceed to sign the documents, but they later reach another decision and do not wish to continue with the marriage and they go back to the court the next day, the judge will ask one question; "Was this marriage consummated?" Based on the answer to the question, two decisions will be made. If the marriage was consummated, that is, if they had sexual intercourse after the joining in the court the previous day, then, the judge grants them a divorce. But if the disagreement started too early from the court room and they got back and never consummated the marriage (did not have sexual intercourse) then what the court grants

them is an "annulment of marriage."

A divorce is granted, based on sexual relationship haven taken place with a signed agreement of marriage. On the other hand, a marriage is annulled when no sexual relationship occurs despite signed agreement, which means that the marriage never really took place. Papers were signed but the seal was not stamped.

What this means in the realm of the spirit is that, every time you have sexual intercourse with a person that you are not married to, a seal is stamped to recognize that you just married that person. So, there are a lot of single persons physically but in the realm of the spirit, their records show that they are married. Many of them are recognized to be married to a lot of people as a result of several pre-marital sexual relationships. For example, a lady who went out with several men will have her record look like this: Jane is married to Jack and also married to Chukwudi, stamped all over her record in the realm of the spirit. How many names are written as being married to you?

When such an unmarried lady is praying and asking; "oh God, why am I not married?" The devil says, "you are married right here in the spirit realm; look at Chukwudi, Alex, John and Jack." Imagine satan, the accuser of the brethren standing before God while you are praying for a husband or a wife and waving a poster with the names of all the people you are

joined to before God and insisting that you don't need to marry again.

I pray that the last record you had, will be the last and that from this moment, you will keep yourself only for who you have been officially married to. Note that, engagement or consent or agreement to be married is not equivalent to being married and until you are legally (officially) joined in marriage as husband and wife, sexual intercourse is not permissible, therefore ensure that you make a vow that you must be joined before you have sexual intercourse again. Keep a clean slate and a clean record after reading this book.

I declare that the accusation of the enemy is terminated today, in Jesus Name.

From scriptures also, we see that, that pre-marital sexual relationships are a foundation for break-up in relationships and engagements.

"And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery."

Matthew 19:9 KJV

You must understand that, the term fornication refers to, having sexual intercourse with someone to whom a single (unmarried) person is not married to. The above scripture in the context of this definition, sounds like a wrong terminology. If reference is being made to a

man and his wife, then the term adultery should have been used. But the word fornication was used in this passage, that therefore should be wrong but it is not wrong. It is right in the sense that, in the Jewish culture, when a couple are engaged and agreed to be married, the society begins to accord them the rights, privileges, the regard and respect such as is accorded to married couples except that they are not allowed to live together or have sexual intercourse until they are actually wedded.

Hence, the engaged lady is referred to in this passage as wife and the act of sexual intercourse is still referred to as fornication instead of adultery, which is voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and a person who is not their spouse.

The concept Jesus was passing across here was the fact that, an engagement or agreement of two people to marry is dissolved at the instance of fornication. God as it were, takes His hands off such a relationship and it lacks the ability to stand.

If you analyze it carefully, you will discover that, after an intending couple fall into the sin of fornication, most times, the relationship fails, breaks up and their love for each other turns to hatred.

God takes His hands off such a defiled relationship, and where the intending couple do not have Divine backing from God, the devil

steps in and scatters what would have been a beautiful marriage in the future. My counsel therefore is, avoid fornication, run from it, avoid it if you want your courtship to progress successfully into marriage.

6. CURSES PLACED FROM PREVIOUS RELATIONSHIPS

This is closely related to the preceding point. However, this goes further in the sense that, in addition to the devil's accusations in the realm of the spirit, the partner in a previous relationship, out of grievance or offence places a curse on the other person. Probably, the guy loved the girl so much and then suddenly she said, "I won't marry you anymore." He became very bitter and said, "nobody will marry you in this life." Sometimes, such persons consolidates such words with diabolism, while for others, such curses worked because he or she had a legal ground; he had a basis to make such pronouncements.

7. WITCHCRAFT ACTIVITIES

Witchcraft activities many times, begin at a very subtle level, rising from anger, bitterness, envy, and jealousy. A common situation is with sibling rivalry and polygamous homes where rivalry amongst wives pushes them into outright witchcraft activities.

They allow evil wishes graduate to seeking diabolic powers to enforce them. Some young people are not married today because someone or

some people have used witchcraft manipulations to monitor them and spoilt their relationships before the relationship could materialize into marriage.

Saul's bitterness and his envy towards David eventually led him to the house of the witch at Endor.

"Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and inquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor. And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me him up, whom I shall name unto thee. And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die?

1 Samuel 28:7-9 KJV

Envy when not curtailed can lead to witchcraft. But the good news I have for you is that, God has made a provision to set you free. As a child of God, the Bible tells us the following in Isaiah 54:17:

"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the

heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord."

Every satanic, witchcraft orchestrations and enchantments against you are condemned today in Jesus Name. In the days of your ignorance, they may have succeeded but not anymore, in Jesus Name. Whether it is a step mother, a former friend or a rival of whatever origin, their evil wishes and desires against you shall no longer prosper, in Jesus Name.

8. THE FORCE OF FEAR

"Once bitten, twice shy!" This is a common adage and it constitutes a major blockage in marital establishments when a person develops a fear of venturing into another marital relationships.

Occasionally, a young man may be afraid to approach a lady to make his intentions known because of a negative response he received from her in the past or from another lady. Occasionally too, past experiences tend to create a red light sign in their minds eye and prevent actions or taking of relevant steps. Some young ladies also, are afraid to say, "yes," because of a past relationship where they said 'yes' and were later badly hurt. See what the scripture shows us in the book of Isaiah:

"Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and

rivers in the desert."

Isaiah 43:18-19 KJV

Let the past go, try again. Remember, failure is not terminal, simply use it as a spring board to catapult yourself into your glorious destiny.

I see you rising and not falling again and the last time you were rejected will be the last time forever, in Jesus Name.

PRAYER

"By the mandate of Heaven, every barrier and all forces that are against my life and destiny are broken, in the Name of Jesus."

Nuggets

For every victim of ancestral covenants, there is hope: because Christ has paid the price and your liberty is sure.

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Soul ties prevent people from having a successful marriage.

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CHAPTER FIVE

DON'T BE A MRS PHD

Be Fit For Your King

This chapter will be addressing ladies and it is my prayer and hope that as you read it, God will usher you into a realm of eligibility in Jesus Name. But before we go further, I have noticed a very disturbing trend which may ginger you up to reassess your stand and make the necessary adjustments either as a male or a female.

Every single day, there is a conscious, unconscious or sub-conscious, silent or obvious process of selection that is going on out there in the world. There is a young man, or a young man's mother, or a young man's sister, who is consciously or unconsciously trying to make a selection of a possible wife for himself as a man or for her son as a mother, or for her brother as a sister. I believe that after this book encounter, that selection shall pick you out in the name of Jesus.

As this process is on, however, I realize that, many of the young men in our generation are making choices of women who are many years younger than they are. They seem to be jumping whole generations to much younger girls to pick their wives.

I have prayed and wondered why a young man will go over to marry a lady that he is old enough to father. That process puts disturbing questions on my mind. The question now is, is

there a problem with the men or the challenge is with the ladies? What do men encounter when they approach the ladies in their own age bracket? What are the unspoken stories that many of them have encountered with these ladies that are within their age brackets?

In the course of praying and pondering on the reasons why men prefer to leave women in their own age bracket and marry much younger ladies, I discovered that, there are some traits and things that the older ladies ought to do which they don't.

Many men have encountered the challenge of being despised by ladies in their age bracket. The truth of the matter is that, women develop at a faster rate than their male counterparts. You often find two people in the same age bracket where the young lady has by favour, parental assistance, skills and industry achieved several things far faster than men. Hence, they tend to achieve far more at a shorter time than men who are their contemporaries and they unconsciously look down on these men.

Beloved sister, don't put your achievements in front of you. Stop wearing them as goggles or eye glasses through which you now analyze young prospective suitors.

I tell young ladies this, "stop using your Master's Degree or your Ph.D. as a criteria for choosing a husband. If the qualifications are so

important, why don't you marry those qualifications, then you can be called Mrs. Ph.D or Mrs. MBA or Mrs. Mercedes Benz. Drop the overemphasis you place on these qualifications, or achievements, or in your positions, rather, let the little girl in you be allowed to step out, let her loose from the iron gates of the high castles of your positions and achievements. There is a man desiring to reach out his hands to you in love and take you as his wife but you must drop the barriers and the unspoken barricades and let him be able to approach and capture your heart.

The Bible shows us that, two are better than one, for they will have a good reward for their labour. When you lay aside these limiting factors and you get married, your achievements will become amplified, you will have a better reward for your labour.

WOMAN BE FIT FOR YOUR KING

As a woman, what does it mean to be "fit for your king?" The word "fit" means the following:

1. To be suitable in quality, in standard or in type to meet a specific requirement or purpose.
2. To have the required qualities or skills to undertake something competently.
3. To be fit in this context means that something is correct according to the accepted social standards.
4. It also means to be ready.

This means that, a young lady who is fit for her king is a young lady who has the required qualities and skills which fits into her job specification as a wife.

A young lady who is fit for her king is a young lady who has the required qualities.

At this point that you have understood what it means to be fit, who is a king?

A King refers to a monarch, a ruler, one who rules an independent state. Therefore, a King in a woman's life is,

1. A man that rules in the monarchy of his home or in the monarchy of his household.

2. A King is also one who is regarded as the finest, the best and the most important in his sphere or group. It's just like saying, "Ronaldo is the King of football." Thus, when we refer to something or a person as a King, it means that he is the best and most important thing or person in that field or jurisdiction.

Being fit for the King, or being fit for your king means, being suitable in quality, skills and competence for your (husband to be.)

I believe that after this book encounter, you will become suitable for the man that is meant to be your King, you shall become the most suitable in standard, in quality and in type for the finest (not necessarily in looks, appearance or stature according to the world's standards but according to God's image) and the best young man that will become your head in the Name

of Jesus.

In the context of this book, there are two categories of Kings that I refer to. The first one is, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords, our God Most High and the second one is an earthly king, that is, the person that becomes your husband. Let's look at being fit for your earthly king.

My mother gave birth to six girls and I have one brother. Four of them are twins, that is, two set of twins. Some years ago, I analyzed the traits of the husbands of my sisters and I discovered that, God was really a Master Planner and very merciful to us. He gave us husbands that we each were appropriately suited for. If my husband had married any of my sisters, there would have been issues and if I were married to any of their husbands, there would have been serious issues of contentions between us. As for one of my sisters for instance, God gave her a kind of husband that could gladly get into the kitchen and do all the chores in there while she faced other assignments. Imagine when they get back home after the day's job, she could gladly do all the washing while her husband would take care of the kitchen with every excitement. I wouldn't imagine telling my husband to, "prepare dinner" because he is not that kind of person. One of my sisters is a very strong choleric but God gave her a very gentle husband. If she had married

someone that had her type of personality, it would have been very catastrophic.

Being fit for your king, means that there is a particular man that fits you.

I gave you those analysis so that, you would understand that, when I refer to being fit for your king, it means that, there is a particular man that fits you. There is also a particular man that you would fit. If you will allow God to direct you, you will be led to the right person for you.

I pray that, you will not miss it, in Jesus Name.

PRAYER

"Every force militating against my marital establishment, you are destroyed now, in the Name of Jesus."

Nuggets

For every victim of ancestral covenants; there is hope because Christ has paid the price and your liberty is sure.

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CHAPTER SIX

QUALITIES MEN LOOK OUT FOR and QUALITIES THE WOMAN SHOULD HAVE

There are certain traits that men are on the lookout for when they are out on the bid to pick a wife. I would like you to carefully read through the two stories below and then we will enumerate some points worthy of note from these passages.

"And the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed; for all the goods of his master were in his hand: and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto the city of Nahor. And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, even the time that women go out to draw water. And he said, O Lord God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Abraham. Behold, I stand here by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water: And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master. And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder. And the damsel was very fair to look

upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up. And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher. And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hasted, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink. And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw water for thy camels also, until they have done drinking. And she hasted, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels. And the man wondering at her held his peace, to wit whether the Lord had made his journey prosperous or not.'

Genesis 24:10-21 KJV

"Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a well. Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters: and they came and drew water, and filled the troughs to water their father"s flock. And the shepherds came and drove them away: but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock. And when they came to Reuel their father, he said, How is it that ye are come so soon to day? And they said, An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds, and also drew water enough for us, and watered the flock. And he said unto his daughters, And where is he? why is it that ye have left the man? call him, that he may eat bread. And Moses was content to dwell with

the man: and he gave Moses Zipporah his daughter."

Exodus 2:15-21 KJV

When the average man seeks for a wife to marry, what he has on his mind is, a young lady because most men still see themselves as "young boys" or "young men." They say, "I am not an old man." That is a typical masculine mentality. Women however, tend to feel old on time. They quickly notice the wrinkles and quickly calculate age increases.

As a woman, there is the "physical you." What is the signal that you pass across when the physical you is encountered? Do they see a marriageable young lady? A marriageable girl? A marriageable woman? A wifely material? Or a prostitute girl? When men see the physical you, what do they see?

In addition, ensure that you don't repel or drive men away by your stern countenance when they see you. Remember that a smile lessens your age by several years when people look at your face. So, add a bright smile to your daily dressing and appearance.

In the bid to get or choose a wife, every young man should consider the following characteristics and every lady should strive to imbibe and cultivate these characteristics in addition to every other good virtues that you may already posses.

You will observe that emphasis here are on

character traits rather than vital statistics of size, complexion, or any other physical beauty traits.

1. DILIGENCE

Neither male nor female wants to marry a liability and none wants to be associated, especially via marriage, to a lazy person. The first obvious characteristic we see in both the lives of Rebecca and Zipporah was their diligence.

A diligent person is one who shows care and conscientiousness, wishing to do his or her work well; Rebecca was such a person.

Just as a lady wants to marry a hardworking industrious young man, men equally desire to marry a committed, busy, dedicated hardworking lady, untiring and indefatigable in her efforts and at whatever she puts her hands to do.

People want to marry the best; they have perceptions of whom they wish to be married to. The irony of this today is that, many people want to present themselves to someone else as a person whom they themselves would not accept to be married to.

In the stories that we read in the scriptures above, one of the most striking things that we saw concerning Rebecca was that, she was hard working.

When the servant went to get a wife for Isaac, he prayed a prayer:

'And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom

I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink: and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master."

Genesis 24:14 KJV

The first criteria recorded in that prayer for a wife, was that of a diligent hard worker, who would willingly agree to give him a drink of water and his camels as well.

It is obvious that Rebecca was a hard worker. We don't have the record of how many other sisters she had in the house, but she came out alone to fetch water at the well, she came out alone to work.

"And she hasted, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels."

Genesis 24:20 KJV

After the servant had requested for water to drink from Rebecca, amazingly, she gave to him to drink and went further to draw water for his camels. She drew water for all his camels until they finished drinking.

A camel drinks an enormous amount of water. It drinks up to 25 gallons of water at one time. Rebecca was well aware of this. She had sighted the number of camels that accompanied this stranger, ten in number, and still had the audacity to offer to give water to all of them.

Abraham's servant must have sat with amazement and watched as the young lady single handedly drew from the well, climbed up the slope and watered ten thirsty camels, a minimum of 200 to 250 gallons of water.

We don't know how long it took her, but she did it relentlessly until she had watered all the camels. The man only asked her to give him water to drink, the rest was voluntary. If she was a lazy person, she would never do that. I want you to understand as you read this book, that people are watching us every day. They are watching our disposition and our attitude to work. People can perceive your mindset towards work when they watch you at a distance.

As a member of the church, where do you function? What work do you do for the Lord? Do people see you actively trying to do something for God? In your place of work, are you seen running away from your duties or you are seen actively carrying out your assignments? If there is going to be a recommendation at your place of work, will it be a positive recommendation concerning you?

THE LADY, ZIPPORAH

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Exodus 2:15-21 KJV

In the passage above, while Moses fled from Pharaoh, he came to the well where he met Jethro's daughters, who came to water their father's cattle, and they had to wait for a man to come and help them roll the stone from the well's mouth because they were not strong enough to do so. The men at the well, being stronger than the ladies, prevented their access to the well until they were through. This seemed to be a regular occurrence, yet the girls kept coming to fetch water and when Moses arrived at that well and saw what was going on, he stood up and rescued them. Those girls went out to work, feeding their father's flock, which is not typically a woman's work but they did it nevertheless. They were excited doing it and in the course of that, the man that was to marry Zipporah, located her.

There is a place appointed by God for you to meet your spouse. That place is not in your house or in front of a television screen or in the place of sleeping, but at your duty post where you should be out working.

THE LADY, RACHAEL

"And while he yet spake with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep: for she kept them."

Genesis 29:9 KJV

Concerning Rachael, she too was located by Jacob at the well, at the place of duty. Do you have a duty post where you are actively serving God, your family, or generation? I wonder where Rachael's sister, Leah, was while she was out working.

\Rachael kept her father's sheep; she was a woman of industry. Rachael and Zipporah were met at the well fetching water for their father's sheep; while Rebecca was met fetching water for domestic purposes. What work do you do? Are you sitting waiting for a man to come on a mission to deliver you from joblessness, "houselessness" and "moneylessness?" Or are you one of those young men looking for a young lady that will bail you out of your lazy jobless state of life? If you don't get employed by at agency, employ yourself. Get busy doing something.

Rachael was on her duty post working, she was on assignment, she was also at the well feeding her father's flock. Rachael was busy at work,

agile, full of enthusiasm and energy. Get busy and watch God open doors for you, in Jesus Name.

GENEROSITY

I was once told a story about a young lady who rejected a man that came to marry her. She said, "I won't marry him, he is after my money." The friend with whom she was talking then proceeded to ask her how much money she had currently compared to how much God would establish her in when she was comfortably married!

The man that comes to seek for your hand in marriage might not have everything at that moment but when you settle down, things will certainly blossom.

I say this often that, before a man gets married, he may not amount to much but after he gets married, there is a stability factor that comes around into his life and also, there is a mystery of God that gets to multiply what comes his way because God knows that he now has an added responsibility.

"Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord."

Proverbs 18:22 KJV

For instance, the same man working with the federal government as a civil servant, earning the same salary, suddenly, after he marries, within the space of six months, he is able to buy a car, after another six months or one year

of living in a one bedroom apartment, he becomes capable of moving into a three bedroom flat without stealing or cheating. Things naturally begin to open up around such a young man because there is a mysterious promotion associated with Godly marriage.

Some people feel they should struggle and earn as much money as they can, build houses or develop massive investments before they marry but unfortunately, that is a longer route. Marriage is not just a stabilizing factor, it is a channel of accelerated progress.

"Two are better than one: because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth: for he hath not another to help him up. Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone? And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken."

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 KJV

Before I got married, if I were to take a decision due to the state of things around my husband, thinking logically as most people would generally have reasoned, I probably wouldn't have said "yes" to marry my husband. But if I had not said "yes" to him, I might have been in regrets today. My husband told me at that time (before we got married), that he had only one pair of trousers, but I never knew that because he washed the few shirts he had, ironed them

very well and he would always appear clean and immaculate. Materia. availability was not the criteria. Stop using it as a benchmark.

Do not judge a man because of what he looks like today. You don't conclude on his future because of what he looks like today. He might not look all that polished, but he has a great future ahead of him.

Some young ladies see a married young man and admire him so much. Some ladies say, "Why doesn't this kind of man come to ask me to marry him?" The fact is that, you do not know how he used to look before he got married. He got married, became transformed, looks polished, well fed and by the time he steps out of the house, he is in top shape. What happened? He had a good woman at home who took very good care of him and organized his life. You should trust God for your own man to help dress and organize his life for him.

Take a look at what Rebecca said when Abraham's servant asked her for water.

"And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher. And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hasted, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink. And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw water for thy camels also, until they have done drinking. And she hasted, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again

unto the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels."

Genesis 24:19-20 KJV

Rebecca checked the quantity of work and she went ahead to do it. She was generous and wasn't stingy with the water. As a woman, you don't look at, "what am I going to get out of this man?" But ask yourself this question, "What do I have to offer after we are married?" Take note of this; I don't encourage ladies to spend their money and resources indiscriminately on a man before you get married. I have discovered that, if you start off the relationship on such a note, more often than not, that lady will continue to sponsor the man to a large extent later on in the marriage, and since women are not cut out to be sole providers in a marriage, after a while, they begin to complain, and the pressure begins to mount up in the marriage. It is safer to avoid laying such a foundation. Never think that you can use your money to catch a man and keep the man. If you do, you may have to continue.

I must draw a dividing line here because there are many young ladies who run into the problem of always letting themselves loose on men, these men empty them of their worth and value and take off. That is a lack of wisdom. My emphasis here is the fact that, you enter into the marriage with a determination to be an asset in the home, not a liability.

After you have gotten married, you seek answers to these questions: "what is my contribution to this home?' "What am I ready to let go?' "What am I ready to sacrifice?' "What am I ready to accommodate, so that my home and family will move forward?"

This should be your consideration after the marriage not before! You don't start out in courtship sponsoring a man, if you do, you will have to continue it, not voluntarily anymore but compulsorily and with a lot of pressure because women are not really cut out to sponsor a man or a home.

It doesn't matter what a man has now, or does not have yet. You don't judge a man based on what he has or what he doesn't have today because, you don't know what God will bring his way tomorrow. I know of a lady that got engaged some time ago. When the young man came to her, he didn't have a job and he wasn't exactly the kind of man she wanted. But when she went to pray and asked God if the young man was His will for her, she received a go ahead and she went ahead. About a year later, he was called to pick up an appointment letter for a federal government job. The day the man called the young lady to tell her the good news, he said to her, "I want you to know that I will always appreciate and value you forever because you said, 'yes" to me when I was nothing and when I had nothing."

For some ladies, a man is never sure of them, because he keeps wondering, "did she marry me because of my money or position?" He can't tell. But when you marry a man from the scratch, your value increases in his eyes, your value appreciates because he knows that you married him for who he is and not for what he has.

POLITENESS AND HUMILITY

"And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hasted, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink."

Genesis 24:18 KJV

We see here, a princess calling a servant, "my Lord." Rebecca, the daughter of Bethuel addressed the servant of Abraham as, "my Lord."

One of the greatest undoing of many young ladies, is an over-exaggerated opinion of self and over estimation of self. I am not saying that you should walk around with an inferiority complex or an inferiority mentality, down trodden, beaten, shattered and scattered. You should have your personal dignity, self-worth and self-respect but when it tilts and shifts to the extreme of the scale called pride, ostentation, arrogance or pomposity, then there is a challenge. For instance, a man asks for a lady's hand in marriage and she says, "Do you think that you are the best person for me to marry?" Probably because he doesn't have a car or she earns more than he does or because he doesn't

look as polished as she does.

The way you feel inside about yourself and the way you feel about people around you, will always reflect in the way you speak. You cannot say, "yes sir," to a person, when inside of you, you feel too big for the person. One of the things that men use as a yardstick many times when it comes to getting married, is humility, politeness and the ability to be respectful because in marriage, that is one of the basic ingredients on which a man thrives. Ephesians tells us,

"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord."

Ephesians 5:22 KJV

When you are in respect and absolute submission to your husband, then it becomes automatic for him to love you. Men are on the lookout for your humility and your respect level. "In a scale of 1-100, where does she fall?" If as a woman you fall below 50, you have failed. Rebecca was polite enough to call somebody's servant, "my lord." When she became Isaac's wife, the same person that she called, "my lord," began to call her, "my madam." But, she had to do the right thing at the right time, for her to have qualified to become the madam.

For some ladies, when the man that wants to marry her takes her to meet his family, she arrives with an air, she probably thinks within herself that, "they must know that I have

travelled all over the world, I have a first Degree, a Masters Degree and currently on my Ph.D." She then, holds her in-laws to be, in a very low esteem. Pride and ostentation is palpable and no real parent who has the genuine interest of their child at heart will give a nod of approval to a marriage of such a prideful partner.

PURITY:

The issue of purity, virginity, and chastity seem to have been thrown down the drain in recent times. Parents feel ashamed, awkward and probably guilty or condemned even in attempting to broach the topic to their children. Peers jeer at their teenage friends who admit that they are still virgins, the media is ablaze with suggestions, showing movies with scenes of sexual escapades, bill boards flashing scantily clad girls in the bid to advertise and soap operas and periodicals portray young men and women in pre-marital sexual relationships.

"And the damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and come up."

Genesis 24:16 KJV

Rebecca's appearance was decent and modest with nothing provocative about her attire. The servant couldn't see her and mistake her for a prostitute. She was a virgin, she maintained purity and dignity.

Today, the issue of co-habiting has become very rampart. A young couple, not married, come together and cohabit, 'living like a husband and a wife.' Some people say, "my parents got divorced, so, let me be sure that this is the person that I will eventually get married to." Thus, they live together. All the time, 99% of such co-habitations never end in marriage and those that end in marriage, do not thrive well because, like I always say to young ladies, "when a man has finished licking the 'sweet,' he throws the wrapper away, the container becomes useless, because he has eaten your content and collected all that you carry as a woman." 'You' the container is of no value to him again and hence we can easily discard you. There are pathetic stories such as, a man and a woman cohabiting and the lady is the only one that has got a job. She goes to the office everyday and when she gets back home, she still cooks the food, cleans up the house and performs other chores and the man is always seated, probably watching television and ordering her around. Sometimes, he even beats her up if she refuses to give him additional money. I wonder why a woman would remain in such an abusive situation! It is a perversion of this age. As a woman, if the man hasn't paid your dowry and received parental consent for the marriage, he does not qualify to touch your body and you don't owe him an explanation.

Your "no" to him should be simple and short. Some ladies say, "if I don't go to bed with him, he might change his mind about getting married to me." My candid advise is, Let him change his mind, and if he does, it means that he is not the right person for you. Let go of him immediately and don't allow him to hang around you. Don't get caught up with the spirit of this age because, it is a spirit from hell.

A young lady told me some years ago that her biological father asked her if she had had sex with the man that she wanted to get married to. She said she had not and he angrily told her that she had to do so in order for her to be sure that her husband to be was a real man. The lady however put her foot firmly to the ground and insisted, "I am a born again Christian, I won't do it."

I appeal to all men planning to get married to be sincere about their state of potency so as not to trap any lady who has maintained herself into a marriage with an incompetent man. That shall never be the portion of any lady of integrity, in Jesus Name.

If you can tell God with all boldness and audacity, 'Lord, I will keep my body until my husband comes and until after we are rightly joined in marriage,' watch what God will do for you. Let it be a vow and a covenant of purity. Let that vow be maintained and let Jesus prove His name in your life.

SERVICE:

Rebecca was a service oriented person. When Abraham's servant asked her for water, she didn't say, 'excuse me sir, am I your maid?" "I came to fetch water for my household and you are telling me to give you water to drink. You have hands and there is the well, go and fetch your own water." Then she would have probably walked away. But that was not the case, she was so service orientec that when Abraham's servant a total stranger, walked up to her and asked for water, she willingly gave it to him. Imagine travelling in the desert! He must have looked dusty and unkempt, but she had enough regard to pay him attention. The servant must have also arrived very thirsty and needing a lot of water to drink and she served him sufficiently to drink to his satisfaction. Rebecca also looked at the camels and gave them water to drink too. She had a service mentality. Until you learn to serve, you can't be served. Until you learn to be on the giving side in service, you don't expect to receive service. Many ladies go into marriage relationships expecting that their husbands will serve them, calculating what their husbands would do for them. Expecting him to serve her; go into the kitchen with her and do things for her. But they have never thought about what they are going to contribute to the man's life. How would I help him clean his shoes or wash is shirt? How am I

going to keep the house neat? How am I going to ensure that his meals are cooked on time and everything is in order?

Until you learn to serve, you are not set to be married. You must also serve with excitement and enthusiasm. People should see so much excitement and enthusiasm all the time you are appointed to serve. As a woman, men tend to come to evaluate you first, they ask questions like, "sister please can you help me do this or that?" If for instance you say, "I am sorry, I close very late at work," or some other excuse, the man would give his consideration of you a second thought. Note that by the time you are married, when your husband gives you an assignment, that assignment should be a priority on your list of things to do for that day. If he says, "my button fell of my shirt, please help me fix it," even if you have an appointment with the president of your country, make sure that that button is fixed first before you leave for the appointment because, such an act to a man means that, he is important enough to have your priority attention. It doesn't happen overnight after you are married, it should be a culture, a lifestyle, a trend with people and then in courtship and it will eventually flow naturally in the marriage.

Young lady, if you don't know how to cook or keep the house, then it's time to wake up. Note that, it's not just your ability to cook different

kind of dishes, but your ability to organize and coordinate your life, to have breakfast, lunch and dinner set at the right time. Your own room and house right now as a single, how clean and neat is it? How well can you manage an entire family house? Think about these things and work on it.

THE RIGHT TIMING AND POSITIONING

The Bible showed us that Abraham's servant went to the well where the ladies were expected to be at evenings. The question here is; where do they find you? Do they find you loitering around in disco joints in the evenings or they find you around the church? If they find you around the church, do you belong to a home church? Do you belong to a functional department or group? Do you have any place in which you are functioning in any assignment.

People cannot just 'drop out of the moon' and pick a wife. If you are not in a place where you are relating with anybody, they can t find you. They need to see you before they can locate you. Be in a place where other people are, be involved in assignments where others are. Where are you located? What is your assignment?

For a couple of years in the church (Dunamis International Gospel Centre) we have been recording multiple couples being wedded on the same day. At a time, the highest we recorded, was about 9 couples joined in one day.

However, when we recorded as many as 19 couples (38 persons) being joined on the same day, we decided to statistically analyze their commitments to service in the house of God, (amongst other parameters). Thus, we discovered that virtually all of them were in one department or the other in the church and they were all actively involved in working for God.

Note here that, in addition to God directly rewarding you for labour in His house, you also stand the opportunity to be easily identified at close range by a prospective suitor or to observe a prospective wife. Such close observation will enable a well informed decision, to either propose or to accept a proposal without delays.

I declare that as you get involved in the work of God, your delays are over, in Jesus name.

INTEGRITY:

When Rebecca said, "I will give water to your camels as well," she went right ahead and drew water until she finished. It didn't matter how long it took her, she ensured that she finished the assignment. A lot of ladies, do not seem to be dependable. When you have an appointment with somebody and you don't show up on time, you give a signal of not being dependable or when you make a promise to do something and you don't do it, you are indirectly indicating that, the person you made the promise to is not important. Be a dependable person and keep to your words. When a young man is

coming around you for marriage, let him be able to depend on you.

As a young man, do not be double minded or double tongued. Integrity also is observable in the handling of resources and finances coming into your hands.

"Let thy garments be always white; and let thy head lack no ointment."

Ecclesiastes 9:8 KJV

The 'whitefulness' of your garments in this passage above refers to integrity, purity and uprightness. Your integrity in any one area of life is an indication of your integrity in any other area of life, particularly in the marital area.

HOSPITALITY:

Hospitability is the friendly, generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors or strangers. Many people have met their spouses on the platform of being hospitable to outright strangers. The reception that the person received caused them to look for a longer lasting relationship with this kind, friendly and generous person. In the same vein, many prospective suitors have been driven away in a hurry by the unfriendly, unwelcoming disposition of an individual. No matter how beautiful or handsome you are, if you do not know how to relate with people in a courteous and friendly manner, you are likely to be left alone.

Be a dependable person and keep to your words

Know how to receive visitors and greet people. When you see strangers, learn to be good to them and to people around you because, your neighbours are watching. In earlier years, before a young man marries a lady, his family goes around to inquire about her and her family. They ask questions such as, "how well do you know this person?" "Does this family have issues of misbehaviors, pride or madness? Do ladies in this family indulge in prostitution?" "Is her mother hospitable?" Sometimes, the way the mother is, is usually the way the daughter turns out to be. The answers to such questions usually determine whether or not they give a nod of approval to the relationship or not. Learn to entertain strangers and guests.

"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

Hebrews 13:2 KJV

DECISIVENESS:

'And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Will thou go with this man? And she said, I will go."

Genesis 24:58 KJV

When Rebecca was called and asked if she wished to go with Abraham's servant, she did not hesitate in giving an affirmative answer.

It's unfortunate that, many ladies have dilly-dallied until the right kind of people left them. For some young ladies, the men that they said, "no" to and rejected would almost immediately locate someone else and get married while they

still remain single. Do you think that there is any perfect human being in this world? Nobody is perfect, including you. Some ladies tend to have very unrealistic expectations of the young men that approach them for marriage. They are in a constant state of comparison. They try to weigh his spirituality, using their Pastor as a standard or judge him financially using some older masculine figure as a yardstick. They ask questions such as, how much savings the young man has, or how many days he can fast at a stretch, or how many hours he can pray in tongues. I frequently tell young ladies that, they cannot have a man like my husband, Dr Paul Enenche overnight. If Pastor Paul Enenche is able to pray for about eight hours at a stretch, that's because he doesn't have to bother himself with issues like going to the market or cooking or washing clothes. The young man seeking for your hand in marriage probably needs to often close from work at the office, go home, cook a meal for himself, wash his clothes and try to catch up on his Bible study, prayer schedule and still be diligent at the work place. But there you are asking if he has taken twelve hours to pray at a stretch. Be realistic. Don't waste your life, there is a starting point for every individual.

This dillydallying, doesn't work. There is a time that is called, the flower of a girl's age. Take a flower for instance, a lot of bees come around

the flower, trying to perch and collect the nectar while it is in full bloom, but after a while, when you watch that same flower, the bees stop coming because the nectar production of the flower had started to dwindle. At such a time, when the bees come around and are unable to smell anything attractive anymore, they just go away. That same illustration applies to every young lady. If you keep rejecting the right young men seeking for your hand in marriage, it gets to a time when you become less attractive and they stop coming for you. Endeavour not to miss that flower period of your life.

Peradventure you have missed that period, I declare that, that flower period of your life is restored in Jesus name. May your life begin to pour out a beautifully attractive fragrance again and may the right man emerge out of the many men that will begin to flock around you, in Jesus name.

Every negative seeds that you sowed before, seeds of rejection of prospective men, seeds of looking down on people, seeds of negative reaction and seeds that were contrary to being established in marriage, I command such negative seeds to be neutralized in the name of Jesus. I declare that Jehovah will restore your youth, beauty and attractiveness in Jesus name. I declare tha. you are marching into God's marital destiny for your life today. in Jesus Name.

PRAYER

"Lord, I receive the Grace to imbibe and build the right values in my life, in Jesus Name"

Nuggets

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Add a bright smile to your daily dressing and appearance.

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CHAPTER SEVEN

FINDING A SPOUSE (Rules Of Engagement)

Man! Make The Move, Take A Stand.

Let's take a look at the process that Abraham's servant undertook in getting a wife for his master's son, Isaac.

If you check through scriptures, you will realize that, Isaac had one of the most exemplary marriages in the Bible. Isaac never had a second wife or another woman in his life. But, even his father Abraham, the father of faith was pushed by his wife Sarah into having an affair with Hagar, her maid and she gave birth to Ishmael. Jacob also had at least four women in his life; Rachael, Leah, Zilpah and Bilhah. Even David the sweet psalmist of Israel, wasn't left out of this, he had a number of wives and concubines. Solomon's case was the most outrageous because he had 700 wives and 300 concubines.

We do not really know the process Abraham went through before he got married, neither was Sarah's spiritual state mentioned. Jacob's case was that of, 'love at first sight,' with minimal prayer to seek for God's help or direction. But, what was it that made Isaac to stand out?

One of the major factors responsible for the progress of people in life and destiny is, their association and relationships. Many people go into associations and relationships that end up draining them emotionally, draining their spiritual lives, destinies and everything that God

has assigned to them. Unfortunately, for one reason or the other, this is one area where we gloss over in the church because we feel, teaching young people about quality relationships would be an unnecessary exposure to the opposite gender, but, as long as we do not know the right things about any given topic from the Word of God, we will always be exposed to the wrong information from the world. The quality information from God's word as far as relationship is concerned will give rise to quality relationships in life.

Let us consider the following points from this Bible passage below.

"And Abraham was old, and well stricken in age: and the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things. And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh: And I will make thee swear by the Lord, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell: But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac. And the servant said unto him, Peradventure the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land: must I needs bring thy son again unto the land from whence thou camest? And Abraham said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither again. The Lord God of heaven, which took me from my father's house,

and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land; he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence. And if the woman will not be willing to follow thee, then thou shalt be clear from this my oath: only bring not my son thither again. And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and sware to him concerning that matter. And the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed; for all the goods of his master were in his hand: and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto the city of Nahor. And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, even the time that women go out to draw water. And he said, O Lord God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Abraham. Behold, I stand here by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water: And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master."

Genesis 24:1-14 KJV

1. DO NOT GO 'HUNTING' UNTIL YOU ARE READY FOR MARRIAGE.

What is the use of hunting down an animal if you are not ready to make use of it at that time? If you hunt down an animal when you are not ready to make use of it, it gets spoilt. Leave the animal alone, until you are ready to use it. In the same way, if you have a poultry, you don't kill any of the chickens if you are not ready to make use of it. Its either you are going to kill and use the chicken immediately or you intend to process and preserve it to be used at a later time. If you are not going to make use of the chicken at that time, you have no business slaughtering it. That is what a lot of young men and women have been involved in doing; they are not ready to be married, but they go into relationships with one person after the other.

If you are not ready to be married within one year, you have no business starting up a relationship. Young lady, do not accept to start up a relationship until it is time to do so. You can't be a teenager or still looking for admission to go to school and then you say, "this is my fiancé." You do not have any of such business. When a man comes to you for a relationship at such a stage in your life, you have got to tell him that you are not yet ready if you know that you will not be ready to be married within a year or a little above it.

In my home, we have a standing law which states that, 'if it is not one year to the time you intend to get married, you have no business

seeking anybody's hand in marriage or allowing anybody to seek yours in marriage." This is so because, within one year, a partner will be able to study the other person, to know if they would be able to cope and live together. Within one year, you will also be able to know the character of the other person, even if you are having a long distance relationship. For instance, during that one year, if one of the persons has a problem with anger, the other person would definitely get to know about it.

I read a story written by a retired colonel, about a young man that wanted to get married to a lady. A day before the actual day of the ceremony and family introduction, the young man took a friend who came into town to show him the lady he wanted to marry. When they got close to the lady's house, they saw a lot of commotion and saw the lady, holding a 'hot iron,' which she used to mutilate her neighbour's maid that had offended her. She was a 'Christian,' a 'born again lady,' 'found in church' by the young man but he never knew that it was all a cover-up. She had a terrible hot temper, well covered and camouflaged but time brought it out. The young man thus, turned to his friend and both of them ran for their dear lives. Later on, he called the lady and told her that, the relationship between them had been called off and that was the end of that marriage proposal. He didn't tell her what he saw but

just told her not to bother and that was the end of the relationship. What a shame! May you never encounter a person with such a character and marry without identification of traits.

In one year, you could find the true identity of the person you that you intend to marry. There are ladies, that have had broken relationships in the past but never knew why it broke up. Probably because the man involved or the neighbour of such a lady saw something wrong with the lady and when the man came to inquire about her, he was told about the negative behaviour and he backed out. There were also young men whose negative characters became obvious when adequate time was given in the courtship.

Have a vision. For instance, as a student, you could set a target for yourself; within this period of time, I will be in school, graduate at this time and I will go for my NYSC (compulsory one year national service) at this time. Plan and have specific schedules and time frame for your life, then work towards your set time. Thus, as a lady, if a man begins to come around you within such periods (while in school), you can easily take an informed decision. If however you are in your final year in school or during your youth service, you don't scare him away. At that point, you should pray and ask God, "Lord, is this the person I should marry?" You seek God's leading and get a

direction.

It is easier to marry from an environment where you have been familiar with people for a period of about two years and above than just going out in the open and picking out a stranger for marriage. But if for instance, you have been in the same church for some time and you have been seeing each other, that also becomes easier.

Until it is one year to the time that you are ready for marriage, you have no business singling out a lady or a man to start hanging out with them alone.

2. MARRY WITHIN YOUR KINDRED.

This means that, you should marry within the family of God, where you worship, amongst the children of God where you are connected and related. Abraham told his servant to swear that he would not give a wife to his son from amongst the Canaanite women.

"And I will make thee swear by the Lord, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell: But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac."

Genesis 24:3-4

The word of God says,

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath

light with darkness?" 2 Corinthians 6:14 KJV

Take a look at this illustration of being 'unequally yoked.' A yoke of oxen is an implement that digs up ridges; two cows are placed side by side and joined or connected by a rod, in the middle of this connecting rod, an implement is connected such that, as the cows pull it, ridges are formed. An equal yoking of two cows, means that, both cows are of equal heights, weights, as well as stature, therefore, the pair can conveniently carry a yoke. But when the cows are of different heights and weights, the yoke or implement cannot be balanced, thus, they become unequal. One bears too much burden while the smaller is over driven by the bigger and stronger animal, thus, leading to exhaustion of both animals. What the Bible portrays when it tells us not to be unequally yoked is that, you do not marry somebody that has a disparity in characteristics. These characteristics can be spiritual, physical, socioeconomic and even educational.

A young man came to us when he wanted to marry a lady from another church She was born again, but she had several doctrinal issues that were different from that of the young man. Thus, the brief period of courtship between them was turbulent. When the lady came to see me, she told me that, whenever the man came to visit her, she came under tension because she wasn't sure of what he was going to

complain about and the man involved, also become tensed whenever he visited her because he was not sure of the wrong things he would have to see and complain about. Thus, they could not get married because they were not of the same kindred, they were not talking in the same direction.

Make sure that, you only go into a relationship in which you and your spouse would be in full unity. You don't say, "I will marry an unbeliever and the Holy Spirit will convert her later." The Holy Spirit does not operate like that. Some ladies marry some men and say, "I will convert him." I say to them, "are you now the Holy Ghost?." Or, for instance, a brother marries a lady and says, "I will command her to go to church with me." It doesn't work like that.

3. DON'T COMPROMISE YOUR STANDARDS.

And the servant said unto him, Peradventure the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land: must I needs bring thy son again unto the land from whence thou camest? And Abraham said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither again."

Genesis 24:5-6 KJV

You must not go back into the world in the bid of getting married. You do not compromise your standard or limit yourself, as far as your relationship with God is concerned.

Many people allow the blessings of the Lord to take them away from the Lord who blessed them. You don't get into a marriage relationship that takes you away from God.

Any marriage that will reduce your spirituality, is a trap to take you to hell. Any relationship in courtship that reduces your spirituality, is a trap to take you to hell too. You must gauge the 'temperature of your relationship,' weight it spiritually, "whenever this lady comes around me or whenever this young man comes around me, what seems to be the state of my spiritual life? That is a very important question to ask. You should weigh the effect of your association on your spiritual growth and maturity before you take further steps to concretize your relationship.

A young man who asks a young lady for a kiss with the claim that there is nothing wrong with it or that he saw the scripture reference in the Bible, is definitely not a candidate for relationship for a serious minded born again child of God. There are some words, you hear from a person or behaviours you see in them and it gives you an indication that, that person is not just right. You get to see that, such a person could lead you to hell because she does not have your best interest at heart. It's not everybody who claims to be born again that is truly converted. Do not run the risk of leaving your destiny in the hands of a person who does not

have the same values with you.

As a man, whenever any particular lady visits you and she is always provocatively attired, or whenever she visits you, she tends to sit carelessly, or behaves suggestively, she must be watched closely. Any young lady that behaves like that around you, is trouble sent in your direction and my advice is that, you run without looking back.

4. BE SPIRITUALLY SENSITIVE.

"And the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed; for all the goods of his master were in his hand: and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia,"

Genesis 24:10 KJV

For God to entrust you with anything of value, you must be dependable, reliable and trustworthy in your relationship with Him. If your relationship with God has not been one in which you communicate freely with Him, talking to God and hearing Him talk back to you, giving you direction on a consistent basis, where you hear Him on a daily basis, you cannot just wake up one day and ask God to show you your wife and expect Him to show her to you. You must come to a point in your relationship with God, where you are in a constant fellowship with Him and have learnt to hear Him speak to you on a daily basis. For instance, you get to a level where you can ask God, "Father, do I go here or there?" Then He

gives you a direction.

You should be able to hear God speak to you on matters you could consider trivial. Such trivial matters of day to day interaction with God, will build up your relationship with Him. Develop your personal relationship with God through your worship, study of the word and prayer. As you study the Word, insight comes to you and they become determinants of further insights from God.

Don't choose a wife merely by what you see physically. Marriage is a relationship that is far beyond the physical. There is no ugly human being anywhere in the world. That person who does not look very attractive, only needs a little time to dress up properly and you will be amazed at her beauty. Let God lead you and not your eyes.

5. BE TRUSTWORTHY

Abraham's servant was a person that he trusted. he was used to carrying out Abraham's instruction, he knew how to give back the right results to Abraham all the time and Abraham trusted him enough to have all his goods in his possession. When Abraham's servant was going out in search of a wife for Isaac, he took some camels, took some gold, silver and all that he needed and started on his journey. He didn't need to take prior permission because his master had trusted him all through the years and knew that he would never subvert

any of his belongings for himself.

Let God trust you and let people around you be able to trust you, let the young lady be able to trust you. Never tell lies and don't be deceptive.

6. YOUNG MAN, MAKE THE MOVE.

When it is about a year to when you desire to be married and you have been praying about it and God gives you a direction, you don't just sit and expect the lady God has prepared for you to drop in front of you. You must make a stand, take steps and meet the lady. Some men seem to be so afraid, while some others have bad methods of approaching a lady. The worse that a lady could do is to say, "I will not marry you." Be bold! After you are through praying and you are sure about a lady, when you meet her and she says she wouldn't marry you, just compose yourself and confidently walk away. Let her know that she missed the best thing that would have happened in her life. But if you didn't hear from God, don't say anything to a lady that will provoke God to anger. Also, as a lady, when a man proposes to you, you don't go around telling all your friends because, there are friends who could discourage or mislead you by giving you the wrong counsel. There were ladies who told their friends about the man that intended to marry them and such friends discouraged them but in the long run it kept them in regrets. Some of such friends also went behind them later and got

married to the man.

Some information about your life must be kept to yourself.

If you tell a man who proposes to you that you would want to pray about it, then, truly go and pray about it. Pray about it, not tell your friend about it. Take the necessary actions without involving those that will be discouragers and fire quenchers. When you have a friend like Jonadab in the Bible, you don't need the devil to be around you to be misled. But when you have a friend like Jonathan, you are safe. My husband preached and pointed out the fact that, Jonadab taught Amnon how to rape his sister Tamar, Amnon did and ended up a dead man. After Amnon's death, it was the same Jonadab that told the story of his death. But Jonathan was the friend that warned David about the intention of Saul to kill him and he helped David to escape the spear of his father (Saul).

7. DEFINE YOUR TERMS AND CONDITIONS

When a person gets employed into most corporate organizations, at the inception of resumption to work, he is given a job description, terms of reference and conditions of service. When you go on the internet for instance and you want to buy applications from the Android market or from the Apple applications store, before you make any purchase, you are told about the terms and conditions and you have to

click on 'accept, before the program progresses to the next stage. A lot of people seem to usually click on the 'accept' option of the terms and conditions without even reading through them. When it comes to legal documents for instance, you have to read through everything written, before accepting. Many people enter into marriages without terms and conditions, they have no frame of reference. When you take a look at the story of Abraham's servant, you will see that before he got to the destination of his journey, the issue of kindred had been sorted out, the issue of timing had been sorted out too and the issue of relationship with God had been sorted out. You must have a basic frame of reference. What kind of wife do I wish to marry? What kind of man can I submit to for life? What kind of marriage do I desire to have? These are basic questions that must have solid answers before you step into the relationship that would lead to marriage.

This has nothing to do with physical appearance, or any other physical attributes but should centre on spiritual attributes, character and possession of a common ground for mutual understanding.

8. BE DESTINY SUITABLE.

Take a look at the prayer of Abraham's servant:

"And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, even the time that women go out to draw

water. And he said, O Lord God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Abraham. Behold, I stand here by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water: And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac: and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master."

Genesis 24:11-14 KJV

Taking a close look at the scripture above. Before the time of that event, Abraham had already been blessed by God who promised to make him great. God told him that anybody that blessed him was blessed and anybody that cursed him was cursed. At that time too, Abraham had gone to battle with about 314 trained servants from his own house; that is, children born in his house, they had grown and became young able bodied men. Their fathers, mothers and younger ones were still in the house, some of them had married and also had children, so, there was a huge crowd already in Abraham's house and it was Isaac's right to inherit every one of them. All those servants were to come under Isaac and it meant that, any woman that Isaac would marry would be a woman that will be able to accommodate people.

Thus, the servant analyzed, "what kind of person will be suitable for my master's son?" You need to analyze this, "what kind of woman will be suitable for me as an individual?" Young lady, "What kind of man will be suitable for me as an individual?" You must first understand who you are and understand what your destiny is. Get to know God's plan and purpose for your life. If you have a call to be a missionary, then you are probably not going to marry a lady who has a vision to be a movie star or a model. If your destiny is to be a lawyer, an Engineer or a Doctor, you should not be searching for a lady who intends to be a missionary or who wants to work for God on a full-time basis at a location different from yours.

After Isaac and Rebecca had married, they had two sons, Esau and Jacob. Esau was an outdoor man, always on the move and Isaac his father was closer to him because, Isaac was a very quiet man, he liked to stay indoors. The day Isaac's wife was being brought to him, he was outside in the fields meditating. He wasn't a kind of person that talked much. Rebecca on the other hand, liked Jacob because Jacob was like Isaac, he was also quiet and contemplative. While Esau was always in the bush hunting, Jacob was often at home. Invariably, when you analyze this, it means that Isaac was going to need a wife who would accommodate and complement his unique nature and destiny, he

needed a woman that was outgoing, an extroverted kind of person, somebody who could accommodate a lot of people, someone who could be able to attend to a large number of persons at a time. That is why the servant said, "when I go, the woman to whom I say, give me water to drink and she will give me to drink and also attend to ALL my camels, is the one I need." He was praying for the kind of person that would fit the purpose, destiny and nature of Isaac in marriage. Know who you are and go for who will match you.

9. YOUR PERSONALITY.

If you are an extroverted kind of man, it will do you no good to get married to a lady who is also just like you. For instance, when my husband is not on the pulpit, he is generally very quiet and calm, you can't easily get a conversation from him. I remember the first time my father came to our church years ago, when the church service was on and my husband was preaching, my father was very surprised because he had never seen my husband preach. All he knew about him was, 'that quiet gentle man.' My husband is extremely quiet outside the pulpit, to the extent that, if you intend to get an information from him, then you must make some efforts to get it out of him. My husband and I are two totally different persons. Assuming my husband married someone like himself, I believe that, there would have been minimal

talking in the house and when both of them got to the church, they both would want to handle the microphone. That wouldn't have been exciting at all.

You must understand who you are. If you are an outspoken person, it will not be proper to seek to get married to an equally outspoken person because both of you might just end up fighting. If you are a strong choleric, you will be careful to get married to another person that is also as strongly choleric as you are. It is said many times that, 'opposites attract.' So, such things must be put into consideration. Naturally, you will be drawn towards the person that has what is missing in you but sometimes, it doesn't just work like that. Ensure therefore that you exercise absolute faith and trust in God.

10. BE A PROVIDER

As a man, you must understand that, God created you to be a provider. You were made in His image to care for and nourish your wife.

"So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:"

Ephesians 5:28-29KJV

"And it came to pass, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden earring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her

hands of ten shekels weight of gold;"
Genesis 24:22 KJV

When the lady that Isaac's servant was proposing to, to be the wife of Isaac had passed through the test and he had judged her successful, the next thing he did was that, he "gave to her," he opened his treasures and gave some to her. He didn't demand from her because he was aware that it is the husband's responsibility to provide for his wife. The passage in Ephesians 5, admonishes the husband to love his wife as he would love his own body.

He is to nourish her as he nourishes his own body. It is an absolute abomination for you as a man thinking of getting married and planning on how your wife will use her salary to feed you and your family. That is not the right order of things and anytime you attempt to reverse Divine order, it will result in chaos and catastrophe.

To nourish means to provide with food and substance necessary for growth, health and good condition. Your newly married wife is meant to be nourished from day one and for the rest of your lives. It is to be a selfless impartial care. The scripture emphasizes the fact that, you are to care for her as you care for yourself, not less but equally as much. Your nourishment includes, protection and provision. Note that, it is not all about how much you have. Your wife needs to see and know that

there is nothing that you are holding back from her.

She must have the assurance that, as you are growing and as you have more, she will also be given more and cared for the more.

Let me emphasize the point again, young man, don't marry a wife expecting her to feed, clothe and nourish you. It is your responsibility to do so, don't attempt to reverse Divine order.

11. LEAVE TO CLEAVE

Finally, for a successful marital adventure, we must take a look at God's instruction from the very beginning.

"Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh."

Genesis 2:24 KJV

As a man gets married, he is to leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife and they shall be one flesh. As you are planning to get married, it is important that you bear this in mind. To leave means to separate yourself emotionally and to an extent, physically. You can't afford to marry and keep your wife in your father's house or continue to live in your elder brother's house. You don't carry the issues in your home to your parents to report your spouse, only baby boys and girls do that. Marriage is about maturity. Maintain your home and avoid interference. Interference will give you marital disunity.

Note that, to leave and to cleave does not mean that you abandon your father and mother. It means that you relinquish your hold and bond to them in order to cleave, to become joined together and stick to your wife.

There is the place of covenant obligations to your parents, the place of parental care which must be adhered to. You must make available, funds and resources to care for your parents without necessarily being controlled by them or have them interfere in your marital decisions, issues or existence.

Read my book titled, 'In-laws, In loves And Outlaws,' it will help you a great deal in this area.

You and your wife are now a new family, your parents, siblings, parents in-law and siblings in-law now become your extended family. It is important that you bear this in mind.

PRAYER

"Lord, I receive the wisdom and the Divine direction to locate my spouse, in Jesus Name."

Nuggets

As long as we do not know the right things about any given topic from the word of God, we will always be exposed to the wrong information from the world.

If it is not one year to the time you intend to get married, you have no business seeking anybody's hand in marriage or allowing anybody to seek yours in marriage.

For God to entrust you with anything of value, you must be dependable, reliable and trustworthy in your relationship with him.

If you tell a man who proposes to you that you would want to pray about it, then, truly go and pray about it.

You need to analyses this, what kind of woman will be suitable for me as an individual?

You must first understand who you are and understand what your destiny is

If you are an outspoken, it will not be proper to seek to get married to an outspoken person.

Maintain your home and avoid interference. Interference will give you marital disunity.

CHAPTER EIGHT
NOT ALL THAT GLITTERS IS GOLD

CHARACTER AND ATTITUDE

Character rather than appearance should be a foremost feature in your decision and choice of a spouse. Character should be your greatest consideration.

This applies more to the men in their choice of a wife and the points given below should be well noted by any lady who wishes to be highly selectable as a wife.

It is commonly said that, 'you don't judge a book by its cover' and 'all that glitters is not gold.' This is very true, as far as human beings are concerned.

What other basic character traits are worth taking note of as you embark on this journey of choice? What traits do we observe from the life of Rebecca from this very instructive story in the Bible?

A. BE APPROACHABLE.

The servant prayed and asked for the damsel that when he says, "give me water to drink," she would acknowledge him. Rebecca was an approachable woman, someone who could be talked to. She was not intimidating, she was friendly and easy to talk to. She was welcoming, pleasant and helpful, she was not aloof.

There are some young ladies, beautiful to behold, but aloof and unapproachable. They have a countenance that can frighten a prospective

suitor. Analyze your stance and make the necessary adjustments.

B. APPLY A SENSE OF URGENCY IN EVERYTHING

"And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher. And she said, Drink, my lord: and she HASTED."

Genesis 24:17-18 KJV

The word 'hasted' as used in the scripture means that, she went quickly, she ran, she made haste, she was in a hurry, she was swift, and she was not slow to let down her pitcher and give him water to drink.

"And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw water for thy camels also, until they have done drinking. And she HASTED, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels."

Gen 24:19-20 KJV

Rebecca did everything in a hurry. She was agile, active and not sluggish. Your ability to move quickly is an advantage. Dexterity and activeness puts you a step ahead of others and would certainly be an attraction to any prospective spouse.

C. DECENT.

The Bible described Rebecca as a woman who was fair to look upon. She was attractive but not provocative. We have a law in my home that, 'if you put on a dress that shows a

noticeable crease, then, it means that it is showing too much.' You must be a decent lady. Note that, the servant went to the well, where girls go to fetch water. You don't go looking for a wife where prostitutes sit. If you want the godly men to come seek for your hand in marriage, then you must not be found in a worldly camp. Cultivate a life of decency, look like a wifely material. Dress like a wife not a prostitute, dress like a decent young Christian lady not like a certified old matron. Be clean, neat, never wear a dress twice without first washing it. Often take a good bath and you may also benefit from the use of underarm deodorants and roll on sticks daily.

D. BE SPIRITUAL

"And Isaac came from the way of the well Lahai-roi; for he dwelt in the south country."
Genesis 24:62 KJV

The well 'Lahai-roi' where Isaac was, means, the well of 'seeing' or 'the seers well,' or 'the God who sees me.' Rebecca was a person that 'saw,' she was spiritually sensitive. When she was on the camel, going towards Isaac and she saw Isaac afar off, she didn't need anybody to give her an introduction, she knew him as she sighted him, her spiritual antenna was alert. She asked the servant, who that was, and the servant informed her that he was his master." You must be a young lady who is spiritually sensitive. Brother, make this, an important

criteria in the wife that you are searching for. God does things well. He won't give you a spiritual wife that you won't like. He will put the spiritual values in a kind of woman that you will also admire and desire. The packaging will be attractive to you because, God will not give you a woman that is not good to behold.

During our university days in school, there were lots of ladies who were very light in complexion and there were also some who were darker than I was but my husband wasn't attracted to them, It was I that he was attracted to. If I should start bleaching my skin now so that I can be light in complexion, then that will be a mistake or a misnomer. I maintained my colour because, that's how I am. In my family, I have very fair complexioned sisters but I have never desired to have their complexion. I do not need that because, I am the best the way I am. You do not go out seeking for a light skinned or dark skinned lady to marry just because that is the desire of your friend or a brother for a wife for Himself or for you. Before, I got married, someone asked my husband, "is she not too short in stature?" But he saw far beyond my height and I see now that I am the best height for him. Don't worry about what the physique of the person that God has directed you to is. If the character criteria and the spiritual temperature criteria you presented to God has been met in the person, then, God

will put it in a package that you will like.

E. PRESENT YOUR REQUESTS WITH WORSHIP.

"And the man bowed down his head, and worshipped the Lord."

Genesis 24:26 KJV

"And it came to pass, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he worshipped the Lord, bowing himself to the earth."

Genesis 24:52 KJV

The efficacy of worship and the way that it draws God's attention cannot be over-emphasized.

Worship entails a deep feeling or expression of reverence, obeisance, love and adoration from the heart in words and acts towards God. Worship ought to be a total way of life.

To acknowledge God for what He has done for you is to move him to do even greater things as you seek Him. You do not worship God on your own terms but on His own terms.

Taking a close look at the acts of Abrahams servant in the scriptures above, we see that, worship was his lifestyle. He clung absolutely to God in worship as he made his requests and as he took steps.

We do not just go into the presence of God and begin to make several requests. It is necessary to have a personal relationship with God first and then when you have a need, it becomes easy to appreciate Him, worship Him and

make your requests known to Him. It was all easy for Abrahams servant, he had no struggles accomplishing his tasks because worship paved the way for him and God was with him. Worship is one of the results of your relationship and communion with God and a non-relationship or a faulty one cannot birth true worship unto God.

Note that, before God accepts your worship and grants you a request, He has to accept you first. Thus, you must be a pure and habitable residence of His spirit, only then will the heavens be opened when you worship and ask. To hear from God, is to get the right partner and to get the right partner, is to have a successful marital destiny.

Be sure to always make or accompany your search for a life partner with worship and when you worship, let your worship be devoid of your strength and knowledge. Surrender to His own wisdom for direction and you cannot miss it.

Worship makes His presence profound and His presence births answers, direction and solutions.

F. LIVE A LIFE STYLE OF FASTING.

"And there was set meat before him to eat: but he said, I will not eat, until I have told mine errand. And he said, Speak on."

Genesis 24:33 KJV

Abraham's servant had probably been fasting

since he left Abraham's place, that may have contributed to his being thirsty and then asking for water to drink at the well. So much so that when he sat before Rebecca's father, rather than break his fast unceremoniously, he insisted on completing the task that was ahead of him. He didn't rush to eat until the matter was settled. Learn to fast often and God will grant you speedy answers often in all your endeavors, in Jesus Name. Be a person that often makes out time for fasting. Marriage is not something that you enter into carelessly. Take time to pray, fast and wait upon the Lord concerning it.

G. AVOID PROCRASTINATION.

In that same scripture above, Abraham's servant was eager for the matter to be concluded. Be a decisive person. Don't make guesses or procrastinate when it comes to the issue of a life partner. I have known of people that spent time procrastinating until some other persons got married to the women they should have married before they realized that, they should have made a move long ago. If you have decided or you are convinced about the leading you have, step out boldly and I see God granting you success, in Jesus Name.

The worst a woman can do is to say "no" to your proposal. A rejection of a marriage proposal by a lady does not mean that God has rejected you, neither does it qualify you as a failure. So, step out boldly. If one person rejects

you, someone else is warming up to accept you, in Jesus Name. It is your time, it is your season.

I. LIVE IN PURITY.

In verse 56 of Genesis chapter 24, when Rebecca approached Isaac, the Bible said that, she saw him afar off and she asked the servant, "who is that?" Then the servant said, "that is my master." Then Rebecca took a veil and covered her face.

"And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel. For she had said unto the servant, What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant had said, It is my master: therefore she took a vail, and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all things that he had done. And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death."

Genesis 24:64-67 KJV

Rebecca was decent enough to cover herself. Don't just open up yourself to any man, make sure that you have a policy that, no man must see your nakedness until you are married, no man must unveil you until you are married. Say to yourself, "I will keep myself until after the Pastor has pronounced us as man and wife." After the Pastor has pronounced you as man and wife, as a couple, you are free to get intimate. But until the Pastor has pronounced

you 'man and wife,' maintain your purity and dignity. The agreement to marry is not equivalent to marriage itself. Don't abuse the rights and privileges you are not yet entitled to.

The Bible referred to Rebecca as a virgin. She wasn't a lady that had all kinds of men all over her, she kept herself. Note that, your maintenance of purity is a key secret to your establishment in life.

Avoid the company of morally loose people and avoid being taught or encouraged to sin.

Once, we had a seminar for our pupils in our primary school and we taught them sex education. We said to those children, "if you enter a room and you see naked people being shown on the television, you turn your back and run and whoever was responsible for such a thing, avoid the person." We said to them, 'run away from people and phones with nude pictures."

I have counseled young men and young ladies who were introduced into pornography by friends. One of the things I tell them is that, they should ensure that they do not 'feed their eyes' with that which defiles the spirit. The question I ask people sometimes is this, "supposing you are in the very act of sexual immorality and the trumpet sounds, where will you be? Since we do not know the time or the hour, you cannot afford to engage in such a life style.

Many young men and women have run

themselves into a life of eternal pain, bitterness and regrets, struggling for years to forgive themselves because they got into indiscriminate relationships. Some of them got pregnant and ended up having a child or children and that stigma stuck to them forever. Some of them took the cruel option and aborted the pregnancy. Such babies wait for their mothers in Heaven. God takes them up, waiting for a mother that will come and care for them. If the mother ends up making Heaven, the child is handed over to her but if she doesn't make it, the child is given to a foster parent. Never make the mistake of aborting a child. If you had, plead for the mercy of God that is richly available to us to intervene on our behalf, in Jesus Name.

The greatest show of affection in a relationship and in a courtship should be, the holding of hands.

When a couple in cour.ship begins to hold themselves in hugs , then, they are looking for problems. Let your greatest show of affection, be, the holding of hands. That also eliminates kisses and caresses because, one thing could lead to another, before long, the boundaries are broken and when you fall into outright immorality, you would not be aware until after it has happened, only to live in regrets.

Get a copy of my book titled, '14 Secrets Plus One Towards A Sweet Marriage.' The last two

chapters of the book presents a very detailed explanation of the consequences of premarital sex, premarital foreplay and premarital immoral interaction. You will see in the book, details explaining the fact that the consequences of an outright premarital sexual intercourse is the same as that for a couple who engaged in deep petting, kissing and caressing of each other, as well as the highly deceptive oral sex that is the worst of all the evils.

You shall not fall a victim, in Jesus Name. Let these things be spelt out at the beginning of your relationship. When you have them spelt out, then, anyone that tempts you otherwise, is of hell.

Your marital destiny is established in Christ, in Jesus Name

PRAYER

"Lord, I submit to Your will. Guide me, direct me and help me to find the right partner for my life, in Jesus Name"

Lord, help me also to keep my body holy till after we have been officially joined in marriage, in Jesus Name.

Nuggets

"If you want the godly men to come seek for your hand in marriage, then you must not be found in a worldly camp."

"God will not give you a woman that is not good to behold."

"The greatest show of affection in a relationship

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PRAYER OF SALVATION

If you have not given your Life to the Lord Jesus Christ, it is important that you do so now because, that is your first step towards living a victorious life and getting established on every side of life

Lift your voice and say the following prayer:

"Lord, I am sorry for all my sins and all that I have done wrong, please forgive me. I turn to You now for mercy. By Your grace Lord, I will live a life of righteousness and integrity, a life that will be pleasing to You always.

Lord Jesus. I receive You now into my life as my Lord and Saviour, in Jesus name."

RE-DEDICATION PRAYER

If you have given your life to Christ before but you have backslidden, then pray this prayer:

"Lord, today I rededicate my life to You. Am sorry for going back on my words and vows that I made to You initially. I am sorry for every way that I might have abused the privilege that you gave to me to live for You. Henceforth, I promise to live a life of purity and integrity. I make a determination to live for You. I let go of every bad past as I yield myself totally to You, in Jesus Name.

I lay my carnal nature at the foot of the cross and I take on the life of Christ today.

I live a life of purity and holiness from today, in Jesus Name.

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The next step you need to take in order to consolidate Your walk with God, is to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit if you do not already have it. However, even if you have it, it would not harm you to have it refreshed as you pray this prayer.

Why do we need the operation of the overflowing presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives?

For the purpose of our study in this book, one of the most important benefits is that, the Holy Ghost will take over your tongue as you daily surrender to Him. This will help you in your communication with people and in your general interactions.

Also, the baptism of the Holy Spirit will give you the power to live above sin and limitations. It will help you to curtail the burning passions of lust and prevent your fall into pre-marital sex. You should daily confess the blood of Jesus over your life, lay your fleshly nature at the foot of the cross and then take up the nature of Jesus..

"Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell."

James 3:5-6 KJV

Secondly, you can also make demands on the

revelation in this passage, to daily bring your body and your emotions under subjection. You can refuse anger, envy, jealousy and lustful thoughts.

Finally, you can daily make up your mind to receive the overflowing influence of the Holy Ghost to edify you.

"He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church."

1 Corinthians 14:4 KJV

The more spiritual you are, the more righ. decisions you take daily.

In Acts 1:8, the Bible says:

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Say the following prayer aloud:

"I thank You Lord because I am now born again. Thank You for washing away my sins and making me a new and better person.

Holy Spirit, I ask that You baptize me with Yourself, with evidence of speaking in tongues. Take over my total being, take over my life, my mind, my heart, my mentality, my intellect and my emotions. Fill me with Your presence.

I ask that You take over my tongue now and speak through my lips. Let me feel Your overwhelming presence. I receive You now in Jesus Name."

Now, speak aloud in that unknown language as the Spirit speaks through you, in Jesus Name. You don't need to understand what you are speaking because, you can't understand the language of the Holy Ghost but just go ahead and speak it out boldly and enthusiastically. Congratulations.

PRAYER OF RENOUNCEMENT AND DELIVERANCE

The Bible says;

"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."

Galatians 3:13-14 KJV

There are negative covenants that you might have entered into consciously, unconsciously or that were entered into on your behalf and they have been working against you. But, they must be consciously renounced and broken.

Open your mouth and make this declaration aloud:

"Lord Jesus, thank You for dying for my sins, thank You because I am now born again and thank You because I am now in covenant with You.

Lord, You said that, "Christ has redeemed me from the curse of the law because He was made a curse for me," therefore, today, I stand on the authority of the word and I renounce and denounce every evil covenant and every curse working against my life. I disconnect my life from them all and I set myself free from them. I declare my total liberty and freedom, in Jesus Name.

Every hand writing of ordinance against my life, I renounce you now.

Today, I declare that I am in the Physical, therefore, I have no business with any spirit realm, marriually, financially, or otherwise. Every spirit wife/husband that has attached itself to me, I divorce myself from you now, I disconnect myself from you and I set myself free from you, in Jesus Name.

Every bank account in the realm of the spirit opened for me, I close you by the blood of Jesus.

Every spirit children attached to me, I separate myself from you. in Jesus Name.

Every negative veil covering my face and my life, giving me a negative identity in the physical, I tear you off right now, in Jesus Name.

I renounce every hand writing of ordinance that is working against my life right now by the blood of Jesus.

I set on fire, every witchcraft coven where my name was taken to for diabolical purposes; no weapon fashioned against me will prosper.

Right now, I receive the impartation of Divine help and Divine favour and today, every sin of my past working against me, is now renounced. It is over, they are wiped away by the blood of Jesus.

Every sin of my fathers or ancestors working against me are now destroyed by the blood of Jesus.

Every covenant or witchcraft coven monitoring my life and destiny, I break your hold from off my life right now, in Jesus name.

I receive a new life and a new existence. in Jesus Name.

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I receive a new marital and family destiny, in Jesus Name.

I PRAY FOR YOU NOW

I lift up one hand as I pray for you:
Father in the Name of Jesus,
I thank You for hearing my prayers for this Your child who is born again and determined to live a life of holiness and purity.
I declare that, every reproach is hereby eliminated and wiped away, in Jesus Name.
The spirit of disfavour, I command you to take your hands off this child of God, in Jesus Name. The spirit that has prevented you from getting married is now destroyed from your life, in Jesus Name.
Everything from your past that is hunting you is terminated. Every guilt and reproach, I declare that your hold is broken from off the life of this child of God, in Jesus Name.
Every sicknesses and infirmity as a result of previous lifestyle, I declare that today, your tenure is over in this life, in Jesus Name.
Every soul tie that has held you bound and has prevented you from being able to settle into any other relationship, I break such soul ties off your lives, in Jesus Name.
Every character issues that has fought you, I declare that it is over, in Jesus Name.
I take authority over the spirit of pride, ostentation, unreliability, every lack of integrity and satanic hold on your life, I decree that their hold is broken, in Jesus Name.
I take authority over every anti-marital spells

casted on you by witches and wizards and declare that they are broken, in the Name of Jesus. Any witchcraft coven where your name or property was taken to, is set on fire, in Jesus Name.

Every spirit of poverty preventing you from being able to take a wife or keep a home, today, the hold of that spirit is broken from your life, in Jesus Name.

I prophesy that, the wisdom and ability to carry out what must be carried out, to move you into the realm of prosperity is released upon you now, in Jesus Name.

Every spirit of timidity, fear, intimidation, inability to approach the person that you should marry, today, that spirit is destroyed, in Jesus Name.

For you, the young lady suffering from an over estimation of self and has turned down innumerable number of men, today, I decree that, that proud haughty spirit is broken off your life, in Jesus Name. I also declare an immediate recovery. Let the right man approach you again and let an immediate settlement take place for you after this prayer, in Jesus Name.

The Lord shall establish and bless you in every area of your life, in Jesus Name.

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