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Mama Naamah

1. How do you know when you are ready for marriage?

Genesis 3:16 (KJV) Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

- One of the clues is when you are ready for someone to rule over you.
- You are getting married now your husband is over you. It is not 50/50.
- It is not you who are ruling over him and usurping authority, it is your husband leading. That is what the Most High wants to see.
- Your desire must be unto him.
- Desire is a great want. So you must want the man to rule over you by protecting, guiding showing you the way.
- Just like Christ follows God, husbands follow Christ, wives must follow their husbands and the children follow the wife...who follows the husband, who is following Christ, who follows God.
- You are not following them in sin but in righteousness which should be peaceful.

1 Corinthians 11:1 (KJV) Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:2 (KJV) Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you.

- Paul instructed us to keep the order as Christ delivered them to us.
- The husband cannot tell Christ “I do not want to follow you,” question Christ by saying, “Christ I think you wrong,” or have a debate with Christ.
- Can Christ tell God I do not want to follow you? No. There is order in everything.
- You should only question it if there is sin involved and get counsel on it.
- When you are ready to follow and your desire is unto this man and you enjoy it then you are ready to be married.
- If you do not like being told what to do, then you are not ready. If you are not ready to be told what to do be honest with yourself. (I am not ready. I need to study more, fast more, and hang around married sisters until I am comfortable to make that next step).
- Please do not jump in and then say you are not ready. That will not make any sense to us.
- If you do not care for him and you already married him, you cannot come to us later and talk about how much you hate him.
- You have plenty of time to prove him.

1 Corinthians 11:3 (KJV) But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

- There is order. No one should be breaking the order.
- The moment when you break the order, everything goes wrong, the husband is upset and there is no peace in the home.
- If everyone plays their position, we will be fine.
- Usually when there is a problem in the home someone is breaking the commandments and not following suit.
- When the children rise and start telling you what to do everything in the home is going to be messed up.
- We must do ALL things decently and in order!
- You must do submit!

Ephesians 5:22 (KJV) Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

Define Submit: Accept or yield to a superior or authoritative force

- You begin slowing down about what you feel, and you start going with what your husband wants.
- Ask yourself, are you ready?
- Are you ready to slow down and follow what your husband wants and put your husband first?
- If you can do it with ease things will be so much easier for you. This takes practice.
- If you say, “but I feel, but I think, but I want” you are going to have a long road ahead of you.
- “It going to be okay babe, okay my lord, that sounds perfect, that is fine, you are such a genius”
- There cannot be two lions in the house. The lion rules his jungle, and he cannot have you ruling. If it is, you better question what kind of man you have. Christ wants leaders.

Example:

- It is like your children telling you what to do. We come over your child like mommy you need to close your mouth right now. We will be all like this house is out of order.
- That is the same way it looks to Christ and The Most High if we are running our husbands.
- The mindset you need to have as becoming a wife and already a wife

 **Video** – *When Your Wife Becomes Your Enemy (Deacon MalachiYah):*

<https://youtu.be/uY77WXHVx0U?t=3495>

Did you all hear what the husbands want?

- They want support and a mind like your lord whoever you choose to marry and already married.
- You must learn your man inside and out.

Example:

- Your husband may want you to get up at 4:30 am to cook breakfast and you like to sleep until 10am. You are going to get up and cook breakfast and anything else he may need before he goes to work.
- Another sister's husband's household may just want his breakfast and lunch packed in the refrigerator and he will put it in the bag himself. She is good to sleep in.

- Some men want two, three, or six meals per day, clothes ironed.
- Some men want you to be their support system when they are going through a trial. They want to vent to you. You may not want to hear but you will open your ears and close your mouth. We must support them.
- Our mind must be our husband mind. Every husband's mind is different.
- We cannot look at another sister and see how she moves according to her husband's household.
- You picked your husband so make sure you are willing to go all the way with him. Whatever he wants you must be willing to do.
- When you are courting and proving, really think this through..." Will I be happy doing this?"
- You should desire to follow this man. "I like the way he moves, operates, how he handles problems, deals with me with patience, I want to follow this man."
- If you feel like, "this man gets on my nerves during courtship, he may not be the man.
- If you are saying this man dumb in courtship, he may not be the man.
- If you are staring at him and he is saying off the wall things and it is not scriptural, you may need to yield and get counsel or stop 🛑
- If you picked a wise righteous man, you are going to have a nice marriage.
- If you picked a fool, you are going to go through a lot of hard trials and tribulations.
- It is not 50/50, you must submit. One of the synonyms to submit is obey. You must obey to what your husband wants. Wives submit to your own husband You cannot submit to another sister's husband.
- You must learn your own husband and follow your own husband
- Courting and proving is important. If it is one of those things you do not want to do. Handle this before getting married. Do not wait until you give him all the goodies and then you hate his guts.

2. What are tips for women that have children, but the man has none?

- When a man takes you with children and he has none, he must provide for them like they were his own children.
- If you find a man who is submitting to God, walking in righteousness and chooses to marry you it should be looked upon as honor to the man for taking responsibility to take care children who is not his.
- Some sisters do not even have friends that will help them with rent, buy food, or clothes
- For a man to come in and accept the children as his own to provide everything it should be honored.
- You know you are getting married to this man, sit your children down and explain to them that he is not their father. Their father left or was unable to

provide but this man is choosing to come in and provide food, shelter, and raiment to take care of you all.

- That man should also be looked upon as an honor for a man that will accept your children as his own.
- Consider how you would feel towards a brother that had (4) children and you had none and had to play mom? You want to be honored.
- Tobias just married his wife Sarah. After the wedding, her parents allowed her to go live with her husband.
- Look at the advice her parents gave her towards her in-laws.

Tobit 10:11 (Apocrypha) And he blessed them, and sent them away, saying, The God of heaven give you a prosperous journey, my children.

Tobit 10:12 (Apocrypha) And he said to his daughter, Honour thy father and thy mother-in-law, which are now thy parents, that I may hear good report of thee. And he kissed her. Edna also said to Tobias, The Lord of heaven restore thee, my dear brother, and grant that I may see thy children of my daughter Sara before I die, that I may rejoice before the Lord: behold, I commit my daughter unto thee of special trust; where are do not entreat her evil.

- Honor your father and mother-in-law. These are now your parents and I want to hear great report from them.
- Teach your children how to honor the man you are look forward to marrying. He will provide food, shelter, and raiment.
- If you do not feel honored when you are taking care children that is not yours it will make you feel hateful and ungrateful.
- The man coming in does not make him feel disgraceful in front of the children. If you have a problem with your husband talk to him in private not around the children.
- If you do not teach them the children will jump on your side and in his face and that is evil.
- He may not be perfect and may have issues, however, give honor where honor is due. Tell children to stay in child's place.

 **Video:** PSR (Nov 8th) - <https://youtu.be/OpRHBos2A0Y?t=7680>

- Some men feel when they step in the marriage with the mother that has children the men do not feel honored because the mother has not taught the children to respect the man.
- Do not call your husband out of his name in front of the children. Children will follow what you do. When parents' make-up in the bedroom the children do not see that part. Now the children will be looking at him evil.

- If the person does not feel gratitude and honored what is the point of bringing him in to your family.
- Men come in and take care of the children and the children are disrespectful.
- He could have his own place and stay single.
- Teach the children to respect your elders. It is not a child's place to correct a grown man. You may not like what is being said but you must study to be quiet.
- Children do not know their place because the mother is not teaching them to respect their elders.
- Appreciate that this man gave up what he had to be with you.
- Where is the honor? You know the real daddy is gone but this man comes in and takes charge of taking care of you and your children, where is the honor?
- He loves you enough if he come in and provide all these things you should be honoring him.
- Teach your children to respect their elders.
- Not only are you arguing with your husband, but the children are doing the same thing.

Ephesians 6:1 (KJV) Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

- Children must obey the man when he comes into the home

Ephesians 6:2 (KJV) Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)

- Teach them that The Most High will honor them when they obey both parents. He will bless both parents.

Ephesians 6:3 (KJV) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

- So the Most High will not have to kill them.

Ephesians 6:4 (KJV) And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

- The man you bring in must nurture them and bring them up in the correction in the Lord. But if the mother's behavior is showing disrespect to the man what do you think the children going to do.
- Remember, your children are watching you.

Ephesians 6:6 (KJV) Not with eyeservice, as men pleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;

- Teach the children genuinely to honor this man and to love him. That must be taught.

Sis Adaliyah

- Every child long for the love and affection from their biological parent so there may be some resistance; be sure to set the standard and let them know that all you need to have is love and respect for one another
- We need to appreciate each other as we are all we got!

Mama Naamah

- Sometimes you may be blessed to see a man who love those children as his own sincerely and sometimes that is not the case it is all just respectful.
- Some men do not know how to love because they never had children.
- The man does not come without the children, they are a package.
- It is an honor to have a man to care for the children when they are not his on any level.
- Sometimes in courtship, proving, and marriage you must separate the cursing and flipping and realize where the pain is coming from. It is a lack of gratitude, and this is wrong whether it is a man or woman.

Sis Anaiyah

What is the difference between being patient and waiting too long?

- Being patient is waiting.
- When leadership give us someone, we must be mindful to not be too picky.
- Set standards
- We do not want to want to rush; nor miss out on what the Most High has in store for us.

Luke 21:19 (KJV) In your patience possess ye your souls.

- When we have patience and take our time it will come
- *Most importantly remember to pray!!!*

- 1. Is your partner required to get papers stating if they clean or not? Is testing required or highly suggested?**

Yes, leadership highly recommends this process to show health. Make sure everything is set. If you go through the betrothal and did not follow the proper protocol you can end up with someone that has a disease and transfer it to you.

1 Thessalonians 5:21 (KJV) Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

- You do not want to be a silly woman and just take a brother's word for it.
- To protect yourself The Most High said actions are weighed. We are not silly women.

Mama Naamah

- Get those medical papers because you never know what someone has. If you do not get papers then you catch the monster after marriage you will blame IUIC.
- Some people go together, and some people just show their results.
- Some people may have a sickness and the wedding is put on hold and the situation is researched. Some work with them still and some do not want to deal with it.

2. How do you start the proving process?

- Contact camp leaders and they will research and reach out to the person. They will give you the approval. We do not go up to brothers and introduce yourself and start talking. We go through leadership decently and in order.

Hebrews 13:17 (KJV) Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

- Leadership has things set in order for our protection. They are not trying to hinder us or stop us from getting married. Follow all the steps because we want to show them, we honor them as our parents.
- We want to make sure we are not slipping brothers our numbers, sending private inbox messages on social media...this is out of order
- When you let leadership know you want to court someone, they will give the okay and let the congregation know these two people are courting so the brother will not be playing games.

“We got Wicked Men in Fringes”

Letting leadership know is for your safety so you will not be played.

3. Should you spend the night under the same roof with or without a chaperone? Should there be a curfew on the phone for date night calls?

- No, even with a chaperone that is not advised sleeping under the same roof with or without a chaperone. Things can happen and feelings can get involved. We do not want the Bible under the bed, and we know what is taking place on the top of it. No late night calls. What are you talking about 1,2,3,4 am? You are opening the door to let things happen. What are you wearing etc.?
- We want to do things different from the world
- We must respect ourselves

Ecclesiasticus 21:2 (Apocrypha) Flee from sin as from the face of a serpent: for if thou comest too near it, it will bite thee: the teeth thereof are as the teeth of a lion, slaying the souls of men.

- We do not want to play around with dangerous animals, sin or temptation that can hurt us in the long run.

Example:

- A sister shared the man gave her results from the year before. She took it to leadership, and they examined it and figured out that they were old results.
- People play games and try to sneak in.
- Follow the guidelines and make sure leadership sees the results of the health results.
- You catch something and you cannot get rid of it. You have a child, and that child must come out of you.

4. How do you know when you are physically, emotionally, and spiritually ready to prove?

- You must know and examine yourself.
- We know if we fit in the category.
- We are ready for submission, to be keepers at home, future lords want children. No one can tell you if you ready you must know yourself.

Psalms 37:4 (KJV) Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

- When we are busy working on ourselves internally, externally, in the body and we are busy with good works, The Most High knows when the time is right, he will give it to us.

Sis Jahaira

1. When proving is it okay for the male to have his hand around the female waist? No

Matthew 5:28(KJV) But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

- NO, stay away from temptation and do not touch!!!
- Looking makes you commit adultery. So, think about the touching. Just avoid it.

“Bible Open Legs Close”

- No licking, touching, smelling, feeling, rubbing, tapping, slapping, fingers, no bumping, no showing, and no DM's!
- On your wedding night you can do it all as you like.
- A lot of sisters in proving say they know themselves, but they do not.

2. How do you get a spiritual parent in the truth? Do you ask?

- Look at people who are in the truth who are examples. We are not all perfect.
- Record of good works. Not only what it looks like, but that they are doing it. Make sure they have been enduring for a while. Older in the truth and in scriptures.
- Ask for someone senior to guide you.
- Proving the person takes times and growth.
- It goes both ways, someone that you chose will need to prove you as well as you them.

Ecclesiasticus 6:6 (Apocrypha) Be in peace with many: nevertheless have but one counsellor of a thousand.

Ecclesiasticus 6:7 (Apocrypha) If thou wouldst get a friend, prove him first and be not hasty to credit him.

- Do not be quick to credit anyone.

Example:

A record of good works (Example: *Mama Shamarah* has been in the truth for a long time; not corrected a lot, brought in front of the congregation, have a good name, and can give good spiritual counsel)

3. I am almost at the stage where I am ready to court someone, but I have two

(2) children? I am going to wait for the Lord, but I get concerned when I hear brothers on Patient Saints Radio say they want a woman with no children or only one (1) child?

- It is a preference. Know your preference. Just because you have children do not think no one will not marry you. Teach the children to honor men as well. Pray for a husband.

4. Is it okay to inquire about the male first?

- Yes, make sure you are not judging by appearances only. Go to leadership to give you a report on that brother. Leadership will work it out. Inquire not only by looks, but sometimes you may want to speak to someone, and they are courting already, or they may not be a good fit for you. Do not have high standards

John 7:24 (KJV) Judge not according to the appearance but judge righteous judgment.

- Do not judge by appearance. Judge righteous judgment.
- Go through leadership who knows the best. Leadership gives us information on brothers and sisters that we do not. Leadership help us stay away from sin and keep us safe.

Ecclesiasticus 11:2 (Apocrypha) Commend not a man for his beauty; neither abhor a man for his outward appearance.

- Do not pick him for his looks. (You want light or dark skinned, tall or muscle man) Do not base your decision on how he dresses.
- He may be the one who has the right spirit, provide, and love you through Christ. He may be the one who marry you.
- He may be the one who loves you through his soul and put the Most High first and bring you no drama at all.
- Be fair
- Get to know the brother through the spirit

5. I currently live with my parents. Should I wait to live on my own to prove someone?

- No, that is the correct way live with parents until marriage

Ephesians 5:31 (KJV) For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

- Living with your parents is good. It is like having a safety net. They are not going to allow you to do what you want to do. If they are in truth, they will be on you.

Questions to ask self:

- Am I ready to be a wife?
- Am I ready to submit to a husband?
- Do I have what it takes to be the role of a wife?

It looks pretty on wedding night but takes a lot of work

Ephesians 5:22 (KJV) Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

- This is what you should be thinking about.
- Am I ready to submit to my husband as unto the Lord?
- We were not brought up to do this.
- It is in there, but we must get it out.
- It takes a lot to become one flesh.
- It is a constant struggle between the spirit and flesh.
- We must be the wife we were chosen to be.

Sis Adaliyah

1. If your union is blessed, why does it take long to get one accord? It has been 7 months and I am a perfectionist. I want to see my marriage work

- Becoming one flesh takes time and patience

Proverbs 25:28 (KJV) He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.

Luke 21:19 (KJV) In your patience possess ye your souls.

- You must rule your spirit

1 Corinthians 11:3 (KJV) But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

- We must keep the order

Example:

A baby takes 9 to 10 months to form in its belly and become a human. So your marriage will take much longer than that

Are you ready to submit and fulfil your role?

Is your marriage perfect?

Are you perfect? No we all striving to be perfect

What are you doing to be on one accord?

You are being in your correct godly role as a wife

Your desire is unto your lord desire.

Maybe your desire is not his desire.

7 months you are still two separate people coming together

1 Corinthians 7:28 (KJV) But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned. Nevertheless such shall have trouble in the flesh: but I spare you.

- Once you get married problems will arise. You are both coming from two different backgrounds.
- He must fight all the wickedness of him and become this great husband thus saith the Lord.
- You must become this virtuous woman and follow his lead that we were never taught.
- Are you willing to work through the problems to get your marriage the way you would like for it to be?
- We cannot get rid of wickedness in one day; it is a constant growing process.

Joshua 1:8 (KJV) This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

- You cannot let this book leave you. Even in marriage you must continue studying day and night. It takes time. You were evil more than being righteous. We must practice it over and over.
 - The more you study day and night you will learn to do everything in the book. It is a huge book. It is not going to be conquered in one year. Then you will make your way prosperous and be successful.
 - Thy desire should be to thy husband.
 - Stop the things that you want to do and follow your lord. Did you follow what my lord said today?
 - Ask him what he wants. Write it down and follow it to the "T."
 - He has his own stuff he needs to practice.
 - He may speak to you out of spirit. Now he got to learn how a man needs to rule his spirit.
 - This is like surgery we have been sick from slavery. We have been messed up for a long time. This is going to take a long process to heal.
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- We in this truth and we speak we want to endure until the end, endure to the end with your marriage, endure to suffer patiently.
 - It will be rough be patient

1. Tips on managing tips household

1 Timothy 5:14 (KJV) I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

Guide:

A. person who advises or shows the way to others

B. direct or have an influence on the course of action of (someone or something).

Daughters of Sarah theme- What Is Your Superpower?

- You are guiding and advising the house.

Genesis 3:16 (KJV) Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

- Make sure you are doing things to your lords' desire first then yours
- Make a list/schedule
- Make time for self; if you do not take care yourself you cannot take care of your family

- What's priority to you is not a priority to him
- His desire trumps your desire

2. What is a daily routine you follow as an elder sister?

Ecclesiasticus 26:16 (Apocrypha) As the sun when it ariseth in the high heaven; so is the beauty of a good wife in the ordering of her house.

Word of the day- Priorities

- Priorities will be determined by your personal goals and your lord's desire.
- You must know your lord's household and work around that
- Make plans for everything

~~~Most High and Christ Bless You All~~~