

*Kim's Kaleidoscope for Singles*  
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## *Your Actions Tell the Story*

Most of us are familiar with a movie about four girlfriends, all of them struggling to fully love themselves while they dealt with some pretty serious issues with the men in their lives as well. They were either cultivating, getting over, or releasing these relationships, and they were plagued by the same tribulations that most of us have endured at one time or another in our own lives. They were holding their breaths, waiting on the man to wake up and finally love and appreciate them. Anyone who watched this movie had to be moved by the desire of these women to simply exhale and give themselves over to the reality that *"Yes! He finally gets it! He finally understands that I'm worthy of his love and so much more."*

So many women are waiting for this moment when they can exhale a sigh of relief because they have found their Mr. Right. And if we've waited a while, sometimes we develop all this pent up angst because we feel that like the women in the movie, Mr. Right may not find his way to us. This doubt leads us to start making life way more difficult than it needs to be. We completely forget that God already knows who we are. He knows that we are worthy. And He doesn't want us to lose sight of what's really important when the right man finally does come along.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV) says *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."*

God knows what path you need to be on. He knows how to make that path straight and how to get you from point A to point B, but we forget this simple truth. We set out to do things our own way. For instance, rather than studying the Word and zooming in on our relationship with God, we allow other things to occupy our time. Do you know the message this conveys to God? It says that when your relationship with your future spouse is new, you'll lose sight of your commitment to nourish your own spiritual well-being. You'll get busy nourishing the needs of your new love instead.

Yes, God will expect you to be attentive to your husband's needs, but you must master the art of balance. You must learn to prioritize the things of God. 1 John 3:18-19 (NLT) says, *"Dear children, let us stop just saying we love each other; let us really show it by our actions. It is by our actions that we know we are living in the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before the Lord."*

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God knows everything. That includes what it takes for you to get the love you deserve. But it is important to the Lord that you know how to show love through your actions. This means that you can't skimp on doing things like reading the Word and spending quality prayer time with the Lord, because these are the things that not only reflect your level of commitment to God, but also your love and care for your own spiritual well-being too. If you don't nourish your soul through the Word, then you will not be your best self. And when you're not your best self, you are not in a position to love others in the way that they deserve either.

The only way for you and I to live in truth is to demonstrate the truth by our actions. What we DO speaks to the truth of who we are, and trust me, if you're endeavoring to attract a loving, Godly mate, your actions have to line up with the requirements of faith.

What kind of Christian muscle have you been flexing? If you say you're ready for love, what does this statement say about where you are, where you've been, and where you expect to go spiritually? Really think about these questions because loving someone and taking the next big step to partner with that person will require that your answers are centered around the love of Christ.

There are so many single Christian women who are in search of a blissful relationship that will ultimately culminate into marital bliss. And let's keep it real, many of them are craving the love and affection of a husband. Since this is the case, there must be a reason why there's an epidemic of loneliness among God's women, and there must be a solution as well. Take a look in Romans 8:24-25(NLT):

*"Now that we are saved, we eagerly look forward to this freedom. For if you already have something, you don't need to hope for it. But if we look forward to something we don't have yet, we must wait patiently and confidently."*

Waiting patiently and confidently suggests that our faith is where it should be. We can wake up every day with the assurance that God has our backs no matter what comes our way. This is the confidence that Romans 8 speaks of. There is such freedom when you have your faith in the right place, because it takes the pressure off. You don't have to look to the left or to the right. You don't have to lean to your own understanding. You can just keep your eyes stayed on Jesus and have confidence that your faith is exactly where it should be.

Saying *"I love you"* is not enough. The only way to truly prove that the love of Christ is real in your life is to back your faith with the things that you do day-in and day-out. Don't forget that your actions tell the story. If you want to know about love, this is it: it's committing yourself to the actions that demonstrate that you trust God.

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