

## *Single Sistas, Don't Miss Your Blessing*

Let's face it; there are millions of women out there searching for Mr. Right. And it's not only single Christian women who are looking to marry, but its women of every religion, race, and background who are looking to snag a good man of ANY religion, race, and background. They are willing to go the distance and use any means necessary to secure a warm body.

Mainstream media is dominated with reality dating TV shows, internet dating, speed-dating...you name it. With the plethora of opportunities for partnering up, one might think that there's no reason why any woman should be single who didn't want to be. But if you're reading this, you are no ordinary woman; neither would you be searching for an ordinary man. You want the absolute best that God has for you, and I can't blame you. After all, we're God's ambassadors, divinely created in His own image. We were carved from His hands and we are His masterpieces.

Now I don't profess to be an expert on the subject of being single, nor do I have all the answers for single women on how to believe God for a mate. What I do know is what works when you have prioritized your relationship with God and are diligently seeking Him in everything.

In Genesis, God created Eve to be a help-mate for Adam. They both complimented each other, as God intended that they should. Genesis 2:22 says *"And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man."* God lovingly presented Eve to Adam, and they became one. He made sure that neither one of them were alone. Now just imagine how God sees us, His daughters. He loves us just as much as He loved Adam and Eve. He will make certain that we aren't left out of the loop of blessings either, especially when it comes to marrying a Godly spouse.

God desires to see us married, because He designed the institution of marriage to demonstrate the relationship between Christ and the body, which is the church. The church is often called *"The Bride of Christ"* because of the unity that should exist between us and him. We can learn so much about the love of God through our spouses, just as He planned.

Is finding a mate going to be easy? No, it's not. You have to be very careful about who you share your time with. It is so important to partner with a man who honors your walk with God; therefore you can't play Russian roulette with your life. It's going to take faith and patience in Gods ability to carry out what He has promised.

**Mark**

**11:23-24**

**KJV**

*23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall*

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*believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.*  
24 I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive [them], and ye shall have [them].

Jesus Christ told us that if we say to this mountain, "be lifted up and thrown into the sea", that it will happen. But here's the thing, you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart.

Having doubt in our hearts is where many of us fall off the wagon. None of us will own up to it. We think we're believing and trusting God just fine. Well, I know of a few sistafriends who have made "doubting" a habit pattern, and they don't even realize it. Let me explain:

Gail was out of the dating scene since her divorce six years ago. One of her greatest desires has been to partner with a Godly man, and in doing so she has made a pretty extensive prayer list on what she requires in her mate. He must be a Christian, educated, tall, attractive, and financially stable to name a few. Recently she was introduced to a man who, from another single woman's vantage point, seemed to be pretty close to everything she had on her list...except for one thing, He was short.

You probably heard a million stories like this; he's too short, too tall, too skinny, too fat, too broke, and doesn't have anything significant to bring to the table. One would argue that sistas have a right to choose not to settle for anything less than what they want. But listen, none of us are perfect. As women, we come to the table with just as much brokenness and baggage as any man. When it comes to God's will and divine agenda for our lives, we really do have to humble ourselves and allow Him to make the presentation.

An older sista in the Lord once told me "like who like you!" I got such a kick out of that. It's a very simplistic approach to dating, isn't it? But things are just not that simple. God created this thing within us called "attraction". We have preferences, and it is ok to stick by them, but this is the area where doubt creeps in the picture.

You see, odds are that you will meet someone who may be just shy of what you desire, and the attraction isn't there. So instead of communicating with this "would be" beau, perhaps you kick him to the curb with a quickness. You shun his advances, don't answer his calls, and avoid seeing him all together. Sistass, sometimes doing this can hinder your efforts to partner, and set you back tremendously. Why? Because it reeks of doubt, that is why.

Suppose a man lets you know that he likes you in a romantic way, and you do not feel the same. You owe it to God and to your faith to think about the possibility that you might be the only beckon of light this man may ever see? You have a responsibility to exemplify the example of Jesus Christ, to be compassionate, kind, and honest. If you immediately dismiss him, it means that you doubt the love of God in your heart; you doubt the power of God's love to

minister through you in a way that may bring him to salvation. If he rejects your witness...so be it, but you should be sure to let your light shine.

**John**

**12:32**

**KJV**

*32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all [men] unto me.*

You and I do not do the drawing. The love of Christ does the drawing. Our charge is to lift him up by witnessing the good news of his life, death, and resurrection. You should expect that people will come to you for seemingly all kinds of reasons, but never be fooled. It is the love of God in Christ that does the drawing. People cannot help but be attracted to it. So give them what they want; feed them the Word by your example of Christ.

We must always remember that God gives us opportunities to position ourselves to be blessed. Even if the man takes a liking to you and you are in no way attracted to him, he may be your opportunity to position yourself closer to the blessing of your future husband. You are obligated to tell him about your faith, and to decline his advances in a way that displays the love of God in your heart.

Not only is God looking at how you handle these kinds of situations, but the devil is looking too. If you fail to demonstrate the love of God, then you fail to demonstrate your readiness to partner. The devil loves this, because he can continue to keep your blessing at bay.

So be careful that you don't miss your blessing just because the one who likes you isn't the one you like, so to speak. We must always remember to allow our Heavenly Father the room to move in any given situation. Putting limitations on how God will bless you with a mate can be a red flag that you aren't ready for one.

Trust and never doubt in God's ability to take care of presenting you with the man that will love you and treat you like the queen you deserve to be. Whatever your prerequisites for marriage, whether it's the man's height, weight, educational background or even racial ethnicity, allow God the room to move in your situation, and never miss an opportunity to get blessed by being a blessing. Remember, in the words of Reverend Fran, *"If you limit what God will do for you, you limit what God can do in you"*.