

You're Both Worth the Wait!

When you make the decision to enter into a relationship, one of the most honest and important steps to take is to be very vocal about your stand on celibacy. Often times the other person may not be where you are spiritually. If you find yourself in this predicament, it's not easy saying the words "Let's Wait", but if you're a born-again single Christian involved in a relationship, this is certainly God's expectation for the both of you. In case you didn't know, I'm referring to making the decision to refrain from sex before marriage.

Part of being a good witness is being honest about your intentions with the person you are dating. You shouldn't shy away from communicating your goals for a long lasting relationship that can potentially lead to marriage. If the man is one of integrity and has a good sense of who he is and what he wants, he will not hightail it and run from your honest approach, but appreciate it. If in fact he does begin to pull away simply on the basis of your honesty, then odds are that he certainly won't be willing to respect your stand on celibacy.

In relationships, often we'll throw caution to the wind and become enamored with having someone new in our lives. Feelings develop, passion intensifies, and hormones rage. This is definitely the time to pump the breaks and make sure you remain obedient to what the Word says. As a Christian woman, you don't want to be a stumbling block for anyone, and you particularly don't want to cause someone you care deeply about to stumble. So wherever possible, refrain from being alone together in intimate settings until you're comfortable that you both can handle the pressure.

Listen, it's no coincidence that the divorce rate is high, and it's no coincidence that the percentage of single women; particularly black women are staggering. The enemy is certainly happy to see it that way and will make every attempt to keep it that way.

The enemy will try to keep you single by creating thoughts in your mind that you're unlovable, and unworthy of sustaining a relationship. He will tell you that if you don't give in to the desires of the flesh, no one will want to love you. This is a lie and you must not believe it.

1 Corinthians 6:18 NIV says "*Run away from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body.*" This is God's definitive Word on the subject: Don't do it!!! Abstaining from sexual sin will give your new relationship a running chance. It allows you the opportunity to show the love of Christ and it keeps the relationship flowing in a positive cycle rather than a negative one.

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The Word speaks adamantly about this one, run away from sexual sin! This ought to resonate loud and clear, just as if you're driving down the highway and come across a bright yellow, blinking sign that reads "DANGER: STEER CLEAR OF SEXUAL SIN!"

Constantly remind yourself of the purpose behind your abstinence. Be confident that the reward in the end is worth waiting for. That reward is to share together in love the intimacy that God created for the husband and wife...you're both worth the wait.

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