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The Critical Choice

There is hardly any lady that doesn't want to get married. In fact, marriage is one of the high points in a lady's life. A **BrojidSister*** of mine called me and told me that someone wants to marry her and wanted my opinion and advice. I wanted to advise her on phone but when I realized that I have many things I needed to teach her which I would love her to read over and again, I decided to write to her.

I set pen to paper to give her my best and sincere thoughts on **marriage proposals** and the **reality of being married** for her to read to and learn **how to make a choice of proposal** and **avoid after-engagement regrets**.

After sharing my thoughts on making the right choice of a husband, it occurred to me that another BrojidSister may need what I have shared with one person. That's why I contacted **Brojid World** Editorial Team on transforming the material into a book for ladies around the world.

You see, the choice of a life partner is a critical decision that one must take seriously. For people like me and I believe the majority of people too, marriage is an irreversible event till death. That's the more reason why you need to be careful to ensure you make the right choice.

Painfully, many ladies have walked into pains, regrets and bitterness as a result of wrong choice of husband. However, you know that nobody makes wrong choices deliberately. The quality of your choices in life depends on the quality and quantity of information at your disposal. Wrong choices

often results from wrong or limited information. While I may not be able to reverse the wrong decision of many other ladies that are married, I know that I can help you make the right choice now that you are yet to walk down the aisle.

That's why in this book, **Choose Your Husband**, I shared with you practical wisdom that will help you make the right choice of a husband. It is divided into easy to read chapters, written in live-talk style with relevant illustrations and examples to make your reading and understanding easy.

As you read through this book, you will learn among other things:

1. What marriage really mean and your role in it as a woman.
2. The right time to get married and how to ascertain whether you are prepared for marriage.
3. How to determine whether the guy knocking on your door is a husband material.
4. Why many ladies reject husband materials and how not to commit the same blunder.
5. How to prevent regrets after saying yes or consenting to a marriage proposal.

We packaged **over 3HOURS audio programme** based on all the chapters of the book to ensure that if you have constraints with reading, you will still learn the truths contained in the book by listening with your earphone or in your car wherever you go. It's complimentary to the book!

Once you place your order for **Choose Your Husband**, you will get the audio pack **FREE**.

One of the ladies who reviewed the book said something about the book that struck me:

“Most of the things you talked about are things I got to learn about late. It would have paid me better if I heard these like 4-5 years ago. All the same, nothing spoil... I think there is something there I must act on and fast... A lot of ladies need to hear this. It would do them a whole lot of good!”

Today, you have the privilege of learning what many women wish they learnt years ago, don't miss your opportunity to get it right now.

Choose Your Husband is not just a book that will help you make the right choice of a husband, it's a compendium of insight that will save you from the pains of marrying the wrong man.

You can exempt yourself from the pains many women suffer in the hands of the wrong man by getting a copy of **Choose Your Husband** pack today!

It's not a book on how to run your marriage; it's pack of insight for making the right choice of a husband.

Let's go there.

****BrojidSisters** is not necessarily my five blood sisters – Nwaka, Kele, Cheee, Chima, and Ezy; but any woman who considers me worthy to teach, mentor or coach her.*

Sincerely,
Joseph Dinwoke
January, 2017



Generally, ladies think that when a man says ‘I want to marry you’ or pops the question, ‘Will you marry me?’, it means that he really wants to marry you. Sometimes marriage is not intended at all. If you understand it to be that he means marriage when he doesn’t, you are setting yourself up for a heart break. In this chapter, you will learn the two possible implications of a man’s marriage proposal; how to identify and handle them properly.



When a Man Proposes Marriage

Same Act; Different Intentions

In life, you must have seen that there are times when people say one thing when in reality they mean a different thing. This also is applicable to marriage proposals. There have been countless cases of men proposing to ladies without any intent of marriage.

As an adult girl, you will find many men coming to propose marriage to you. Some will come out straight on their first encounter with you while others will bring it up probably during the second, third or subsequent encounters with a resolve to get married to you.

It is crucial that you don't take every marriage proposal seriously because it's not all the proposals you get that are aimed at marriage. An evil I have seen under the sun is that some men propose marriage to ladies but have no intention of marrying them; their proposal is intended for an entirely different purpose aside marriage.

Proposal for Sex

There is a species of humans that exist on the earth that asks a girl for her hand in marriage *just* so that they can get the girl to sleep with them. They

do it because of this popular but erroneous thinking that husbands are scarce and so every girl would jump at every marriage proposal she gets.

This species of men propose marriage to girls they wouldn't want to marry with the aim to give them false hope, lure them to bed, and satisfy their sexual desires and call it quits with them.

Therefore, you should be careful to ensure that you don't fall into the traps of these jokers. If you are not, you will shut out opportunities to marry right, start working towards a dead end and get yourself emotionally injured.

I can't claim to be an expert at discerning jokers masquerading as serious suitors but there are certain traits consistent with most of them. I will share with you the ones I have found out.

The majority of them propose marriage to you at first sight when you refuse to be their girlfriend (or sex partner). They propose marriage when you have been friends for some time and have refused to visit them in their house. *You know wara mean?* Many of them fall into the category of those boys on campuses who want to tie you down with marriage proposal.

For them, marriage proposal will make you feel like, "since he is my husband to be, nothing is wrong with having sex with him."

Proposal for Marriage

However, there are also times when a man proposes marriage because he has come of age and when he is persuaded that you are the one he wants to marry, he declares his interest by proposing.

To such people, take them seriously. I didn't say you should consent. I only mean you should consider their proposal by adding them in your list of *Men to Consider*. Don't laugh! I have my own list of *Women to Consider* for marriage.

About serious men who you are truly interested in marrying, I advise you to watch them. Check their lifestyle, their philosophy about life and subject them to relevant test to know if they are husband materials.

Responding to Proposals

Now, no matter how serious a man is about marriage, there are crucial rituals you must perform before you say yes to his proposal. There is a process of giving answer and you should go through it to avoid committing a blunder that you will regret throughout your life.

I understand that sometimes, the man would want to rush you to give him an answer. That is why I want to talk to you next about the dangers of giving an answer hastily.



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When a marriage proposal comes, it comes with a pressure to rush out with an answer. Sometimes, you find that the man qualifies to be your husband and you feel you should rush out with an affirmative answer. Also, there are times you perceive that the man is a 'no' for you and therefore, you feel you should give him the no answer straight away. In this chapter you will learn why you should not rush out with your answer and how to get ready with the right answer.



Just Don't Answer Yet

When a man proposes marriage, he expects an answer. It can either be a “yes” or a “no”. Even when people have been in a relationship for some time, a time comes when the man needs to formally propose to the girl and get the girl to formally say “yes” or “no”.

Preparing for the Right Answer

It's crucial you give the right answer to any marriage proposal otherwise you will either walk into a dead end or you lose an opportunity. That's why you should prepare the right answer for him.

I understand that the answer is either “yes” or “no”, but before you come up with it, you need to be sure that whichever one you give is the best you can possibly give. That's why you need to take your time to check through all you have to and come up with the right answer.

It's important that you don't rush your answer to his question. Rushing to give an answer before thoughtful consideration of his proposal will lead you to making commitment you may not want, usher you into a marriage you don't consider fit, open you up for pains and regrets or you might even lose who God has sent to be a blessing to you.

The Pressure of Proposal Stunt

Now, what if he proposes in front of a mall, at your birthday party or any public place?

He has the right to propose wherever he chooses to. But you are also totally free to give him the answer you deem fit. *Shikina!*

‘Ah, Brojid you want me to embarrass him?’

No! I don’t! How can I advocate embarrassment for a fellow man like me? *You sef, think am?* However, I would rather that he gets embarrassed by your saying no, if it’s the right answer, than for you to live in perpetual misery because you danced to the tune of a man who is interested in pulling proposal stunt.

It will interest you to know that many men will pull *proposal stunts* simply to get you to say “yes” by all means. They believe you can’t say “no” in the presence of the host of people watching you. Please don’t fall for that trick. Life is full of manipulators. Don’t fall into the trap of a corn man that wants to rope you into a marriage you have no business getting into.

In fact, if you see any brother planning to do that, call him to order. Give him sense. Teach him that no matter how much he likes a girl, he is not to coerce or manipulate her into marriage. In fact, I have a problem with begging a girl to like me. I strongly believe that love should be mutual and not one sided. (You will find my reason in my post, “*Me Beg for Love, Say Wetin Happen?*”)

Now, some people like me would want to propose to you quietly and secretly in a garden, without the whole world watching. It doesn’t mean they can’t mount pressure on you to give an answer. Anyway the guy does it, be sure not to fall for the pressure!

You know why?

When a man wants to satisfy his sexual fantasies, he can see any girl that fits into the specification of his sex-partner fantasies and pick. However, when he wants you as a wife, he takes his time to search, look, ask questions about you even when you are not aware.

Since he takes his time to make up his mind, don't fall for the pressure to rush out with an answer without properly considering it. Please take your time and think through his proposal before making the commitment for a marriage or rejecting the man's proposal.

Take Time, not Eternity to Answer

It is very important you take time to carefully consider a man's proposal before you give an answer whether positive or not. However, I don't encourage you to take eternity before giving the man your answer. When a man wakes up and decides to get married, it's no child's play and you can't be playing with him as though he is one of those secondary school boys looking for babes at inter-house competition.

My point is, don't fall for the pressure of giving an answer to his proposal. Take your time to consider it but don't take eternity!



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Before you say yes/no or even give a marriage proposal consideration, you need to be sure you are ready for marriage. You have no business with courtship when you are not ready for marriage. Otherwise you will sabotage the opportunities you have as a single lady. In this chapter, you will learn what it means to be ready for marriage and how to prepare for it.



Are You Ready For Marriage?

A very crucial question you need to answer before considering any man's proposal is this: Are you ready for marriage? You need to shut out societal and internal pressure and sincerely give yourself the right answer to this question.

Beyond the Glamour of Wedding

Wedding comes with glamour and glitz. For most young ladies, the joy of seeing themselves inside a European white gown with family and friends all over the place cannot be compared to anything. For such ladies, it's a proof that they are loved and cherished. To the young woman, it's a feat that many other people of her age have not yet attained.

In fact, they eagerly wait for the day when they will bombard their *Facebook* timeline with wedding pictures. Wedding is a good thing; but many young ladies get carried away by the event of getting wedded that they hardly look at the reality of marriage.

The Reality of Getting Married

Marriage is beyond the glamour of wedding event; it's more of life after the ceremony. It's about living with another full grown adult with his will, opinions and way of life and successfully working with him as a positive influence. It's about carrying pregnancy and taking care of your children.

Marriage is more than the gifts you get at your wedding reception; it's about being a gift to your husband. It's about being a permanent resource person to him; making him record better results in his life and work.

It's about being a gift to your children who are actually God's soldiers dispatched to your barrack (home) for drilling, orientation, empowerment and guidance to be His battle axe.

Marriage is not just about the joy of finally having your crush as your own,; it's about the job of ensuring that you serve as a positive force in his life. It's about the tough work of tolerating his character flaws, (everyone has it; including that pastor you think is Jesus Christ), forgiving him and helping him get better.

It's not just about having him but being able to have his relations, his friends and all that he has. You should be able to relate with his parents and siblings peacefully. No matter how bad they are, you should be prepared to relate with them without starting *World War III*.

You Must Go Prepared

Like other things in life, you can't count on luck for marriage success. You must go into marriage prepared for the reality of getting married. You must go armed with enough arsenals that will ensure that you and your family wins. You are going to be a positive influence in his life, work and children. This cannot happen by chance. You must prepare for it.

If you are not prepared, please tell him to wait. Settle down and develop capacity to be useful to him and your children. The preparation I mean doesn't imply that, for instance you must know about chemical engineering

because he is a chemical engineer. It means that you will have enough intellectual, psychological and spiritual stamina to be a strong pillar of support to him.

In fact, it that you read, at least, three good literatures on parenting and being a capable wife. I mean, spend time and read, study cases of successful and failed child training in the Bible as well practical wisdom for children training from the book of *Proverbs*. It will do you a lot of good when you can locate and read good books.

When you are done with these materials, develop a blueprint for child training and compare notes with your husband to be. Raising godly and confident children is not by chance. It is a product of deliberate actions. Priest Eli had to learn this truth the hard way! I don't mind delaying getting married until I and *MrsBrojid* to-be, settles down and studies on this matter. We can't afford to raise six vagabonds in the name of children and I don't want to see your children and pretend that I don't know them because of their shameful lifestyle.

One of the key preparations you have to embark on before you get married is to learn how to relate with people, handle their flaws and tolerate their weaknesses. No matter how romantic and caring your fiancé is today, that is no guarantee he won't offend you tomorrow. In fact, what strengthens a relationship is when you have misunderstandings and are able to resolve it amicably without one person feeling cheated. Be prepared to handle his deficiencies.

I have had problems with a lot of people in this my short life. Many of these people were at fault. However, I have found out that my inability to contain

their flaws and avoid our differences escalating into a full blown quarrel is deficiency on my own part. It was when I discovered this truth that I settled down and started learning how to relate with all kinds of people without having clashes with them. (You can learn more on this from our book, *People Matter!*)

Marriage is not about the good feeling of seeing the man that has accepted you for who you are, it's about your willingness to follow him to where he is going. A man can marry you not because you have all that he wants in a wife but because he sees the potentials in you to be who he really wants you to be.

When he starts encouraging and coaching you to come up, please follow him. When he gives you a book to read, please read it. There is something you don't know that he wants you to learn from the book. When he corrects you, it's not that he is a fault finder; it's because he wants to save you (his family) from a possible embarrassment in future.

The bottom-line is, for you to get married; you need to be mentally prepared. Therefore, read as much as you can on what it takes to be a *capable wife* and build a good home. Read from the right sources and plenty of them. You also need spiritual, mental, psychological and physical preparations to be ready for marriage.

Is it Your Time for marriage?

For you to be really prepared for marriage, you need to be sure that your time for marriage has come. Getting married at the wrong time may lead you to regrets that will last forever!

Next, I will show you how to determine when your time for marriage comes.



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One of the reasons ladies rush into marriage at the wrong time or get married to the wrong person is because of the notion that marriage is an achievement. In this chapter, you will get to know whether marriage is truly an achievement or not.



Is Marriage an Achievement?

Many people see marriage as an achievement simply because it confers on one the right of being addressed to as Mr. or Mrs. In fact, in a society where many ladies are unmarried, anyone who is married is adjudged an achiever. This is a misconception many young ladies have that has led them into hasty decisions, wrong choices and wrong timing of marriage.

Many young ladies think that getting married is an achievement largely because they see many “aunties” around that are not married. But that’s an error! The possibility of marriage becoming an achievement to you largely depends on your ability to make it so not because of the number of unmarried women around.

The Essence of Marriage

Marriage is a union of a man and woman who have come together to harness their individual forces to produce greater results they would not have gotten individually on their own. If all you do is get legally united to a man because you have come of age, it’s not marriage. The union is the starting point of getting married. The truth is that marriage in itself is not an achievement but a step towards an end. I don’t believe it’s an end but a means to an end.

Marriage can be a Distraction

If marriage denies you basic education, puts you in glorified slavery or suppresses you from manifesting who you truly are, it’s *most certainly not* an achievement. It’s a distraction! If marriage gives you a responsibility you lack the capacity to carry, it’s most likely not an achievement.

Because a lot of ladies don't view marriage as a means to an end, they hardly think of life after their wedding. All they get themselves worked up with is to get married; not how to make the marriage a plus to their husband. Many ladies have gone into marriage blind of crucial reality checks they should have carried out only to realize that they have entered a dead end.

Please don't rush into any marriage without carefully checking the reality of life after wedding. After the wedding you have a career, children and responsibilities on your hand. In your marriage, you will have your husband to carter for, children to train and you must be prepared to carry out these taxing duties before you call your marriage an achievement.

I understand that society looks at married women as *successful* people and this distorted view stems from that popular opinion that husband is scarce. But that does not in any way make marriage an achievement.

Your mates might have been married, it's very good for them. I guess it's their time. But no matter the number of your classmates, age mates and fellowship mates that you have attended their weddings don't fall for the temptation of thinking that marriage is an achievement.

Don't allow *parental or peer pressure* push you into marriage at a time you are not ready or to a man you wouldn't even talk to on a normal day. Allow tongues to wag because you are not yet ready to get married. Some people would even say that you are possessed or that educated women can't marry right or early. There is no point rushing into something you will spend your entire life doing. You are going to be married all your life!

Any girl can deceive any man to marry her. Shallow men can rush at shallow girls like them. So, don't think that something is wrong with you. Your strong moral values scare weak men away.

Achievement in Marriage

Marriage is an achievement only if it's a union of a man who is competent for the office of your husband and the two of you come together to form a formidable team for greater result in your lives and work. I understand your marriage to be an achievement if it's a platform to give expression to your ability to raise great kids and propel your husband to great heights.

Sorry to disappoint you sister, the fact that a lady is married means no achievement!

Prepared for a Profitable Marriage

I advise you to get serious with developing your capacity to become a resourceful woman, armed with crucial knowledge, skill and character that will empower you to be a positive and complimentary force to your husband.

Please don't get the impression that I am against your getting married or looking at the married ladies with derision. How could I? Am I not your brother again? My goal is to help you see marriage for what it truly is and not plunge into pains in the name of getting married.



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One of the key parameters for determining whether you are ready for marriage is whether your time for marriage has come. Many people have misjudged their time for marriage and therefore dabbled into marriage at the wrong time. Also, some have failed to recognize that it's their time for marriage and therefore have unnecessarily delayed the assignment they are meant to execute for God in marriage. In this chapter, you will learn how to determine your time for marriage.



Your Time for Marriage

One of my sisters once had quite a number of men asking for her hand in marriage, but she kept turning them down. An older woman advised her to say “yes” to one of them because it’s her time to get married. “Every girl has her time for marriage and if you miss it, you may not get it again.” The woman had told her.

According to this older woman, the fact that a lot of men are trooping to her for marriage is an indication that her time has come. I totally disagree with her! Let me show you what I believe is your time for marriage.

The Power of Right Timing

Let me share with you why it is crucial that you get your right timing for marriage.

There is time for every activity under the earth. Engaging in any activity at the wrong time will be a seed for eventual failure. When it’s your time for marriage, you are fit to face the reality of getting married and make the most of it. However, when you get involved in marriage at the wrong time, you set yourself up for pains and regrets.

Your Marriage time and Your Age

Your time for marriage is when you have fully prepared for marriage and have been found by a man that is ready for marriage. It has little to do with your age, graduation and the volume of men chasing you.

Your time for marriage is not necessarily when you are 19, have graduated from a tertiary institution or have men flocking around you. They are just times of your life; not primarily your time for marriage.

The fact that you would be clocking 30 this year doesn't make you fit for marriage. It only shows that you are biologically fit for marriage. My sister, it takes more than acquisition of age to be married. You need to acquire sense and maturity. Please, don't be deceived into thinking that your age signals that your time has come. The reality of being happily and productively married requires that you are mature in body and mind.

I am not just talking to you. This is December, 2016. I cannot get married now even if I have all the money in the world. You know why? I have also noticed certain things about my lifestyle that needs to be fixed before I get married. Even if I get to 50 without settling those things, my Dad and Mum can say all they want, I will remain single!

Wrong Timing for Your Marriage

The fact that men are flocking around you doesn't make you ripe for marriage. They may be flocking around you simply because they want fresh blood and you fit into those fantasies. It could also be because they want an innocent girl and you seem to be one. In fact, they could be one of those distractions of life.

Graduating from school doesn't make you qualified for marriage. It simply means that you are now ready for NYSC or labour market. You need to be schooled on the rudiments of marriage and parenting to be qualified for marriage. At best, graduation from school frees you to give marriage the required attention without sabotaging your education.

Also, you should understand that it's God, not society that knows the best time for you to get married. God trains you to ensure you get fully prepared for marriage before arranging one for you. Allow Him work out His will for your life.

Therefore, if you are up to 30 and society is mounting pressure on you, don't fall for their pressure. You can't marry yourself. Wait until your husband finds you. Don't water down your principles because some people believe that you should be married and you are not yet.

Part of why people mount pressure on you to do what you shouldn't just to get married is because they believe that getting married is an achievement and that if you are not married, you have a problem.

Don't listen to them. It is not!



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There is a popular opinion among men that a man's proposal to any woman is a favour which should be grabbed with two hands. This has led many ladies to accept proposals they should have no business whatsoever with. In this chapter, you will learn to view a marriage proposal properly.



His Proposal: a Favour?

This is a very important question I want to answer before I continue in this long letter. I think it's important we get the answer to this question because if you don't gain clarity on this matter, you will get pressured to give the wrong answer, rush into a marriage you wouldn't want to and open the door of regret for yourself.

I want to give you the answer straight: a man's proposal is not inherently a favour. It becomes a favour depending on the lady it's directed to. Therefore, other things being equal, *no man's proposal is a favour to you!* It's a mutual favour. The fact that he is the one making the proposal is because our culture and training says that a man should propose marriage to a woman.

This is Marriage

Marriage is a union between a man and woman who understand that they need each other to unite force for greater results. It's not a union of a man who wants to do a lady a favour by marrying her.

One of the important reasons I consider marriage important and might therefore get married one day is that marriage is designed to unite forces between two people for doubled productivity in their life and work.

When a Man Chooses You

If a sane man walks up to you and proposes marriage to you, he is not doing you a favour. He is doing what he should; having found that you fit into what he wants as a wife. It doesn't mean you are perfect. It simply means

that you have a combination of strength and weakness that he considers OK for himself.

Please understand that no matter whom he is, his proposal is not a favour to you. Otherwise, he should have gone to propose to the girls he has come across from his first wet dream! He proposed to you because he considers you valuable, important and wife worthy!

Don't buy into the lie that men are scarce and jump at any marriage proposal as if it's a breakthrough. The fact that there may be many unmarried ladies in your community, church or among your classmates doesn't make marriage proposal to you a favour. It's not necessarily because of scarcity of husband. It has more to do with the time of their life, their preparedness for marriage and how they conduct themselves now.

When you understand that his proposal is not a favour to you, you will ask him crucial questions, take your time to brood over his proposal and be sure he is the man that can occupy the office of *Your Husband* and *Father of Your Children*. My sister, this is an important destiny changing position and you can't allow a charlatan occupy it!

What's your Worth?

Please before you rush out to carry yourself and think his proposal is not a favour, be sure he is actually not doing you a favour. If you have nothing to offer the man, but out of pity or because everybody has known you since your days as an undergraduate or your secondary school days, he decided to marry you, he may actually be doing you a favour. But that's most certainly not the best for you!

You know why?

You won't have your true place as a queen in his heart and possibly home. It's best when you are truly invaluable to him than when he marries you just because his mother has mounted so much pressure on him to marry and you are the most available girl.

It's human nature to accord respect to people who are of value to you. People who you are relevant in their lives are more likely to place value on you, treasure you and almost worship you.

Become His Favour

When a man meets a lady that he sees has the potential of adding value to him, he will work hard to have her. He will celebrate when you say "yes" to his proposal. He can even wait for *eternity* to have you say "yes".

That's why I believe that the most important thing you should do as a single lady in preparing for marriage is to settle down and develop your capacity to be a resource person to him. Pick your *Bible* and read *Proverbs 31* regularly, meditating on its implication in your life and how to develop the qualities of a virtuous woman. Be knowledgeable about what's going on around you. Acquire a skill and develop yourself to be the best you can possibly be in your area of specialization. Invest whatever it takes to develop yourself into an asset for any man that will marry you!

My sister, I implore you to develop your capacity to be of use to any man you will marry beyond the kitchen and the *other room* duties and he will treasure you forever. In fact, he will even know that your saying "yes" to his proposal is a favour.



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One of the reasons many ladies make poor choices while choosing a husband is because they believe the erroneous opinion that husband is scarce. They accept the proposal from anybody because they feel they may not get another person. In this chapter, you will understand the concept of husband scarcity and understand how husbands come.



Husband is Scarce!

For a very long time, I have heard people say that husband is scarce. I have heard both men and women voice this deep seated erroneous belief. It's echoed among men and women, usually with the advice to grab anybody that comes around asking for their hand in marriage.

The Scarcity of Men

When they tell you that husband is scarce, they mean to motivate you to grab any man that looks in your direction. They tell you that husband is scarce, but I tell you, husband is abundant. So, be sure that the person you say "yes" to his proposal is really the one you consider competent to occupy the office, *your husband*.

There is a general thinking that men are lower in proportion than women but many reputed statistics don't support this claim. However, if in your area, this belief is true, that does not necessarily imply that men are scarce.

A product is said to be scarce if it's not enough for the number of people that needs it and are willing to pay for it. On this basis, I dare say: husbands are not scarce!

In our world today, money is considered scarce but some people don't lack it. You know why? They have developed capacity to attract, manage and multiply money. To them, money is not scarce.

There are many men around but not all of them are husband material. The male organ qualifies one to be a man but it takes more than that to be a husband!

When you become a true wife material, men who have the capacity to recognize true wives will fall over themselves to marry you. You will be in a position to screen them for the right man for the office of *husband, teacher, mentor, leader* and *father* to your children.

People get married every weekend. How do you prove the claim that husbands are scarce? You can't listen to and base the expectations for your life on the commentaries of people who differ from you. Some ladies are just manageable as wives. Don't listen to them tell you that husband is scarce! It's scarce for them because they lack the capacity to attract husband material. Check around, you hardly here married people tell you that husband is scarce.

The Pressure of Husband Scarcity

When people claim that husband is scarce; they imply that you should grab anyone you get. Please don't mind them. Many ladies have landed themselves in sorry states because they jumped at a man in the spirit of *grab your husband now!*

Instead of wasting your time listening to those who say that husband is scarce, I encourage you to settle down and build yourself into a true wife and a real man will locate you. It doesn't take luck; that's how life works!

Focus on qualifying to be a competent wife. Understand that a woman is not a woman by her boobs and buttocks but her developed brains and

skilled hands. Develop yourself with knowledge and train your hands to acquire skills.

Like Attracts like

By the way, please know that *like attracts like* which means that when you are a *confam* wife material, you have within you the capacity to attract the right husband. Your job is to develop your capacity to be a capable wife!

As I write this, I live in the same compound with a lady that if I were older than, I would have married her. She is not a child and has taken time to develop her ability to relate with all kinds of people. She is skilled and loves God *like die!* Believe me, I watch her in admiration!

I believe very strongly that when God says her time for marriage has come, a man of substance who can recognize value will locate her.

How Husbands Come

If you are of faith in Christ Jesus, I'd like you to know that you have an advantage. Your life is not under the same influence as other ladies that don't believe in Him. Simply put, you have natural advantage over them. God said He will not withhold any good thing from those that walk uprightly. It means He won't withhold husband from you as soon as He finds it is good for you.

Your life is not dependent on chance. The same God that directed Elijah to meet a widow for food will direct your husband to meet you. You don't need to put your boobs for display as a marketing strategy or wear skimpy dresses to show you are available. You don't also need to follow a man with desperation.

Hold unto the word of God firmly, no matter how old you are getting until you begin to reap the fruits of your faith in God. In an environment where even the most educated, beautiful ladies have no husbands, the woman that fears God will have a good husband. You know why? Even though the young lion that should have what he needs may lack, those who fear God will not lack any good thing! (Psalms 34).



Many women have married men they should not have married because they have their eyes fixed on the financial assistance they will get from the potential husband. In fact, many guys expect you to jump at their proposal simply because of their financial status. In this chapter, you will learn the right view of wealth and how to ensure you don't mortgage your future because of a man's financial status.



Marriage; Not Financial Assistance!

Marry a Man, not His Money

No matter how poor you are or your family is, do not treat any marriage proposal as a financial favour. If you give a man's wealth and how it can be of help to you or your family a priority, you will fall for a man that may lack what it takes to be a husband to you and father to your children.

Money can vanish but a true husband will remain. If he is blessed of God, like Job, he will even make more than whatever he may have lost. Many girls who married a man's wealth only woke up to realize that they are acquired glorified slaves in their husband's house because they are not *wife of youth*. They married a made-man!

How Wealth Comes

If you are currently undergoing financial difficulties, settle down and begin to sort it out. God fashioned into you what I call *wealth magnet* and if you border to activate it, you will build wealth in great measures. Turn your wealth magnet on and *attract* the wealth around you.

Begging for money or treating marriage to a wealthy man as an escape route to your financial lack is defeatist. Go to God in prayer like Jabez did. Ask him to increase you and enlarge your coast indeed. Step out to deploy whatever abilities, skills and talents he endowed you with in blessing others. Continue doing it until God pours His blessings on you.

I understand that marriage to him will give you and your family the needed financial assistance but that's a temporary benefit you want to get without thinking through its implication.

A man that has all the wealth of the world but cannot be faithful to a woman is not a husband material. A man that has all the money to solve your financial problems but lack character, values and ideals you would want your children to have is most certainly not the best for you.

Make no mistakes about this: I have no problems with marrying a wealthy man. My emphasis is that nobody should sway you to consent to his proposal with his wealth. I am saying that you should not allow your present financial challenges or that of your family make you say yes to a man you know very well you would not love to marry.

Freedom from Money Pull

Don't be carried away by his wealth. Many women have married wealthy people only to realize that the man amassed his wealth dubiously. They live daily in panic and fear of their husbands being caught, stripped of the wealth and the disgrace that will follow.

I understand that there are strikingly rich people who amassed wealth the right way. But be sure you know how the man that wants to marry you became wealthy. I wouldn't want you to start crying tomorrow, that's why I want you to look before you leap.

A simple way to be sure you are not marrying the man for his wealth is to ask yourself: if this guy had only enough money for sustenance with his lifestyle, attitude to life and others, will I still marry him?

Become a Financial Blessing to Him

Instead of marrying a man for his wealth, kindly settle down and develop your capacity to be a source of financial blessing to him. I was reading Proverbs 31 recently and I found striking the fact that the woman is a business woman. She is a money maker and manger as well. *“After looking at a field with care, she gets it for a price, planting a vine-garden with the profit of her work.” (Pro 31:16)*

My sister, it doesn't make sense that you go to marry a man for what he can do for you financially. Prepare to be a treasure to him!



9

No girl wants to marry a devil. However, from the testimony of many married women, devils get married. You can be sure that nobody marries a devil with their eyes open. They did because they didn't recognize him when he came. In this chapter, you will learn how to recognize a devil in a man that wants to marry you.



When the Devil Wants a Wife

The Devil Husband

The devil husband is not necessarily the devil we know that is black with long tail (as some people say). He is any man who has the attributes of the devil. He is any man whose lifestyle, value system and belief are like that of the devil. Be sure that there are men like that in our world today.

He is the one that will tell you that Solomon had 1000 wives and asks why he shouldn't have just one mistress. For him adultery is normal and shouldn't be a problem provided '*my wife and children lack nothing.*' He cheats and doesn't understand why his wife should complain.

He believes he should get anything he wants by all means. For him, if someone needs to be killed for him to get what he wants, he does it. If he were a politician, he will kill for political power. If he were a cultist, he doesn't mind taking your life or those of your children to get money and power.

He has no respect for God's word. When he comes to church, it's for him a social gathering and a boost of his image.

Ladies marry them because they fail to recognize their attributes when they come with marriage proposal. Some Devilish husbands come wearing designer wears and smelling nice. They come making themselves look like that so that they can get a wife.

Recognizing the Devil

When the devil in a man wants a wife, he camouflages like a saint just so that he can get you. He packages himself, learns certain languages and carries himself to the best of his abilities until he gets you. He knows he needs certain traits to be able to get a good wife but instead of changing his ways, he will choose to pretend to have changed.

Beware of men like that! The fact that a man can bring out a chair for you at a restaurant doesn't mean he is nice. He could be a devil treating his target well to lure it into a trap. Don't be carried away by the fact that he calls you thrice a day. Truth is that many people will do it for you simply because they want to manipulate you or are out rightly jobless.

Go beyond the surface. See through his words and seek to know how true his words are. Don't be carried away by what he says to you; check how he acts. If they don't tally, it's a red flag and you should be careful.

When the devil wants a wife, he lies. He cooks up lies, packages it and serves to a *mugu* that can fall for it. Seek to verify or at least test the authenticity of his claims, boasts and promises. Don't just believe anything. It is not love but foolishness to believe everything!

When a devil wants to marry a good Christian girl, he doesn't mind pretending to be a Christian brother. He dresses up like a gentle man, speaks what Pastor Bankie calls *Christaineese* and does his best to be perceived as a serious Christian.

You know why he choose to come to church for a wife? He knows that game girls are good for sex but bad for marriage. However, don't be fooled! Again, look beyond the surface. My conviction is that if you are a true Christian, you can almost instantly recognize fake when you see it. Christ is not in them! It will show the same way someone that has been a Nigerian all her life suddenly wants to start speaking *Chineese*.

Escaping the Devilish Husband

By the way, you can't count on your sense of judgment alone. There is a scripture I read that assured me of escaping from a bad woman: "I discovered that a seductive woman is more bitter than death. Her passion is a trap, and her soft hands will bind you. Those who please God will escape from her, but sinners will be caught in her snare (Ecc 7:26). I trust God to reveal to me through any method He chooses to. I trust Him to guide my judgment. I trust Him to deliver me from an evil woman.

Please don't tell me you want to marry him and by your love change him. Use that your love now and change him if you can. It has been found again and again that people don't just change overnight just because they got married!



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For many ladies, the major puzzle is in accepting to marry a man they have more formal education than or who have no formal education at all. In this chapter, you will learn the place of a man's education in marriage and determine whether you should marry a man at his level of education or not.



Marry Uneducated Man?

I have seen cases where ladies battle with marrying a man they have higher educational qualifications than. Making mistake in this regard can put you in perpetual misery as a married woman. That's why I want to share with you practical insight on this matter.

The Power of Education

Let me start by showing you the difference education makes in the life of a man. Education gives a man exposure, broadens his mind and fills his head with information that will help him make better decision and choices. In the course of education, a person's character is greatly improved. It's not about the certificate; the certificate is at best a proof that one is educated.

Education in a Marriage

The question of whether you should marry an educated man or not comes up because of the difference in the mental orientation and exposure between you and the man. I cannot guarantee that two people that vary widely in their level of education will agree on some key things and see life through the same prism.

If in the course of your interaction with your *prospective husband*, you find that his lack of the quality of education you desire in a man always make it difficult for you to reach an agreement, it's a red flag.

When you get married, your husband will have the final say in most of your decisions simply because he is the husband. It is not inequality, it is God's design! If you think his lack of education will lead to poor decisions, you may have to have a rethink his proposal.

The Uneducated but Exceptional

However, I like you to know that what I said earlier about people's education is essentially idealistic. Many times, we find that formal education don't have that amount of impact on people. There are men that are *Masters Degree holders*, yet have little or no education. In fact, I heard the story of a man who has little formal education who married a lady because she is a graduate but the woman represents everything but education.

If you have on your list of *Men for Consideration*, a man who due to his background has little education but had educated himself through self-development and he fits other important criteria, then he is a good candidate for the office of *Your Husband*.

Please note that the key thing about education is not the certificate. It's about your output as an educated person. It doesn't take certificate to be a husband or father children. It takes sense and *husbanding anointing*. Also, know that a man's education doesn't guarantee that he will be wealthy and influential in life neither does it guarantee that he will make a great husband. A man becomes wealthy because he goes about doing the work God assigned to him and God pours His blessings on him.

If you are still in school and a man without education wants to marry you, please be careful. Many ladies have had their education and career truncated because they got married to men that have no regard for education. Some of them will get you pregnant, forcing you to pause or even stop your education while others will still encourage you to continue with your education even while giving birth to children which a lot of women would not like.

Beware of the Educated

There are men who although they are educated, have things you should run away from. Some study so much that they take every western ideology hook, line and sinker and the majority doesn't even believe in God. They have become blinded instead of enlightened! Beware of them. They can lead you into destruction if you marry them.



Parents and people who have influence in the lives of ladies have advised them to marry among their people. Many benefits have been associated with this view. A lot of ladies have turned down marriage proposals from the right men because they failed to understand what it truly means to marry among your people. In this chapter, you will learn who your people really are.



Marry Among Your People

Many times, singles have been advised to marry from their people. In fact, I had a discussion with a friend of mine who told me about her cousin who is advanced in age, but her mother won't let her marry the man that has found her simply because they are from different regions in Nigeria.

The Benefits of Your People

Like parents, I encourage you to marry among your people. However, where we differ is in the definition of who *your people* are.

The reasoning behind the idea of marrying among your people is that you share similar culture, language and values and therefore it won't be difficult for you to unify. It is also believed that you won't find each other strangely incompatible. No doubt, the motive is cool.

However, it is wrong for your parents to insist that you marry from a people just because they share cultural and language similarities.

You know why?

Those similarities have minimal impact on the success or failure of marriages. I know people who married from the same town whose marriage is hell on earth! I also know people who married from other tribes and their marriage is heaven on earth. In fact, the advantage of marrying from other town, state and tribe by far outweighs whatever gains there is in marrying from your tribe.

I believe marrying from another ethnic group, state or even country has more advantage than marrying from your tribe. If you can speak a common language, then you have no language barrier. In fact, for me, marrying from another tribe will make my children learn three languages; the Igbo language, their mother's language and the English language. They will be molded on *Bible* values and filtered cultural values from their parents' tribes.

By the way, people can come from the same state and speak the same language but differ widely in their culture because their upbringing, background and exposure differ. If you close your eyes to real men from other states or tribes and insist on marrying your people, you may end up entangling yourself with a total stranger.

I pity the lady that will marry me thinking I am *her people* because we come from the same town. I don't agree with many cultural practices there and openly oppose them. I am from Aku, Enugu state simply because my parents are from there. Who I am actually depends on my upbringing, the values I imbed as I grew up (and still imbibing) and how much respect I have for what they call culture. The source of my culture is Bible and not *Onyishi Aku* or *Obi of Onisha!*

Before You Reject a Tribe

Many people put a label on a group of people and choose not to marry among them. Let me share with you an insight on the matter.

You may have seen, read, heard or even encountered people from certain tribe who are labelled one thing or the other. Some are termed money lovers, some are said to be promiscuous while others are regarded as women suppressors.

Such labels result from the fact that many people from such regions are fond of such lifestyle. However, I want to tell you that it's not all the men from that region, state or town that are that way. Many of such labels represent the lifestyle of the forefathers of the people and not the current generation.

Don't reject a man because of his region, state or town. If you have to turn down his proposal, please do so because of the person. Don't also accept a man simply because of his origin. As a matter of fact, I don't believe a man's origin should be considered in choosing whether or not to marry him. As long you can communicate in a common language, *nothing spoil!*

Your Real Tribe

Beyond the natural, cultural and language similarities, I'd like you to understand that education gives us a culture that bridges whatever gap exist because of our natural differences. In fact, it supersedes the natural.

Truly educated people know how to isolate positive cultural attributes from different cultures and form a hybrid that will be beneficial in their marriage and child training. Education and Christianity doesn't erase your rich cultural heritages. They help you extract and profitably use them.

If you see a man who you differ with in culture and language, but he is educated and of the same faith with you, marry him. He is among your (educated) people. You will reason on the same frequency!

Your Best Tribe for Husband

The most important and powerful cultural similarity I believe you should seek is Christian cultural people. A man who has been cultured with biblical truths, values and mindset is simply your people. I dare say it's the safest people you can marry from. A true Christian man loves his wife like Christ loves the church! Any man that can love his wife half as Christ loves the church will be a *super star husband!*

For me, even if a girl is from the Antarctica, and I'm certain that she is of faith in Christ Jesus, she is *my people*. In fact, she is a more suitable candidate than a girl from Ezele-Uwani, Obie, Aku, Enugu State, who doesn't know Christ!



12

Many ladies have requested others to choose husbands for them. No doubt, this largely stems from the fact that they are either confused or don't trust their sense of judgment.

In this chapter, you will learn the implication of requesting that someone chooses a spouse for you and how much help people can give in arriving at a choice husband for you.



Me, Choose A Husband For You?

When marriage proposals come in drove, many *BrojidSisters* get confused and start asking: which one should I marry? In essence, they get confused and want me to help them make a choice of a husband or give my stamp of approval on one.

My sister, please I won't do that for you!

My Limitations in Choosing for You

I understand that I'm your brother and want the best for you and would, if I have the power, choose the best of anything for you without any hassle. But if it's about your husband, I don't want to choose him for you. I can choose wedding gown; hairstyle and wedding location. Lol!

The husband is yours and not mine. You will live with him for the rest of your life – for better or for worse. Therefore, you should clearly decide what you want. Screen all them in your list of *Men for Consideration* and decide who you really want to marry.

No matter how close we are as siblings or brethren in the Lord, I doubt if it's entirely appropriate for me to make a choice of a husband for you. No doubt people have made choice of a spouse for people in the past and they turn out happy. However, I am skeptical about doing it for you.

We are different personalities and have different expectations on what a husband should be. That makes me unfit to make the right choice for you. My choice may not turn out to be the best for you.

Moreover, I hardly know the men you want to choose from. In fact, I only know their faces, age, religion and origin. Those are insignificant information in determining whether a man is suitable for the job of a *Husband and Father* or not. These pieces of information are not enough to guide me in making a good decision; and if that's all the information you have, know that you have so little!

The Reality of Delegating the Duty

Even when you want people to guide you on making the right choices, be careful not to go to people who have distorted parameters. For some people, their first point for consideration is the person's state or ethnic group. For me, that is the *silliest* parameter to consider! It makes absolutely no sense! Seek counsel from people who understand what matters in marriage and they will provide you with godly and proper guidance.

Usually when a person, with all sincerity, makes a decision for another person, he takes a good share of the blame for the outcome of the choice. You are a full grown adult and should be able to make your decision and face the consequences. Otherwise, if you delegate it to me, your pastor or mother in the Lord, you must be ready for the outcome.

Believe me, I won't choose for you what I am not certain will be of good for you. So that in the event that things don't turn out as good as it should, I would not be blamed.

My Help for you

I wouldn't want to be responsible for your choices. However, there is something I can do for you: teach, guide, counsel you to arrive at the right choice. I am persuaded that it's a better approach than pointing you to whom you should marry or endorsing a choice you have made.

The remaining portions of this letter is devoted to providing you with the best guide, counsel and insight, I know that will help you choose your true husband!



13

Many men will come for your hand in marriage. Even if it is one person that will come, one key thing you should bear in mind is that you can't marry any man! In this chapter, you will learn practical things that will help you choose the right man that is capable of being your husband and father to your children.



You Can't Marry Any Man!

Proposals Shall Come

As we start the journey into discovering the right man, I'll like to start by telling you one key thing: you can't marry any man! I know that they want to marry you badly, but that doesn't make them fit to be your husband.

I also understand that they probably have been pestering your life since your second year or since they saw you last *Christmas*, but know that it doesn't qualify him for the job of being your husband! No matter the number and caliber of people that come for your hand in marriage, know that it takes more than having a sperm producing testis, job, or being a *spiritual bro* to marry you.

Life is for a Purpose

I have learnt that every creation of God is for an assignment and that forms their purpose of existence. The purpose doesn't end in marriage. Marriage should actually be a boost to it. Marriage should not bring distraction to it; it should give fresh life to it.

That's why I told you earlier that the mere fact that you are married is not an achievement. Marriage must make your life better to be called an achievement; otherwise it's a distraction. To avoid getting into a distraction in the name of marriage, you must look closely at the guy that wants to marry you.

A Husband: a Partner in Purpose

It's important you understand that men are not men just because they have sperm producing testis that can trigger the beginning of life. That's not what makes a man! Even *nama* has all those! That's why it's not any man that can marry you!

It's not every tall, dark, rich and handsome man that can be a supporter, boost and motivator to you in fulfilling your purpose. Being of faith in Christ Jesus offers you passport to heaven. However, when all of us get there, we will be judged in accordance with how well we fulfilled our purposes. That's why it doesn't make sense to marry a man who considers your life's purpose trivial and wants it stamped out as soon as you assume office as his wife.

The Bible says that "...two cannot walk together unless they agree." (Amos 3 vs 3.) You can't marry a man whom you disagree with on crucial issues of life. There are critical and trivial issues of life. The key issues matter in your major choices in life. If you disagree with a man on issues that matters most, you have no business with him as a wife. You can be colleagues at work and members of the same unit in church, but not wife!

A man that considers you unrealistic because of your devotion to God has no reason being your close friend not to talk of being a husband. If you mistakenly marry such a person, he will kill your faith and lead you away from the path of righteousness.

It doesn't take rocket science to know that you disagree with someone on key issues of life. Just having a conversation with the person says a lot about who he is. It tells you what he believes and don't believe. It shows you what he thinks of your decision made in obedience to God.

Even if he is a pretender, one day he will lose control and show his real self. I can guarantee you that! It doesn't take forever to know girls that just don't *gel* with me. It doesn't mean am looking for a perfect person. But my wife must possess the raw material with which I can help her work towards perfection.

Office of the Husband-Father

You and I know the multiple channels through which children are being misled in our generation. The negative influence in our environment is plenty. We are also aware that what children turn out to be is not a matter of predestination. Parents must use the rod of discipline, words and advice, positive role modeling and prayers to order their children aright.

It's not any man that is a competent co-child trainer. It has to be a man prepared, informed and spiritually mature to do that. A man will model for your child whatever he is – consciously and unconsciously. Be careful not to get married to a man you don't want your children to emulate. Also be careful not to marry a man that lacks the traits of a leader, mentor and inspiration to your children and yourself.

In fact, I think it is not safe to marry a man you don't think is sensible enough to give you direction because you don't trust his judgment. He will call you *unsubmissive* because you can't properly submit to such a man! A man is mandated by God to bear rule in his home. If you can't submit to his ruler ship, don't bother! Otherwise, you won't have the best of marriage.

It's unfortunate that many ladies end up marrying men because their eyes are fixed on trivial factors like the man's home town, state of origin, financial status, body build up and job. Please don't be part of that foolishness. A word is enough for the wise!



14

A husband material is a man who has traits which will translate into a husband and father within a marriage environment. A man that qualifies for this is a husband material. In this chapter, you will learn the key components that make up a husband material and how to recognize him.



Acquiring Husband Material

I have explained to you that you cannot marry any man because of who you are, who you will be and the great future ahead of you. Therefore, in your screening of *Men for Consideration*, you should look out for those that possess husband material– attributes that will translate into a husband in a marriage environment.

Every girl would want to marry the man that is a husband material. Unfortunately, many fail to do that largely because they lack guide to ascertaining who a husband material really is.

The starting point of recognizing a husband material is having a good grasp of what a husband is and his roles. If you are not aware of these, a husband material will be right before you but you will reject him. You will disqualify the best candidate on your list of *Men for Consideration*.

This is a Husband

A husband is *not* a man to bear his name and save you the *shame* and ridicule of being unmarried. He is not a man to be legally united to so that you can prove to the witches in your village that their *jazz* didn't work on you.

My understanding is that a husband is a man you unite force – intelligence, skill, experience – with to double your productivity and fulfill your purpose on earth.

Therefore, as you consider the men on your list, look out for men that your union with them will produce a unifying force for better child training and executing your assignment on earth.

A husband is a leader in the home. While he should encourage you to be your best at what God created you to be, it's crucial you understand that he can stop you from taking any step further in your career, either for the sake of child training or nature of his work.

I can't tell you all that a husband is here. Do your best to get **Pastor Bankie's** book, FREE on pastor.ng, ***Should I Say Yes*** and read the chapter he talked about husband.

Recognizing a Husband Material

Therefore, be careful to ensure you are getting married to a man you trust to provide you leadership. Get married to a man whom you trust his judgment for you and your family. Don't say "yes" to his proposal if you don't trust his sense of judgment or believe you can follow him as he leads.

A man is supposed to provide for his family and protect them as well. If you look at those men on your list of *Men for Consideration*, strike off anyone who is not capable to do that unless you are ready to wait for him to grow up.

Beware of These Distractions

Be careful to ensure you don't focus on trivial attributes in measuring their degree of fitness as husband materials. Don't reject the one that's not romantic; he can learn it. Beware of promiscuous men; it's hard to unlearn! Beware of people who are slaves to their emotion; they can beat you to stupor when they get angry.



15

Many ladies have had the privilege of meeting husband materials, but rejected them without knowing. In this chapter, you will learn why many ladies reject husband material and how you may avoid same blunder.



Don't Reject a Husband Material!

There are countless cases where ladies reject husband materials. Many times, the rejection was done in ignorance. That is why I want to share with you why they made such wrong choices and how you can avoid them.

Look beyond the Surface

A common reason many ladies reject husband material that come across them is because they fix their eyes on the wrong things. If you meet a man with potentials of becoming a millionaire tomorrow but has little today and you focus on the little he has, you will reject him.

Don't be carried away by the man basking in his father's wealth, unless he has the capacity to create, manage and multiply wealth, he will sink. It is only a matter of time!

Forget his body build up for a minute. I get worried when I see ladies capitalize on trivial things like the man should have six packs. Six packs for what? Wait, are children raised with six packs? Do six packs make a man faithful? Do six packs pay house rents or pay school fees? Seriously, *who six packs epp? Mtcheew!* Please over grow such childish thinking!

Who gave you a Husband Model?

I understand that our choices in life get influenced by the celebrities we watch; what they promote and endorse. But I refuse to allow shallow minded people give me picture of a wife. I listen to celebrities that understand life and have depth of matters in life.

Please build your criteria for a husband material on what truly matters in life and the petty issues will take care of themselves!

Take your focus away from the man that can bring out a chair for you in a restaurant. Any man who wants to have sex with you can do it with all pleasure.

Nothing is wrong with having a man that compliments you and calls you romantic name. But please don't be deceived into thinking he truly loves you and he is a husband material. A manipulator does that effortlessly to get you.

Don't write a good guy off because he doesn't call you thrice a day, call you sweet names and compliment your every move.

He may never have learnt to do them; teach him. If you can't teach him directly, give him a book on it to read, a talk to listen to or a link to an article to read.

I implore you to set your mind on the matters that are truly important in a husband material before you measure one for yourself.

A man that truly loves you will express it! His mode of expression of love may not be in tandem with Ramson Noah's, Van Vicker's or characters in Nora Robert's novel. But if you look closely, you will see for sure that he loves you.

Please accept his love as he shows it. He has a life to live, not your fantasies built from romantic novels and movies.

A man that truly fears God will treat you in a godly way. Opening the door of a car to save you from stress is the least of what he will do for you. He will provide you gadgets and counsel to make life easy for you. He will treat you as he will love to be treated.

My point?

Draw up your criteria of a husband material on things that truly matter, not the ephemeral things emphasized in romance novels and Indian movies. Go for what matters most and the little matters will be taken care of by default!

Erase Limiting Beliefs

Many girls also reject husband materials because they have distorted orientation about choosing a spouse. Many girls have narrowed their minds to their village people or at most state people. This is a primitive way of thinking because it denies an Ogechi a *confam* Ayodeji or Danjuma who is a husband material. Remember what I told you about marrying your people!

Best husbands are not from your village, town or ethnic group. Disregard the lie that men from certain ethnic group don't have respect for women, are promiscuous or suppress woman. It's a lie! You will find men like them in every tribe. In the same way, their opposites are also everywhere. Free your mind and marry him if he is a good husband material. Don't close your eyes and heart against him because of his tribe.

There is this madness among Christians that makes them reject correct husband material dispatched to them by God. Some denominations give others label and treat them as though it was the *urine*, not the *blood* of Jesus

that saved them. Once a person believes in Christ Jesus and loves God, he is fit to be a husband irrespective of his church.

Please beware of parents and pastor's selfish interest!



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One critical truth about being able to know who to accept or reject his proposal is to know who he really is. It's unfortunate that in an attempt to understand who a man truly is, many ladies focus on the wrong attributes. In this chapter, you will learn how to truly identify who the man proposing to you truly is.



Who is this Proposer Sef?

When I ask this question, it's common to hear people reel out the bio-data of the potential husband; but that's not what I seek to know with the question. His bio data says very little about who he is.

You Can't Marry a Stranger

If you get married to a man you hardly know, plenty surprises await you. Unfortunately, many of such surprises are never pleasant. That's why I want you to put in effort to know who you are getting married to. Know as much as is relevant. You can't know everything about these people as well.

Seek the Real Man

Some people go back to trace the origin of the proposer, circumstances surrounding their birth and such petty things. That's how people came up with *187 Questions to Ask Before You Say Yes*. While I give kudos to their intentions, I dare say that their method is faulty and would not produce the intended result.

There are key things which if you know about a man, you can correctly predict what he can do in any situation. Those are the things that I want you to seek to know about the proposer.

Any man you want to marry, please find out his philosophy of life. You don't need to ask him to find out. If he is a devil, he will give the answer he believes will suit you; not necessarily what he believes. But listen to him talk. If he is not the talking type engage him in discussions that will help you see what he believes and the template with which he runs his life.

A man that believes in *an eye for an eye* may not spare you when you default. A man who believes that there is no God will have zero regard for God and his morality is largely circumstantial.

A man that has no fear of God can do any evil imaginable under the sun. It will only take time for it to manifest. Get to know him on that level. It's not about how he treats you; but also how he treats others – his friends, family, coworkers and business partners.

Fear of God is not the same thing as being active in church. In many big churches today, we find guys who are there simply because they are looking for contracts. A devil can come to church and act like a serious Christian just because he had a bet with his friends that he must get you. Fear of God is about a person's lifestyle and the motivation for his actions.

What is his lifestyle?

I was told that *Marriage 101* entails you don't expect a man or woman to change after marriage. Any lifestyle you see in him today is likely to persist forever. If you can't tolerate it or endure it until he changes, don't border saying yes to him. A promiscuous man may never change unless by the saving power of Jesus Christ! I recommend that you help him encounter that power before saying yes than saying yes and crying about the consequences of his ways.

Discovering the Real Him

There are different ways to discover his real person.

Take your time to ask questions about him. Observe him and get basic information about him. Very importantly, take your time to talk with him on a wide range of issues at different time and length.

In my opinion, the best way to know who a person truly is is by talking with him or listening to him in a relaxed mood and on any topic. When people talk, they reveal a lot about themselves without realizing it. They reveal their life's philosophy and what drives them.

That's why I have never been seriously attracted to a lady just because of her physique. Just like what we call *China Phones*, a devil incarnate can be packaged as a good looking, figure 8 girl. The starting point of attraction to ladies for me has always been at the point of observing them, hearing them discuss why they do what they do and a revelation of their general philosophy in life.

Also, people's social media account reveals a lot about who they are and what they believe. You may also check that out as well. Of course, there are also pretenders on social media so you have to tread carefully!



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Whoever you get married to will have major influence on your life now and in the future. For the sake of your sanity and peace of mind, there are men you should beware of. Marriage to them is almost equivalent to signing up for pain, hurt and possibly untimely death. I want to show them to you, how to identify them and the danger of getting married to them.



Beware of These Guys

The person you get married to will have a major influence in your life, career and your children. That's why it's important that you don't get entangled with someone that will be a distraction to you and be led into ruin.

Disqualified for Marriage

There are all kinds of men to avoid but I want to point out four I believe are most dangerous. They are: *Promiscuous Men*, *Women Batter*, *Godless Men* and *Thieves*. Follow me as I introduce you to these men and how to spot them.

The Promiscuous man

Promiscuous men are not men that have three testes instead of two. They are men who by virtue of exposure, choices and values have decided to derive sexual satisfaction from any woman that will oblige them. Like animals, they don't believe that there are mates. They seek for any female that's available once the urge for sex comes. For them, being single is password to sex with anybody, anywhere and at any time they consider convenient.

He is not promiscuous because he has no wife. He is because it has become his nature by use. It has become part of him. There seems to be a compulsive force propelling him. Marriage is not a cure to this madness. It can at best make him express himself with some elements of decency.

When a man like this proposes to you, kindly turn down the proposal. Run for your life. Don't allow him trap you with his wealth, connections, fame

and secured job. All these can't suffice for the damage that his promiscuity will do to your marriage.

Please don't ask me, "Is it not just a weakness? Who doesn't have weakness?" Please it's not *just* a weakness! Many women have gone to their untimely grave simply because a promiscuous husband gave them HIV/AIDS and many other sexually transmitted diseases.

A promiscuous man can hardly change. Please don't marry him to change him. Help him get changed before marrying him. Dragging him to church won't change him; helping him get to the saving power of Christ will! Don't just invite him to your church, pray for him and expose him to materials that will transform his life.

The hope for a promiscuous man is the transforming power of Jesus Christ which will become operational in his life at New Birth. The best you can do for him is to pray for him until he is transformed. It's only at that point I will prescribe marriage with him.

The Woman Batter

Beware of women batterers. A wife batterer is someone whose way of expressing anger towards his wife is by hitting her. Again, background, association and values are the key factors that influence a man and determine who he becomes.

Whatever makes one a wife beater doesn't validate the inhumanity. If his Dad was a Mike Tyson to his mother, it doesn't make it right. It only shows how weak the man is in character. His son should learn better ways of

expressing his anger. What about taking a walk instead of beating his wife? What about going to watch match instead of beating his wife? What about locking himself in a room until he is no longer angry? Don't marry such a person or you may get emotionally drained, physically injured and eventually, literally die.

A good pointer to a man who is a wife beater is that he attempts to fight when he is provoked; even if it's not with you. In fact, let me put it straight to you: if a man beats you when you are not yet married, you have no business marrying him! No sane person sees death and walks into it.

I hear about ladies that go on to marry a man that beats them in the name of unconditional love. *Mtcheew!* Unconditional love my foot!

The Thief

The thief is one who instead of working hard to earn, chooses to take what belongs to others. It doesn't necessarily mean that he takes gun to steal; those who do that are called armed robbers. Some thieves believe that the way forward is to steal from others and they create opportunities to achieve just that. They steal continuously and compulsively. Some others steal because opportunity is presented to them and they feel they will go scot free.

Whichever brand of thief the man is, don't say yes to his proposal. It won't do you good in the long run. Don't mind his affluence and what he can achieve with the money. There is a way that seems to lead to wealth, but the end is destruction. Our actions are seeds that germinate on the sand of time. A thief is sowing a seed which its harvest is more painful than whatever gains that accrues from it. The gains of theft are only momentarily and its pains are deep and long lasting.

My sister, please don't enter a sinking boat by marrying a thief!

The Godless man

A godless man has no regard for God and His precepts and therefore lives however he chooses to. He won't teach you or your children the ways of God. He has no connection with God and therefore cannot tap Gods' power and wisdom for dealing with life's numerous challenges. There is no limit to the variant of evil he can execute! You don't have any business with him!

Life is so full of ups and down. You need a godly man to walk through it with God helping the both of you!



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There are times ladies get proposals from men they consider competent for the office of Husband and Father to their children but feel that before they formally consent to the marriage proposal they should play hard to get (H2G). In most cases, the purpose is to show the man that they are valuable. In this chapter, you will learn the futility of the practice and better ways of achieving not being taken for granted.



Playing Hard to Get

There are times a girl will see a husband material that she loves, but will refuse to give him a yes answer so that the man will not think she is cheap. Therefore, to prove that she is not cheap, she starts playing hard to get.

The Fear of Being Cheap

I sincerely understand your concern and fear of being perceived as a cheap girl – you may not be valued, appreciated or respected. Your fears are valid! But playing hard to get is most certainly not the cure for your fear. You need to understand who a truly cheap girl is. First let me tell you who a cheap girl is.

The Truly Cheap Girl

A cheap girl is not the one who saves a man the stress of meeting her, but the one who is actually of little value to him. A cheap girl is one who has low self-esteem. She feels she needs to give her boobs a push-up of bra to be perceived valuable.

A cheap girl is one who doesn't think of herself good enough but depends on a man to be satisfied and complete. A cheap girl is one who thinks that the cure to her personal and financial challenge is marrying a rich man instead of looking inwards to activate her wealth magnet.

A cheap girl thinks that the colour of her skin is inferior and so she bleaches it. A cheap girl has nothing of value to add to the man she wants to marry; she is a liability not an asset!

The Folly of Playing Hard to Get

If you fall into the category of a truly cheap girl, playing hard to get won't transform you to a treasure. In fact, a man that has eyes to recognize value will quickly know that you are doing what is called *Initial Gra Gra*.

I am not saying you should rush out with your answer. How can I say that when I have told you to take your time and not allow anybody rush you into giving an answer too quickly? My point is that you shouldn't unnecessarily stress him out, delay your answer or even embarrass him *because* you are playing hard to get.

Let me help you with this truth: there are many women he has known and talked to since he was in Jss3. He could have talked to any of them. For a man to single you out of the many ladies he knows and can talk to, I think you should understand he is not playing. He doesn't need to die on the cross for him to show you that his love is real.

Let me also tell you that the idea of playing hard to get as a means of confirming that he is serious makes little or no sense. Even a joker who doesn't want to marry you but play games with you can pose as a serious person in that sense. While you play *hard to get*, he will play *persistent in pursuit* until he satisfies his sexual fantasies.

Be Firm; but Don't Play H2G

Now, there has to be a balance. Don't water down your values and criteria of a true husband material because you now want to play *soft to get*. If for instance he wants to check your libido before marriage, tell him "no" with no apology. You can't give in to the temptation of fornication because you

want to play *soft to get*. If it's a pill too hard for him to swallow, he can pause his heart beat!



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I believe that there are practical wisdom you need before making the choice of a husband. You need to use your sense to screen out some people seeking your hand in marriage. However, no matter how good you are, it's crucial you don't put your trust in your sense alone. In this chapter, you will learn the limits of your wisdom, the place of God in making the right choice and how to activate God's help for the best choice.



Your Sense, not Good Enough!

What I have shared so far are practical wisdom that will help you in considering a marriage proposal and arriving at the right conclusion. I am certain that they are useful; but they are not good enough.

The Limits of Human Wisdom

There is a limit to what human wisdom can do for you. You don't know the future of the man you want to marry. I'm certain you don't want to marry a man that will die a year after your wedding. There are also times when you get confused on who to choose among the many guys flocking around you despite having the relevant information to decipher who is a husband material.

Steps are directed

God knows all and will guide you away from pains. The steps of the righteous are ordered by God. He leads them to where they will get the best. He will lead you away from the man that will die tomorrow. He will lead you away from the man that you have no business marrying. He will lead you to meet the man that is yours. (For more on this, please read my post, *Steps are Directed.*)

There are many husband materials around. But you can't marry just any of them. You have to marry the one that is your husband. It's your responsibility to choose the one that is your husband.

One pointer to being able to choose is to see people who you easily connect with. Among my female friends, I can marry about any of them, but am certain that any of them can't just be my wife. A good way to decide who #MrsBrojid becomes eventually is to check the one that I agree with most.

When you are confused on this matter, you take it to God in prayer. I have found out that when you take such matters to God after using *Scriptural Sense* to distill His will, He will guide you. He may cause the guy to say or do something you know you can't take from a man that wants to be your husband.

Activating God's Guidance

Don't rely on all these alone. Pray to God for guidance. Pray to Him for clarity when you get confused. Pray to Him when you are not sure. He will answer you.

Please know that God's guidance doesn't take away sense from you. If you saturate your head with the right knowledge of God's word, you can almost always predict who a worthy husband is with simple reasoning.

Once you know that there is no relationship between darkness and night, you know you have no business with a man that is not born again.

When you know that the only ethnic groups that exist are Jews, Gentiles and Christian, you know that the fact that you are from *Ilesha* and the man is from *Umuahia* doesn't make a difference.

It's when you have applied all the scriptural sense you know in reaching your decision that you can consult God for clarity. I am sure He will oblige you and give you direction when you ask Him.



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In this chapter, you will learn the reality of being engaged, how to conduct yourself in your courtship and maximize it.



Engaged? Congrats!

If after going through these checks and you have found out that the guy is a good husband material, you decide to marry him and therefore get engaged, congratulations!

The Reality of Being Engaged

I congratulate you because it's not easy to arrive at this point of readiness to get married. You have achieved a great feat by deciding to start the process of surrendering your leadership to a man. I congratulate you because you are signing up to be a servant of God in raising His army that will be sent to your household.

I congratulate you because you have finally made a choice from all the men on your list of *Men for Consideration*. It's good you have chosen one and released others to utilize their money, time and energy more fruitfully. Congrats for the boldness to narrow the gifts you receive to only one person. It's a bold step I tell you. Don't laugh!

However, I'd like you to know that your being engaged is not equivalent to getting married. They are two different things. If you doubt me, check your dictionary. #Lol

Being engaged means that you have started the process of trying to get married and the process can be terminated! *Abeg no look me like say I be bad belle*. I am telling you the truth, the hard truth!

Until You Become Mrs

I understand that you have a desire that the courtship turns out well, but it takes more than your plan and efforts to sustain your courtship until

marriage happens. He can decide that his proposing to you was a mistake. You may also find out in the course of your courtship – which starts when you accept his proposal – that marriage between the two of you will be a disaster. It's only a man that is a glutton for pains that will continue with the courtship.

Therefore being engaged, please *don't* treat him as your husband. He is not! At best, he is simply the best candidate on the list of *Men for Consideration* who is still under probation. I don't wish that he breaks your heart, but we have seen many people who courted and ended up not getting married.

My sister, you don't owe it to him to cook for him or wash for him. Please, respect yourself! Don't deceive yourself into thinking its love and go to cook and wash for him. If he doesn't have siblings that can do that for him, he should hire the services of cooks and laundry men!

Aside that, you may lose respect by rendering such services, you put yourself in a position where your resistance to sexual temptation is weakened. You and I know that *body no be fire wood*; unless yours is *sha*.

Also, don't go telling the world that he is yours. I am not saying that he is not. After all, Angle Mike came to tell you that he is yours. #Smiles. So I am not in doubt that he is yours. But I advice you not to announce it to the world because he may change his mind and you may change yours as well.

When you announce that you are in a relationship or courtship with him, you have invariably announced to other guys that are interested that you are taken and are therefore not available. If they stay away and you suddenly break up, they may not know. You may not be able to go

announcing to everyone that witnessed the engagement that the two of you are no longer together. This is another reason while open engagement is not too wonderful. You prolong the days of your singlehood!

Please keep it to yourself, close friends and relations and request that the information be treated as classified. Stop looking at those hyping *their own* on social media. You have plenty time to do that after your wedding. You can't keep the secret forever, but you don't have to make the announcement too early!

If *MrsBrojid* will agree with me when I find her, I will like our courtship to be as secret as Nicodemus' visit. You can be sure that I will love her to pieces but it will be between us until maybe a week to our *celebration of marriage*, what you call wedding.

Make the courtship Profitable

How long your courtship lasts depends on you and him. However, I don't encourage courtship for eternity. My reason is that you don't need to know everything about him to marry him. You just need to know key things about him. You can know the key things within months of regular interaction. If he or you are not ready for marriage, you can be just friends, not engaged, pending when he is ready.

I have never courted, but let me share with you what I intend doing when I will court.

I will be teaching her and she will be teaching me. We will use that season to develop a template for raising godly and confident children. We will read books and listen to messages. We will go for retreats and pray together, even if it's over the phone.

I will give her more details about the vision God has given me to run with in life and she will share hers with me. We will start learning how to work with each other.

Chastity in Courtship

What I won't do during that time is to have sex with her. Having sex with a man that will marry you next week is not having fun. It's called *fornication*. Fornication is a sin!

Many people ask: What about testing to see if she is Ok in bed?

It's a sin! *Shikina*.

If you have resolved to maintain chastity, stick with it. Ask God for a good spouse. Believe Him to send you one and go ahead with your marriage. God is dependable enough to give you the best possible spouse.

Please note that any explanation Satan gives for why God's command (which is chastity) to us does not make sense is his plan to rob us of God's best for us.

So, will Brojid test her 'can do ability' before marriage? No! Not all! God will give me the grace never to fall for that temptation.

For more on this, please read my post, *Testing your Wife's Libido before Marriage?*

I hope this has helped you. I wish you the very best in your marriage. Until we meet again, remain eternally relevant!



We Recommend...

Choose Your Husband is not a book about marriage and is not in any way exhaustive in the treating the subject of making the right choice of a husband. That's why we recommend that you get the following materials for more insight.

1. *Should I say Yes by Pastor Bankie**
2. *Marriage Sermons by Pastor Bankie*
3. *No More Two by Gbile Akani*
4. *Dignity of Manhood by Gbile Akani*
5. *Understanding the Power and Purpose of Men By Myles Munroe*
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