

WAITING FOR A GODLY SPOUSE

God is the one who created marriage, a pure and holy institution. He created it that His purposes will be fulfilled in it. Therefore, it is not a sin to get married and it is not a place to struggle and pain. Because He is the one who created it, He has a good and perfect gift for you "Husband/Wife" one who will bring you joy with whom you will serve Him.

Steps to take are:

1. Wait

Waiting means to hope patiently for something because you know one day it will surely come to pass. The promises of God are yes and Amen in Christ Jesus. He is never too late or too early. He always comes or provides at the right time.

2. Rest

This is a period where the devil can torment us so much therefore; you have to put your eyes on the Lord other than marriage. Life is more to it than marriage, which makes it very wrong to make it the most important thing in your life. You need to rest in Him. *"My soul finds rest in God alone, my salvation comes from Him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, He is my fortress, I will never be shaken"* Psalms 62:1-2. If you don't rest in the Lord, life will be full of struggle and a lot of pain.

3. Seek

You seek Him in order to change you, know Him more, teach you and also put you in His plan and purpose for the husband He planned for you. Seeking God is a requirement and when we do we find Him. Definitely at an appointed time, He will bring that Husband He has been preparing for you.

4. Trust

Trusting God is the assurance of knowing that He is able to bring that husband/wife to you without you helping Him in one way or another. You are convinced that however long it takes, He is able and He is going to bring him/her to you. Trust is an act of faith in God that your eyes are on Him.

5. Pray

It is very good to pray using the word of God because He spoke it and when we pray using it reaches quickly to the heart of the Lord. "*So is my word that goes out from my mouth it will not return to me empty but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it*" Isaiah 55:11. The word of God is so powerful and the results are evident so pray using it e.g.

- "Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me" Psalms 31:3.
- "Teach me your way, O Lord and I will walk in your truth, give me an undivided heart that I will fear your Name" Psalms 86:11.
Remember the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.
- "I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh" Ezekiel 11:19.

There are so many challenges/obstacles that are faced during the time of waiting, which include among others wrong attitudes, relationships we are in, bondages/curses, disobedience, therefore seeking God should part and parcel of your life in order to go back in the original plan of God. The more you commit yourself to the Lord the more He strengthens you till you are victorious.

Enter into repentance and spiritual warfare if you find out that your family background of any stronghold e.g. witchcraft, sexual immorality that

brought bondage and curses. *"For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds". 1 Corinthians 10:4.* This is a very sensitive area of your life, you can go to a church that teaches on deliverance from bondages and curses so that you are delivered.

6. Promise

It is very good to stand on God's promises, God will always fulfill His word, if you stand on it He establishes it. Some that you can stand on are:

- "For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11.
- "I say: my purpose will stand and I will do all that I please what I have said, that I will bring about; what I have planned that I will do" Isaiah 46:10, 11.
- "No one's whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame" Psalms 25:3.
- "The Lord is my shepherd I shall not be in want" Psalms 23:1.
- "I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel who summons you by name" Isaiah 45:3.
- "My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my life" Psalms 119:50.

7. Rejoice

Having joy in your life is a choice, we should cultivate an attitude of rejoicing in all situations and as you are waiting on God for a godly spouse. Your life will be full of REAL joy, peace, focus and success in all you do. "Rejoice in the Lord always, I will say it again, rejoice" (Philippians 4:4).

Remember:

- Don't play God by choosing for yourself a husband/wife.
- Strive for righteousness and purity all the time.
- Have a good attitude towards marriage.
- Sex before marriage is a sin and with many consequences, waiting is better.
- Cohabiting does not honor you, your family and God.
- Compromise leads to greater pain.
- Deal with pressure wisely about your delayed marriage from the family, society.
- Use this time to learn more about marriage so with the help of God you will succeed in it.
- Don't blame others for your misfortunes but have a positive attitude, things are getting better.
- Whatever you think that is what you will be. If you say I am getting old, that is how it will be.
- God is preparing you for that special husband/wife. Patience is a fruit of the Holy Spirit.
- While in waiting that God provides a husband/wife, live your life in full. Life full of Joy, peace, meaning and purpose.

May the Lord give you a heart that waits upon Him for a husband/wife, He has a special man/woman He is preparing for you with whom you will both serve Him and glorify His name.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I pray that you give me a heart that waits on you. I desire a godly marriage that will honor you. Help me through the power of the Holy Spirit to be faithful. Amen

"The blessing of the Lord brings wealth and He adds no trouble to it" Proverbs 10:22.