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This book is dedicated God Almighty, the Father of light and of all comfort, who only has immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto, to Him be honour and power everlasting, Amen. (I Tim. 6:16).

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INTRODUCTION

As a believer, it is very pivotal for us to choose rightly, but before you choose, there should have been a period of waiting and that brings us to the title of this book “***THE ESSENCE OF THE WAITING ROOM*** “.

A whole lot of people are missing it when it comes to this area of their lives, meanwhile, relationship should be an interview for marriage, for instance, if you are not ready to work with a company, you don't need to go for the company's interview, the same thing applies to relationship, if you are not ready for a lifetime commitment, or if you are not seeing a future with that Brother or Sister, then you don't need to go into the relationship , relationship should be a training ground for marriage, that's why I always say that “***A broken relationship is better than a broken marriage***”, regardless of the duration you've been together.

The first step you need to take before starting a Marriage Relationship is to put the Brother or Sister in the waiting room. So while he/she is in the waiting room, there are some things you should look out for, and to be spiritually inquisitive, more so, to be more discerning, in order to be sure that you are making the right decision and you are taking the right step.

The Scriptures says, in Proverbs 4:23 that “***Above all else, guide your heart, for it affects everything you do***” **NLT**. Another translation reads; *guard your heart with all vigilance or diligence, for out of it are issues of life*. A settled mind without clouds of issues derived from unhealthy relationships, broken relationships and broken marriages would definitely be free from the effect and scars they leave, because it would eventually affect everything we do, and that's why it's very essential to do the **WAITING**, so that we won't end up *waiting*. We should not only guide or guard our hearts with vigilance; we must also guard and prevent our future that includes our unborn children, and what God has called us to do in our generation.

We need to beware of comfort zones in life, because they may appear to be physically good, but not spiritually ideal, that's why we need to stay in the waiting room to discern what's best for us and our coming generation.

It is not right to keep a Brother or a Sister in the waiting room when you don't even know why you are keeping them there; more so, it is unfair to keep a Brother or Sister in the waiting room when you are not even seeing a future with that person.

The question is “**WHAT ARE THE THINGS TO PAY ATTENTION TO WHEN KEEPING A BROTHER OR A SISTER IN THE WAITING ROOM?**”

Question 2:- **“WHAT IS THE ESSENCE OF THE WAITING ROOM?”**

These questions would be answered in the body of this book, kindly prepare your heart to receive even as you read through the pages, happy reading and God bless you.

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CHAPTER ONE

THE WAITING ROOM

The waiting room is a very important subject that should be considered by all Singles, especially those that are considering going into relationship with marriage in view.

The waiting room is necessarily not a room or a geographical location, but it is a situation whereby a brother or a sister places the opposite sex in a position where close examining, investigation, inquiring, following up, research and observation is being taken.

For example, as a Lady, a brother approaches me and he confesses his feelings for me, it would be unwise as a Christian Sister, to give him an answer immediately. The next line of action should be that I'll appreciate the brother for summoning courage to approach me in the first place, and then make him realize that I would pray about it and get back to him, it's as simple as that.

Don't ever make the mistake of using the decision of your Pastor, Prophet, Parents or someone that you respect and honour so much, to be the final say over your decision or response to the proposal". I'm not saying that telling your Mentor or your Prophet or your Pastor is a bad thing, what I'm saying is that, their decision should be a confirmation to what the Lord has told you, i.e. a confirmation to what you've received personally from the Lord, and it should be judged to the degree at which it is in alignment with God's word, and how accurate it is with God's plans and purposes for your life, else, their decision for you might end up to be *a journey to nowhere*, that's why it is very important to have a Man of God you can trust their word over your life.

The book of Ephesians 1:13 says ***"In Him you also who have heard the Word of Truth, the glad tidings (Gospel) of your salvation, and have believed in and adhered to and relied on Him, were stamped with the seal of the long-promised Holy Spirit" AMP.***

The Spirit of God dwells in you immediately you accepts Christ as your personal Lord and Saviour, and He lives in you, you don't need a feeling to convince you that you now have Him, He's within you, He now makes His home with you, he can talk to you, and He can listen to you; Believers need to know and understand that, when considering a life partner, we need to depend solely on the person of the Holy Spirit to give us leadings, directions and instructions, it has to be personal, so that it would be that, it is God leading you, and not your Pastor or Prophet.

As a believer, we should always walk with the consciousness that the Holy Spirit is in us permanently and he would never leave you.

What makes you a Believer?

Let's check Romans 10:9-10

9. Because if you acknowledge and confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and in your heart believe (adhere to, trust in, and rely on the truth) that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved"

10. For with the heart a person believes (adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Christ) and so is justified (declared righteous, acceptable to God), and with the mouth he confesses (declares openly and speaks out freely his faith) and confirms [his] salvation."

From the scripture above, we were able to know that, believing in the finished work of Christ, that he died for your sins, and rose up again from the dead on the third day for your justification makes you righteous, but confessing what you have believed (the gospel, the good news, Christ) makes you saved.

Man is a **Spirit** according to *Genesis 1:26a*, (God said, Let Us [Father, Son, and Holy Spirit] make mankind in our image, after our likeness...) that has a **Soul** and lives in a **Body**.

The soul of a man has three segments, and they are;

- ✓ The mind/ intellect
- ✓ The emotion
- ✓ The will

THE MIND/ INTELLECT

The mind is the *control valve* of the human being, and it is the intermediary between the spirit and the body.

THE EMOTION

This is the realm of feeling such as anger, fear, happiness, bitterness and so on.

THE WILL

This is the seat of decision making, and it is also called the seat of judgment.

As believers we should always be conscious that we are Spirit beings, and we must know that, there is a huge difference between the operations of the spirit, and the workings of our mind. We should know our stand in Christ and also know our realities in Christ. That was why I had to establish that we have the Holy Spirit in us, we are jointed with Him, the scriptures says in ***1Corinthians 6:17 that, But the person who is united with the Lord becomes one spirit with Him.***

And verse 26 of John 14 says *“But the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, Standby), the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in*

My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will cause you to recall (will remind you of, bring to your remembrance) everything I have told you.”

John 16:13 also said *“But when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will guide you into all the Truth (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him], and He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come [that will happen in the future].”*

Having pointed out from various scriptural references above that the Holy Spirit lives in you, and he would guide you into all truth, teach you all thing. No one should choose who you would marry for you; neither should their decision be the basis for your life partner. You have the Holy Spirit in you, all you have to do is to go to your secret place, engage in a discussion with him (the Holy Spirit), fellowship with him in the place of prayer, and he would definitely guide you and lead you on the right path that you must follow. After getting a personal conviction or instruction from the Holy Spirit, then you can now tell your spiritual father or anyone you respect spiritually for guidance. But note, whatever they tell you must be a confirmation to what you’ve received personally; at times, Prophets have a new message from God to his people, that have not even been communicated to the individual before the time it was said, the way you would know the message is from the Lord is that, there would be an alignment or agreement from within you; the reason I made this point out is to guide against lopsidedness, to let you know that it’s not always true that Men of God would tell you what the Lord has already told you before, God can use them to speak to you probably about what he has not told you before, but as I said earlier, the way you would know it is from heaven is that there would be a stirring, or an agreement, or better still, a green light, to let you attest to it that it is true.

But however, what God intends to do is not for any Believer to be spiritually dependent on externals, but to be dependent on the internal (Holy Spirit), so that an average Christian would be able to hear what God is saying per time. Jesus said, my sheep knows my voice. That’s why I pointed out earlier that every Believer has the Holy Spirit, and first

priority should be given to him, and that, we should not continually be a babe, but grow up into maturity, know how God speaks to you, so that if your Spiritual Head says anything contrary to what you've received, you go ahead and do what you've received from the Holy Spirit personally, even if what you received seems hopeless, just follow the leadings of the Holy Spirit blindly and do whatever he tells you to do, oppositions might arise, everyone around you might be against you for walking according to the leadings you've gotten, even your closed friends, family members and closed relatives might be against you, don't be discouraged, just keep on following the leadings of the Holy Spirit and trust him for the perfection of what he has started, but then, be sure you are being led by the spirit, and if you are not so sure of what you are receiving, it would be advisable you go to your Spiritual Head, or trusted Believers to join you in prayers for more clarifications, so that you won't be found leaning on your own understanding,

As a **Sister**, the main reason for keeping a brother in the waiting room should be for confirmation from the Lord, getting leadings from the Holy Spirit, and also doing personal observation of the brother in question; there are lots of things to be considered during the period of keeping a brother in the waiting room, those things would be discussed in the third chapter of this book. Let's consider some scriptures talking about how God always wants to speak to us in any situation.

Psalms 32:8 said ***"I [the Lord] will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you."***

Also, Jeremiah 33:3 said ***"Call to Me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things, fenced in and hidden, which you do not know (do not distinguish and recognize, have knowledge of and understand)."***

Jeremiah 29:11-12 ***"verse 11. For I know the thoughts and plans that I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts and plans for welfare and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome....."***

"Verse 12, Then you will call upon Me, and you will come and pray to Me, and I will hear and heed you."

Whenever you seem to be in a cross road, or probably you are confused, it's not a time to break down and start crying, it's a time to approach the throne of grace, and obtain mercy in time of need (**Heb. 4:16**), it's a time to go to your secret place and wait on the Lord for instructions and direction concerning that matter.

Furthermore, let's look at it from **Brothers'** perspective now;

Before you approach a sister, you should have observed her closely in all areas (i.e. look out for the things you desire in a woman) ensure she has them, then go to the Lord in prayer to know what He is saying, so that you would know if there's any need to approach her or not.

As a brother, you should always be conscious of the fact that you have the Holy Spirit too; anyone shouldn't have the final say over who you desire to be your future partner, regardless of the person's spiritual office or authority. As a believer, you have the right to approach the Lord personally in your secret place and hear from him yourself, the Holy Spirit would definitely lead you to the right path, all you need to do is **wait** on Him for instructions with an open heart.

In the process of observing the sister you want to choose as your future partner, there's nothing wrong in admiring or preferring a particular kind, type, shape and size of a lady you want, that does not mean you are carnal, if you fail to go for those features you want all in the name of spirituality, the day you meet another sister that actually suits your taste of size and shape, you would start having issues in your own relationship, because you might lose focus, and before you know it, you might start fornicating in your heart, and that would be out of the context of what the Christian life entails.

However, it is imperative to know that facial beauty, or a particular size or shape shouldn't be your basis for desiring a sister to be your partner, it should never be the basis of your love for a sister, because such love would fade as the facial beauty fades away, what keeps a marriage is the fruits of the spirit working in the life of your partner as recorded in **Galatians 5:22-23**, coupled with the purpose for your union, and not facial beauty. I'll give a detailed explanation on this in the subsequent chapters.

Little wonder, Proverbs chapter 30 verse 31 said ***“Charm and grace are deceptive, and beauty is vain [because it is not lasting], but a woman who reverently and worshipfully fears the Lord, she shall be praised!”AMP.***

CHAPTER TWO

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE WAITING ROOM

A lot of marriages have crumbled, while some are being endured, all because both parties fail to consider this important subject called “*The Waiting Room*”; Marriage is not supposed to be endured, but to be enjoyed to the fullest. The story of Jesus being invited to the wedding in Cana of Galilee, (*On the third day, there was a wedding at Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there...and Jesus was also invited with his disciples to the wedding...John 2:1-2*), this scripture in the light of this book, shows us that, God is always glorified to see us have a happy Home; think about it, Jesus could have said he does not want to come to the wedding, He rejoices in our joy. Marriage is an institution created by God, and He himself does not want any of his children to have a broken family or marriage.

Before you go into a relationship, you should have known some of the things that relationship and marriage entails if not all. You might be surprised to see me mentioned marriage since the two partners have not yet come together, don't forget that we are talking about a relationship with marriage in view;

Can you come a little bit closer let me whisper to your ear, *grinning*, “**Relationship should be an interview for marriage**” and before you go for an interview, you must have had an idea of what the company you desire to work with stands for, right? You must have carried out a lot of research on how the administration of the company works; the main purpose for establishing the company; the aims and objectives of the company. The question is, why do you need to study and know about all these before going for the interview? Apparently, it's because you don't want to fail the interview, so that you would be able to secure the job, you know that the license for securing the job is passing the interview, this same thing applies to relationship, if you're not ready, you shouldn't try to go further.

It's amazing how people study hard just to pass an interview, but takes the issue of choosing a life partner with frivolity, levity and lack of appropriate seriousness. The issue of divorce is becoming more and more rampant these days, even among Believers, because a lot of people are missing it from the foundation, how could you even think of going into a relationship without proper preparation?, it's a journey towards doom, regret and sorrow, I tell you.

You have to understand that relationship is a lifetime commitment, so if you've missed it from the scratch, then it might not be possible for you to correct your wrongs again, that's why most people end up considering divorce as the best option for them.

Are you aware of the dangers of divorce, do you even know the consequences of divorce?

- Divorce does not only affect you but it has a lot of adverse effect on your children.
- It affects the way you reason.
- It might lead to low self esteem.
- It changes your mentality towards the opposite sex.
- It would leave a deposit of hatred and bitterness in you if not properly handled.
- It tarnishes your image in the society and soils your integrity and reputation.

These are some of the adverse effects of divorce, in order to avoid all these; as a Single Brother or Sister, you should not for any reason take the issue of the *waiting room* with levity. The waiting room gives you an avenue to enlarge your capacity, by tapping from the archive of knowledge of those that have succeeded in marriages, when I say this; I'm talking about Believers that have succeeded in marriage relationships. There's a saying that "*you see farther when you stand on the shoulders of the elders and those that has gone ahead of you*"

The waiting room gives you a lot of time to prepare yourself for what you would face in relationship and marriage, before going into a relationship, you should be aware of the foundational truths about marriages and relationships and those truths can only be found in the scripture, head knowledge or advices from friends can only supply you with facts not truths.

How often many Believers enter into relationships without having a vast understanding of what love is and how to love their partner? There is no escape route for ignorance, and not knowing is not an excuse. The kind of love God has for us is what should also be experienced and practised in marriage relationships, not otherwise. You don't learn to love when you are finally in a relationship; you have to learn it now. You should know that the definition of love is not Hollywood or Bollywood, A lot of people are getting it wrong, God is love, he is the encapsulation and origin of love, anyone that does not know God cannot know how to love. Relationship should be pursued with eternity in view.

Good works is a proof of salvation not a prerequisite for salvation (Gal 5:22-23 says "*But the fruit of the [Holy] Spirit [the work which His presence within accomplishes] is love, joy (gladness), peace, patience (an even temper, forbearance), kindness, goodness (benevolence), faithfulness,*

23. *Gentleness (meekness, humility), self-control (self-restraint, continence). Against such things there is no law [that can bring a charge].”*

All these fruits of the Holy Spirit can be referred to as good works, and it's impossible to produce fruits if the branch is not attached to the tree, the tree in this context is Jesus Christ our Lord (**John 15: 1 - 11**).

Verse 1 *I am the True Vine, and My Father is the Vinedresser.*

Verse 2 *Any branch in Me that does not bear fruit [that stops bearing] He cuts away (trims off, takes away); and He cleanses and repeatedly prunes every branch that continues to bear fruit, to make it bear more and richer and more excellent fruit.*

Verse 3 *You are cleansed and pruned already, because of the word which I have given you [the teachings I have discussed with you].*

Verse 4 *Dwell in Me, and I will dwell in you. [Live in Me, and I will live in you.] Just as no branch can bear fruit of itself without abiding in (being vitally united to) the vine, neither can you bear fruit unless you abide in Me.*

Verse 5 *I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much (abundant) fruit. However, apart from Me [cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing.*

Verse 6 *If a person does not dwell in Me, he is thrown out like a [broken-off] branch, and withers; such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire, and they are burned.*

Verse 7 *If you live in Me [abide vitally united to Me] and My words remain in you and continue to live in your hearts, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you.*

Verse 8 *when you bear (produce) much fruit, My Father is honored and glorified and you show and prove yourselves to be true followers of Mine.*

Verse 9 *I have loved you, [just] as the Father has loved Me; abide in My love [continue in His love with Me].*

Verse 10 *If you keep My commandments [if you continue to obey My instructions], you will abide in My love and live on in it, just as I have obeyed My Father's commandments and live on in His love.*

Verse 11 *I have told you these things, that My joy and delight may be in you, and that your joy and gladness may be of full measure and complete and overflowing.*

Understanding the love God has for you as a Believer is important while in the *waiting room*. Get yourself built up in God's word, know your realities in Christ, have the understanding of you being a branch in Christ, knowing fully well that there are no secrets to success in marriage; it's the matter of preparation, and spending quality time in fellowship with God in his word and prayer. This stage cannot be skipped and has no alternative if truly you want to have a Godly, happy and peaceful home.

Some people have entered into relationship in the name of ***testing***, while some have entered into wrong relationships because they were advised by an assumed imposter to proceed. Daniel entered the lion's den and came back alive does not guarantee the fact that you would also come out alive if you do the same, what guarantees your safety in the lion's den is your personal conviction provided you were led by the Holy Spirit. The difference between the former and the later is Faith and Foolishness.

The significance of the waiting room can't be underemphasized, because it's an eye opener, and it's the place of building yourself and placing demand on your inheritance in Christ as a Believer.

Once again, Relationship should be pursued with eternity in view.

CHAPTER THREE

THE ESSENCE OF THE WAITING ROOM

In this chapter, we would be looking at some points concerning the essence of the waiting room. We've established the fact that the waiting room is a process that cannot be skipped or overlooked in the structure of a Godly and peaceful future home in the previous chapters, so let's dive into the essence of the waiting room now.

➤ **It saves you from making terrible choices**

According to the explanations I made in the previous chapters, we've been able to establish the fact that it's in the waiting room that close observations are made, there's a saying that, if you fail to plan, then you are planning to fail. So the process of you observing a brother or sister closely is what we refer to as the planning stage in this context. Let me make an illustration for better understanding, I'll divide it into Two Sections.

- **SECTION ONE**

Brother **A** and Sister **B** are members of the same church, brother A sighted sister B one Sunday, and the moment he saw her, he began to develop interest in her, but due to the fact that he is a believer, and he understands the place of protocols and the waiting room, he decided to pray about it, by seeking the Lord in a three day retreat, during the retreat, he got a leading from the Lord that he can proceed, so he started rejoicing, but then, the Holy Spirit sharpened his understanding by making him realize that, the fact that he got a confirmation that he can go ahead does not mean that he should go and approach her immediately (that's the place of being led by the Holy Spirit, by waiting for the appointed time (**Habakkuk 2:3**), to keep the sister in the *waiting room*), why does she need to be kept in the waiting room? So that he would be saved from making a terrible choice.

He yielded and he started watching sister B closely, (the things he was watching out for would be discussed in the fourth chapter of this book), then after considering those points, he proceeded to examining himself to know if he is truly ready for the commitment, and also know if he has gathered enough momentum (physically, emotionally, spiritually, in all spheres, (I'll also explain this in details in the fourth chapter of this book). So, when all that was put in place and everything appeared to be successful and set, then he went back to his secret place (I.e his personal altar) to engage in a discussion with the God of all flesh, asking the same question David asked the Lord in the book of 1st Samuel 23:2, ***shall I go?*** He made up his mind to inquire of the Lord whether to proceed or not, so he decided to borrow David's pattern as recorded in 1st Sam. 23:2..... 2. **SO DAVID INQUIRED OF THE LORD, SHALL I GO** and attack these Philistines? **AND THE LORD SAID TO DAVID, GO, smite the Philistines and save Keilah.**

But as we all know, in brother A's case, he needed leading from the Lord whether or not he should approach sister B at that *time*. He then prayed and said, "*Dear Lord, should I approach sister B now or not?*" Then the Lord said to him "Go ahead my son" then he proceeded to ask her out. But note, it is worthwhile to know how God speaks to you.

He then approached sister B and confessed his feelings for her and, she replied that she would pray about it (this is place of sisters keeping a *brother* in the waiting room) **note, I used the word "A brother" not "brothers"**. it means that as a Sister, your eyes needs to be fixed on a particular brother before you can think of putting him in the waiting room, not that you would say I love brother A, and brother P too is not bad, more so, brother O seems to be the best option for me, or should I choose brother R instead? Smiles, of course it's normal for many brothers to be approaching you at a time, it's normal if they all confess their feelings for you, but it is not normal if you say that it is all of them that you want to choose, the only thing that would help you to make that right decision is to rate them all with your own standard and choose the one that suits your standard, it's only then you can now proceed to put the one you've chosen in the *waiting room* for close observation.

I'll continue my illustration with the Sister that was asked out, I'll give her the name, **Sister B**. Sister B is also a believer and she also understands the place of protocols and the essence of the waiting room, she then went to her secret place and waited on the Lord for confirmation and instruction, so the Lord told her that brother A is her man, so she started observing brother A closely in all spheres (*the other things to consider in a brother before saying YES would actually be discussed in chapter four*) then she arrived at the conclusion that she's fine with Brother A, so she went to her secret place (her personal alter) to ask the Lord whether or not she can tell brother A her answer and the Lord told her to go ahead and she did, then the relationship began.

• SECTION TWO

Brother **Y**, Sister **Q** and sister **Z** are members of the same fellowship, brother Y is the son of a pastor while sister Q is just a church goer, but sister Z is a believer and she is conscious of her realities in Christ.

Brother Y believes that because he is a Pastor's son, he is saved automatically, he forgot the place of **Romans 10:10** ...*For with the heart a person believes (adheres to, trusts in and relies on Christ) and so is justified (declared righteous, acceptable to God), and with the mouth he confesses (declares openly and speaks out freely his faith) and confirms [his] salvation.*

Although his parents were pastors, that do not guarantee his own personal salvation and experience with Christ, he was ignorant of this reality, and because of that, he kept on living with the wrong set of mind (mind set). So after midweek service on Wednesday, brother Y sighted sister Q and he fell in love with her **physique** on the spot, but due to the fact that he is not yet saved, and he did not have the Holy Spirit, the **will** section of his soul dominated

his body that moment, the next thing he said was that “ *thank you Lord for showing me my wife in today, thank God I came to church today,*” so he made up his mind that he would make sister Q his own at all cost, so he started getting close to her. The following Sunday he asked her if they can be friends and she agreed, then from there, he started getting her expensive gifts and the likes.

One faithful day, brother Y decided to get sister Q’s attention by manipulating her mind with dream, so he called her and told her that he wants to see her, and then they both agreed to meet the following day. The following day came, brother Y had rehearsed his lines well, they met and he started by saying “sister Q, I called for you because I wanted to discuss an important matter with you, and she said “you can go ahead sir” so brother Y started reciting all that he had prepared, “sister Q I actually had a dream and in the dream, I saw you standing alone on a lonely path, and you were looking so worried and deserted, then the Lord spoke to me using these words “*behold son, look at that beautiful lady in front of you*” and I said “*I can see her Lord*” and the Lord said “ *approach her, because I have given her to you as an inheritance*”, then I woke up.

As he was narrating the manipulated dream, sister Q was blushing, she was just saying, *awnnnnn awnnnn oh my God, am I hearing correctly? etc* , that gave brother Y more vibe to keep on arranging those blocks in her head, then he proceeded “ I love you so much sister Q, you are the most beautiful woman in the whole world, your beauty is stunning, your smile is charming, your face is always glowing in a very radiant manner..... and he kept on listing accolades for her, and she was screaming with joy, so he ended the accolades by saying “*sister Q, please will you be my woman?*” And she screamed “*yes yes yes yes yes*” then they both hugged each other and that was how their relationship began.

After some months of the relationship, sister Q got pregnant and she informed brother Y, and he told her that it is over between them, by so doing, he denied her openly, and since their relationship wasn’t open to everyone in the first place, people believed brother Y, leaving sister Q to bear the shame, she had to drop out of school, and things got out of hand for her. ***Note this that, relationship can never be sustained by infatuation, infatuation is different from love, and if an individual does not know God, he can’t know love and the way to love. Christ should be the foundation for every relationship, if god is not blessing it, it would crash and demolish.***

Few years later, brother Y met another sister named **SISTER Z** at the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) camp, they were both posted to the same station, to cut the long story short, he asked her out and she told him that she would pray about it, and then she followed all the procedures that sister B followed in section one, then the Lord revealed to her that brother Y is not someone she can go into a relationship with and she yielded to the leadings of the Holy Spirit, that was how she was saved from making a terrible choice.

Like I said earlier, both section A and section B are just illustrations, in section A, both parties were believers, and they understood the essence of the waiting room, they were patient enough to follow the process carefully and they did not skip protocols. But in the case of brother Y and sister Q they fell because they did not follow protocols, sister Q was just an ordinary church goer, not a believer, so it was easy for brother Y to get through to her with false dreams. And in the case of sister Z, she was able to discern because she's a student of the school of the spirit, she's a believer and she also yielded to instructions.

It's in the waiting room that you would be able to have deep revelation of who the brother or sister is, and it is also at that point that you would be able to have access to information that would make you realize whether the brother or sister is meant for you or not.

- **It gives you a clearer view of the person you want to go into a relationship with.**
- **It gives room to study yourself personally and discover your flaws, weakness, Strength, and where you need to work on before bringing a partner into your life.**
- **It helps you to choose the right partner.**
- **It is an effective ingredient in securing the happiness, mental stability and future of your unborn children.**
- **It ascertains your happiness in marriage.**
- **It helps you to discover the mandate for your union.**
- **It is in the waiting room that some people discover their individual and collective Purpose.**
- **It is the bedrock of every successful marriage.**
- **It helps both parties to learn and know what relationship and marriage entails**

CHAPTER FOUR

FACTORS TO CONSIDER BEFORE GOING INTO A RELATIONSHIP

Before you think of going into a relationship at all, there are some major factors that must unavoidably be considered, in order to ensure that you get the best of the relationship. You must ensure that you've mastered enough techniques or principles that would help you to be able to strike a balance between your relationship, your spiritual life, your academics (if any), and all other important spheres of your life. If you are going into a relationship with a wrong reason, it's an indication that you are approaching or accepting the wrong person.

A lot of marriages today have crumbled because they fail to understand this aspect, when you choose wrongly, it not only affects you, but it affects your unborn children (their mental stability, their happiness, their purpose, their career, their way of reasoning and lots more). When you are not happy in your marriage, there's no way the children would be able to grow in an atmosphere of love and happiness, and it's only in an atmosphere of love that the children can grow the way they are meant to in all spheres of life. In this chapter, the Lord would be helping us to take a look at those points to consider before you make the decision of going into a relationship.

POINT ONE: **You are complete on your own**

This is a very important point that most Youths of this generation fails to understand, it's amazing how some people think that the main reason they want to be in a relationship, is because they feel that they need someone to complete them. This mentality must be taken away if truly you want to get the best out of your relationship and marriage. You should be able to enjoy your own company personally, because if you are a type of person that always wants people around before you can ward off boredom, then relationship is not meant for you yet, until you overcome it. If you should go into a relationship with that mentality, I tell you that you would end up being a burden to your partner, because you would always want him or her around, and per adventure your spouse is a very busy type, you would always have issues with him, because you can't expect your spouse to leave his commitments/job/ministry just to spend time with you, there should be a place of striking balance between your relationship, your spiritual life, your purpose, your job and what have you, one shouldn't affect the other, that's why it's advisable that you go into a relationship with someone that has the same or similar purpose as yours in order to avoid issues (I would talk more on this in the next point).

You should always walk with the consciousness that you are complete on your own; you don't need a man or woman to complete you. You should note that there is nothing like **perfect half**, you don't have a perfect half because you are a whole person, you are not **half**, and your future partner is not half either, that's why the scripture says that **two**

shall come together and become one, NOT halves shall come together and become one. This is a very important concept that needs to be well understood before going into a relationship. Let's take a look at some scriptural references concerning this point.

Gen 2:24 *Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall become united and cleave to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.*

Note: The B part of that scripture says that they shall become **one flesh**, and the A part says that **the man shall leave his father and his mother and shall become united and cleave to his wife NOT a woman shall leave her father and mother and cleave to her husband**, this simply means that it is the responsibility of the man to leave his parents and approach a woman not vice versa.

Matthew 19 verse 5 - 6 *also says And said, For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be united firmly (joined inseparably) to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?*

Verse 6 *So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together let not man put asunder (separate).*

Verse 6 laid more emphasis on the fact that **they are no longer two but ONE flesh**, so this establishes the fact that both the man and woman are complete beings before they united. Check what I call God's mathematics for marriage;

$$1 + 1 = 1 \quad \text{NOT } 0.5+0.5=1 \quad \text{OR } 1/2+1/2 = 1$$

POINT TWO: Learn to enjoy the company of yourself personally

Until you learn to love yourself, you cannot love anybody. It's not all the time you'd be longing to be with your partner because the other party would see you as a burden when it gets to an extent. Of course it's normal for you to long to be around your partner, but excesses is as bad as not doing enough, you should be able to strike a balance and learn to set your priorities right.

POINT THREE: You should know that your decisions today determine what your tomorrow would look like.

Always walk with the consciousness that your decisions to choose rightly or wrongly today do not only affect you, but it also has impact on your unborn children and generations to come whether good or bad.

POINT FOUR: Don't go into a relationship if marriage is not in view

Before you even think of going into a relationship, ensure that the person is ready for a lifetime commitment with you; ensure that the person is ready to marry you. Don't forget that **relationship is an interview for marriage**. If you go into a relationship when you are not ready for it, it would open you up to so many wrong things that you are not yet ready for, and it would end up hurting you badly

POINT FIVE: Be intentional about growth in all spheres

Learn new things everyday so that when your future partner comes I.e. when you eventually meet, you would be able to present yourself as a full package not a liability. Furthermore, read books, acquire knowledge and tap into the archive of knowledge of those that has gone ahead of you. You have no excuse if you end up having a bad relationship or marriage, because all the decisions depend on you.

Peradventure your parents' relationship or marriage is not something worthy of emulation, or probably they made some mistakes, that do not mean that you won't have a Godly or healthy marriage. Even if it is a generational curse, the fact that you are a believer has made you free from the curse according to Galatians 3:13 which says, "***Christ purchased our freedom [redeeming us] from the curse (doom) of the Law [and it's condemnation] by Himself, becoming a curse for us, for it is written in the scriptures, cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree [is crucified].*** There's nothing like **the sins and trespasses of my parents is already having effect on me OR that is how it is in our family** NO! You are a believer and Christ have taken away all those things, it is left to you to lay hold on the promises the Lord has made concerning your life, war a good warfare with the prophecies that has been spoken concerning your life. Confess positively!

The fact that your parents are divorced, or they had issue in their marriage, is not an excuse for you to have a broken marriage too, because you have the DNA of Christ the moment you were adopted into Sonship, therefore, their mistake cannot affect you unless you permit it, and the only way you can stand against it is in the place of prayer and understanding your reality, it's by praying out what the Lord has in stock for you, because it is certain that his plans for you are good (**Jeremiah 29:11**, *For I know the thoughts and plans that I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts and plans for welfare and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome.*), lean on his promises and trust him, even when things are not looking like it, keep on trusting him and follow him blindly, for we walk by faith and not by sight.

Note: God does not choose for you, he can only choose with you, God has already given you everything you need in order to choose right, he gave you the Holy Spirit and the scripture says that the Holy Spirit would guide us into all truths and teach us all things, all

you have to do is yield to his leadings, for as many as are led by the spirit of God are called the Sons of God, Romans 8:14.

You have to know that love is different from feelings, feeling is just a chemical reaction which changes over time, but God is love and whosoever is born of God automatically has the DNA of God which is love in him or her, and His love have been shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost given to us.

PERSONAL FACTORS (Self examination)

Before you go into a relationship, there are some vital things that should be considered, and one of them is **self examination**. There are lots of questions you should ask yourself before you proceed. You cannot just go into a relationship if you are not ready for commitment, relationship is not a child's play, it's a serious matter and it's meant for matured minds, before you proceed to saying the word **YES**, you should be sure that you are ready for a lifetime commitment. The question is how do you know if you are ready or not?

There are some things that should be considered and noted in order to measure your level of maturity when it comes to commitment and we'd be discussing those things in this chapter. They are;

POINT ONE: Have you discovered your purpose?

This is a very important factor that needs to be considered. You shouldn't think of going into a relationship if you've not gotten your bearing personally, it is disastrous. Let me give an illustration of what you are doing to yourself if you go into a relationship without discovering purpose first. You can be likened to a person standing by the roadside without knowing where he or she is going, it is called (*journey to nowhere*), then the person saw one of his close friends and asked the friend that where are you going? And the friend replied that he or she is going to Lagos, and the person said, actually, I don't know where I'm going, but let me follow you, when the person got to Lagos, he found that he is not comfortable with the way Lagos is and he decided to follow another friend to his or her own destination again and the process would continue like that, it is called *cyclical journey of nowhere going to nowhere*.

When you go into a relationship without discovering your purpose, you would end up helping the other person to fulfill his/her own purpose at the expense of yours. The quote that says, *one way to maintain relevance wherever you find yourself in life is to stay within your God ordained purpose*, would be increasingly true.

POINT TWO: Have a standard

When you don't have a personal standard, everyone that approaches you would look okay to you, in other words, everything goes for you. You must have figured out the things

you want to see in your future partner and starts praying about those things from now, don't be a type of person that says anything goes. As a **Sister**, you have to figure out the things you want to see in your Man, and as a **Brother**, you have to figure out what you want to see in your Woman, it'd make it easier for you to choose from multitudes of people that desire to have you.

Moreover you have to learn how to stand your ground no matter what happens, it's aids your focus and your dignity, you've got to realize your worth and discern the set of people that actually worth you and fits in perfectly into your life, let your eyes be single.

POINT THREE: You must be able to discern genuine love from mere infatuation

Of course we know that the love of God has been shed abroad in our hearts as believers (**Romans 5:5**), *Such hope never disappoints or deludes or shames us, for God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us*. There's a place of you studying yourself personally to know if truly you've learnt how to love genuinely or you've just been deceiving yourself, true love is not based on material things.

Let's take a look at **1st Corinthians chapter 13 verse 4– 8** to know what love is.

Verse 4. *Love endures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily.*

Verse 5. *It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) and does not act unbecomingly. Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong].*

Verse 6. *It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail.*

Verse 7. *Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening].*

Verse 8. *Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end]. As for prophecy (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose), it will be fulfilled and pass away; as for tongues, they will be destroyed and cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away [it will lose its value and be superseded by truth].*

Read that scripture closely line by line and meditate on each word that is there, how quickly do you let go of grudges, how easily do you forgive those that have wronged you? How patient are you? Hope you are not someone that easily gets engulfed with jealousy?

How humble are you? Hope pride is not running in your veins? These are questions you should ask yourself; this scripture is the simplest acid test you can use to determine whether you love or you can love genuinely or not.

Note: if you've not learnt how to love genuinely, it's not advisable to go into a relationship yet, because you'd always have issues in your relationship which might eventually lead to break up, it's normal for you to have issues in your relationship, but it takes the power of genuine love to scale through all those trials and misunderstandings.

POINT FOUR: Your Character

There's a common saying that the anointing cannot be sustained without character, the same thing applies to relationship, a Godly and happy relationship cannot be sustained without character, charisma is common, but character is rare.

What is character?

Character can be defined as the inner and moral qualities that form the pattern of an individual behavior i.e. your character is your lifestyle.

What is charisma?

Charisma is simply a compelling attractiveness or charm that can inspire devotion in others.

From the above definitions, it's obvious that character is a real way of life while charisma is what people do to gain attention; it's a way of making people like you. The main thing you need in a relationship and in marriage is character not charisma.

Components of character

- Thought (Proverbs 23:7)
- Imagination (Gen 11: 1 - 6)
- Attitude (Prov. 20:11)
- Feelings
- Action

Note: Repeated action is what leads to habit, and character development is building upon a man's inner qualities.

EXAMPLES OF UNGODLY CHARACTER POLICIES TO ABSTAIN FROM

- Dishonesty
- Lying
- Slandering
- Deceit
- Cheating

- Lust
- Pride
- Covetousness e.t.c

QUALITIES OF CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

- Honesty
- Integrity
- Love
- Long suffering
- Humility and meekness
- Diligence
- Holiness
- Courage and boldness
- Outward appearance
- Moral excellence and wisdom

WAYS TO DEVELOP CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

- Absolute dependent on the Holy Spirit to bring out the divine nature from within.
- Word study and meditation (2 Tim 2:15, Joshua 1:8)
- Keep wise company (Amos 3:3, 2Cor 15:33)
- Live out the words you've studied
- Let your light so shine before Men

POINT FIVE: Do you have a Personal Altar?

This is also an important factor to consider, because there's no way your relationship can survive without you having a personal altar. Your personal altar is a place where you commune and dialogue with God, it's a place where you receive instructions and directions from the Lord, it's a place where you see into the heart of God and know what God is saying per time. So if you don't have a personal altar, how would you know the mind of God concerning your relationship? There's no way you can build a Godly relationship without having a blazing altar and a personal fellowship with the Lord.

POINT SIX: Have you been healed totally from your past wounds if any?

If you fall into this category, it's very important for you to ensure that you've been healed totally from those wounds and heartbreaks, you must ensure that you're already healed from that bruised emotion, because if you've not been totally healed, and you proceed into another relationship, you would keep on having issues in your new relationship, and there's high tendency that you might be transferring the aggression of the previous relationship to your partner, and that won't be good at all because you might end up destroying your new relationship. Don't punish your present partner because you've suffered in your previous relationship, it's totally unfair. In order to avoid this, you have to ensure that you're healed totally from the previous heartbreak before proceeding into another relationship.

THINGS TO CONSIDER IN THE OTHER PARTY

There are lots of things to be considered in the other party before saying **YES I DO** (most especially as a Sister), as simple as that statement is, it can make or mar your future, therefore before proceeding, close observation must have been made and a lot of things must have been considered. The points to be considered would be listed out now.

NOTE: *It's okay to like someone, but I tell you, if your likeness doesn't have these things I'm about to share with you, just let it go. Run for your dear life. And In case you are already in a relationship and your partner does not possess these qualities, it's advisable you have a rethink because "a broken relationship (whether dating or courting) is better than a broken marriage"*

POINT ONE: Ensure that the person you want to go into a relationship with is a believer.

Let's take a look at **2Cor 6: 14 - 16**

Verse 14 *Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers [do not make mismatched alliances with them or come under a different yoke with them, inconsistent with your faith]. For what partnership have right living and right standing with God with iniquity and lawlessness? Or how can light have fellowship with darkness?*

Verse 15 *What harmony can there be between Christ and Belial [the devil]? Or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever?*

Verse 16 *What agreement [can there be between] a temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God; even as God said, I will dwell in and with and among them and will walk in and with and among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. AMP.*

This scripture has said it all, as a believer, you shouldn't even consider an unbeliever as your spouse talk less of saying **YES I DO**. There is an obvious reason why Abraham told his

servant that he should help his son to look for a wife within his tribe, and he made the servant swear to him that he would ensure that his son does not marry outside of his own country. Let's take a look at the story in **Gen 24: 2 - 4**

Verse 2 *And Abraham said to the eldest servant of his house [Eliezer of Damascus], who ruled over all that he had, I beg of you, put your hand under my thigh;*

Verse 3 *And you shall swear by the Lord, the God of heaven and earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I have settled,*

Verse 4 *But you shall go to my country and to my relatives and take a wife for my son Isaac.*

Genesis chapter 24 is a very long chapter, but if you read through the entire chapter, you would see that the servant actually fulfilled the promise he made to Abraham. So the question is that “why did Abraham insisted that Isaac must not marry any of the Canaanite? Abraham understood the evil of the land of Canaan in those days, and marrying a daughter from the land would have been the last direction God could give him. As a believer, we all belong to one fold which is the family of God, that's our tribe, that's our family. We are not talking about human tribe or culture, we are one body in Christ, be it Japanese, Yoruba, Swahili, Hausa, Igbo, and what have you according to Galatians 3:28. The tribe and fold we are referring to is the Body of Christ, anyone that is not a member of the body of Christ is not from our tribe, and anyone that is not from our tribe shouldn't be considered as our partner.

POINT TWO: Be Discerning

You don't have the ability to change a man or a woman no matter how spiritual you are. Take for instance, when you go for evangelism, what you do is that you plant the seed of the word of God into the heart of the person you are ministering to, then the Holy Spirit would come and water that seed you have planted, it's only then that the person you ministered to would accept the gospel and confess Christ. In the same vein, it also applies to choosing a life partner, if you notice that there are some things that are not meant to be in the person you are considering, just stay away. There's nothing like “**Maybe God would use me to change him or her**”, If God would use you to change that person, let that change be effective first before you say **YES I DO**, not that you'll go into the relationship expecting change in the process of the relationship, it's impossible! Therefore, as a Sister, when considering a brother, ensure you open your spiritual antenna, even as a Brother, when considering a Sister, be discerning.

POINT THREE: You must believe in the same thing

As a Sister, you know that you are meant to play a submissive role in your marriage, so is it possible for you to be submissive to someone that doesn't believe in what you believe in? No! That's why it's better to choose someone that believes in the same thing that you believe in, there has to be doctrinal agreement.

As a Brother, you know you would automatically be the head of the family, do you think you would be able to rule your home if your wife does not submit to you? It's impossible!

In order to avoid issues, it's important to ensure that your partner believes in what you believe in. Marriage is a car with two steering, it takes one person to submit to the other for both parties to progress, but if both parties want to operate their steering at the same time, they'll both remain on a spot, that's how it works. If you choose someone that is not submissive as your woman, you would both remain stagnant.

Although the fact that the woman is meant to submit to the man does not mean that she does not have a say in the relationship, she can also tell her partner her views, so that they can both look at the matter from different perspectives and arrive at a joint conclusion.

As a Man, you shouldn't say that whatever you say is final because you are the head of the family, you need to respect your partner's opinion, so that both of you can arrive at a joint conclusion. But there would be problem in this aspect if both parties do not believe in the same thing.

POINT FOUR: Discover the main thing that is attracting you to the person.

It's okay to be attracted to someone, it's okay to like some particular features in a Brother or Sister, It's okay to like a sister's nice curves and pink lips or what have you (*grinning*), but ensure that what the person carries on the inside attracts you more. Its character you live with in marriage not facial look.

Someone that doesn't know God cannot know how to love because God is love. And remember, love is part of the fruits of the spirit (**Gal 5:22-23**), for anyone to produce these fruits, the person must be a believer, so if someone is not saved, they can't produce the fruits of the spirit.

Moreover, you should always remember that God's character traits are very important so you don't just go for someone because the person is rich or famous, or probably the person has a special gifting, as good as those things are, they shouldn't be the basis for choosing someone as your partner, you need to discover the main thing that is attracting you to the person and weigh it on the scale of God's standard before you proceed, and **note**, you should marry someone that is submitted to God and someone that you can submit to.

POINT FIVE: Determine the type of love the person has for you before you proceed.

You have to realize that where there is genuine love, it cannot be hidden and where there is no love, it cannot be forced. Until you love yourself as you ought, you cannot love any other person, it's impossible.

So there are four basic types of love, you have to know the type of love the person has for you before making your decision.

Types of Love

- Agape :- The God kind of love (Rom 5:5)
- Philio: - Brotherly love.
- Philo Tekno: - The love parents have for their children and vice versa.
- Eros: - Physical love, love by attraction, sexual love. (Most times, this is the kind of love that has been displayed to us by the movies we watch and externals, and it has been misunderstood by vast majority leading them into error in relationships).

Relationship should never be built on the basis of Eros; else it would not be different from worldly relationships.

POINT SIX: Agreement

Let's take a look at **Amos chapter 3 verse 3**

Do two walk together except they make an appointment and have agreed?

Agreement is on three levels because man is a tripartite being I.e Man is essentially a spirit that has a soul and lives in a body

1st Thessalonians 5:23

*And may the God of peace Himself sanctify you through and through [separate you from profane things, make you pure and wholly consecrated to God]; and may your **spirit** and **soul** and **body** be preserved sound and complete [and found] blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah).*

From the scripture above, we could see that man is a spirit, he has a soul and he has a body. So the agreement between both parties should be based on these three levels.

The both parties should agree Spiritually, Intellectually (Soul), and Bodily.

CHAPTER FIVE

KNOW WHEN TO SAY YES AND WHEN TO SAY NO

As a believer, discernment is a very important aspect of our Christian Walk, and we should all mature to a level where we would be able to receive impulses from the realm of the spirit with accurate perception and discernment. We should be like sons of Issachar that had the understanding of times and season (**1Chronicles 12:32**), *And of Issachar, men who had understanding of times to know what Israel ought to do* they were so discerning that the whole nation trusted their level of discernment, and they hearken to them. If you want to be a professional in a particular area, you would have to sacrifice your time, you have to attend classes, do assignments, do projects and then you finally write your exams, don't forget that you are expected to pass each exam you write, or else you won't move to the next phase of the course. The same thing applies to relationship, before you say YES I DO or OUTRIGHT NO!!!, you must have had the understanding of the basic things you have to look out for, before making your decision known to the other party, the question is “**how do I know when to say YES and How to say NO?**” I'll be highlighting some points that would help you to know when to say YES or NO

WHEN DO I SAY YES?

These are some basic points that would help you in your YES response as a **Sister**, and as a **Brother**, before approaching a Sister to ask her out, these points would also help you.

- The person must be a Believer.
- He/ She must have discovered purpose.
- Your dreams, future ambitions and purpose must be able to work hand in hand with each other.
- The person must be rooted in the word of God.
- The person must be willing to support your vision and dreams.
- He/ She must be intentional about growth in all spheres.
- The person must believe in what you believe in.
- The person must be submitted to God.
- The person must suit your taste and standard personally.
- You must be sure that the Lord is leading you to that person.
- The person must possess the qualities and features you've always wanted your partner to have.
- Ensure that the love the person has for you is genuine as a Sister.
- Ensure that the person is not only attracted to your facial beauty but loves you for who you are.
- Ensure that the individual is matured in all areas
- Is it the right time?
- Is He or She someone you can trust?
- Does he or she have someone he is submitted to? .

WHEN DO I SAY NO?

It's advisable that you say NO if you observe the following in the person

- If the person's love for you is conditional.
- If the person is an unbeliever.
- If the person is not submitted to God.
- If the person is yet to discover purpose.
- If the person is only attracted to facial beauty.
- If the person does not believe in what you believe in.

There are lots of points under this heading, but the main thing you should note is that, if the person in question does not have all the qualities that have been discussed in the previous chapters of this book, it's a no-go-area; moreover the person must also possess all the qualities listed in the previous heading.

Note: these points should not be treated with levity, because they are essential elements in determining whether or not your future home will be filled with happiness and joy, or the other way round. It's my earnest prayer that everyone that comes in contact with this book would be saved from making terrible choices, Amen.

HOW TO SAY NO AS A SISTER

This aspect also shouldn't be taken with levity, everybody loves to be cared for, so the fact that you are not accepting a brother's proposal does not mean you should go ahead and insult him, or make him feel worthless *NO!* It's totally wrong. If at all you want to refuse a brother's proposal, there are ways to go about it, wisdom is profitable to direct, there's a way you can reject the brother's offer and also help him to keep his integrity and worth as a Man. If you reject the brother in a harsh manner, there's high tendency that you would kill his self esteem in the process, and once a man has lost his self esteem, which would eventually make him feel inferior and condemned. Come to think of it, should a brother lose his self esteem and become disadvantaged in life just because he approached you and confessed his feelings for you?, if at all he would have to move on without you, does that mean he must leave with a shattered and broken emotion? No! It's inappropriate, in fact he's supposed to be a better person than the way he was when he met you, because his encounter with you should have left a tangible and valuable deposit in him, which would keep him going and support you throughout his life time.

Moreover, as a Sister, you should always walk with the consciousness that you are a carrier of substance; therefore, anyone that comes in contact with you must leave with something valuable, even if the person only spent few minutes with you. When I say "something

valuable “it does not necessarily mean material things, it’s like a transfer of virtue, a transfer of substance, how that a brother would discover purpose just because he had an encounter with you, or probably learn something worthwhile, whichever way it is, something must rub off on him by the reason of coming in contact with you.

The scripture did not say that “***he who finds a [true] wife finds a good thing and obtains favour from the Lord (Proverbs 18:22)***” **for** no reason, as a Sister, you should know that you are a carrier of substance and you are also a carrier of favour, therefore everyone that finds you has automatically found a good thing, and has obtained favour from the Lord, Glory to Jesus!

I’ve seen some Sisters destroy brothers with their speech, manner of approach, and way of address, some sisters have killed innocent brothers unknowingly, by making them feel worthless, I’ve heard of cases whereby the brother had to go and commit *suicide* as a result of the harsh manner the sister treated or responded to him, just because he confessed his feelings for her, the saying that ***pen Is mightier than the sword*** also applies to the tongue, ***tongue is also mightier than the sword***, It’s totally unfair, when you want to tell a brother NO, you should know how to be wise and calm about it, make them know how much you value them and how much you appreciate their courage to confess their feelings for you, then you now proceed in making them see reasons why you can’t go into a relationship with them, it does not have to be in a harsh or rude manner, learn to always value people and make them see the best in themselves and not making them see the worst of themselves, that would even make the brother cherish and appreciate you more I tell you...wisdom is profitable to direct! That’s why I pointed out in previous chapters that you must have known yourself and discovered yourself personally, be well built in all spheres, it’s only then that you can approach the matter skillfully with wisdom. **Learn to say NO without being rude, harsh, unpleasant, cruel, rough, offensive, bad-mannered or like an Unbeliever.**

HOW TO SAY YES

This is also an important factor that needs to be considered, the fact that you’ve gone through all the process listed in the previous chapter, and you’ve finally arrived at your conclusion, does not mean that you would just go ahead and say YES I DO anyhow, you know it’s a thing of joy, so there should be some kind of packaging in your approach to the matter, as a Lady, you should learn to do things and respond to them in a special, unique and kind manner.

When you are sure of your decision, you can call him or send a message that you guys should meet in a nice place, anywhere that suits you, but it should not be a closed place or somewhere secretive, for security reasons, because we are not ignorant of the systematic plan

and the devious ways of the devil, in order not to take advantage of the moment, you have to disappoint his schemes and put him where he belongs.

When you finally agree on where to meet, get a nice and decent dress, dress in a stunning and moderate manner, and hope you get my point? Don't be too flashy or probably wear a heavy makeover, you have to dress in a simple and gorgeous manner, dress like a Believer. When you eventually meet, you can just order for something nice and light, then you can start your discussion over the meal, but there are some important ingredients that your discussion should encapsulate, let me highlight them;

- Make him realize how much you cherish him and let him know that you respect his courage.
- Make him know your purpose, dreams, visions and pursuits, personal instructions you've received from the Holy Spirit concerning what you've been called to do.
- Ensure that you hear his own view too and let him discuss his plans for the future with you.
- Discuss on how your purpose can work hand in hand for the glory of the Lord.
- It's essential for both parties to discuss their do's and don'ts.
- Ensure that moment you spent together is worthwhile, and enjoy yourselves, play, chat, joke, gist..... etc
- Let him know you for who you are, don't pretend, be honest with whatever you tell him and let there be genuine openness and sincerity of heart.
- Then finally, you can make use of sweet words and make him realize how much you love him, you can sing for him if you want to, you can compose a song for him, you can recite a poem, just make sure you express your love for him the best way you can and he would definitely reciprocate, trust me.

Those are the points to consider when you want to say **YES I DO**, by so doing, you're on your way to a happy home, and in the path of fulfilling Gods plans and purposes for your life, and it's my earnest prayer that the Godhead grants unto you the wisdom for the season. Amen! God bless you.

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The essence of the Waiting Room is a book inspired by the Holy Spirit, and it is aimed at helping Believers understands what are the basic ingredients that makes a relationship work, learning when to say Yes and How to say No, to inspire Singles on things to watch out for in a Brother as a Sister, and things to watch out for in a Sister as a Brother. It is also aimed at equipping Brothers and Sisters for what awaits them in the future when they end up being in a relationship, and to make them understand the factors attached in considering a life partner. Choosing the right Partner is the most important decision you can make after your decision to follow Christ, because it is a lifetime commitment which stems at the root of who you choose as your partner. Relationship serves as a foundation and basis for godly marriage. A lot of things would be unfolded to you as you study the pages; my earnest prayer is that the eyes of your understanding are being enlightened as you study. I love you and God bless you.



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