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Ready to Receive

Most women in today's society believe that if you want to capture a man's interest you have to present your best qualities. However in their opinion, *best qualities* equate to being attractive, curvaceous, having a good job and looking the part. They think that this is enough of the right stuff to make any man stop and take notice, right? ...Uh, uh, uhhh – not anymore. Let's face it Sistas, there are more women looking to partner up than men; therefore, men tend to think that they have more choices. The bottom line is that many men who are looking, don't feel as though they have to look as hard and long as they use to. For many women this might be bad news, but for the woman of God it's just the news she needs to hear.

The other day, I complimented an old friend on how beautiful and radiant she looked. She thanked me for the compliment and asked "*why is it that I still can't find a man?*" We chuckled, but I thought about her question on my way home, and reflected on the number of times that I have heard many other women make similar kinds of remarks. It's absolutely astonishing to see so many beautiful and attractive women who are desiring to marry, but are still single. I'm sure you are just as curious and perplexed by this as I am. You just want to go out, find a single man, shake him and say "*What's wrong with you?*"

Well, as Christians we know that we can't do anything like that. There's a better solution for this conundrum, and it's in the Word of God. Whenever there is a problem as perplexing as this, the solution can forever and always be sought in the Word. It's the Word, the Word, the Word. Everything that pertains to life and Godliness is right in God's Word. Let's start with a familiar scripture that really sets the parameters of faith and believing. It's in Matthew 6:33 (NLT), and I know you know it. "*Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.*"

This is so plain and simple, yet it eludes most Christians still today. Any time you desire something that always seems to be out of your grasp, the first place to look is within your own mind, heart, and soul. You look at how you are prioritizing your walk with God, because that will tell the story about the level of abundance and growth in every area of your life.

When you are not putting God first in your life, there's no big flashing yellow light that comes out of the sky to warn you that you are embarking upon dangerous territory. The yellow light comes by way of your circumstances. First there's a knock, second there's a thump, then all of a sudden there's a big ol' bolder on top of your head. Now, you may not personally feel that not

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having a much desired partner is a bolder on *your* head, but many single women do feel this way. The weight of going through life alone feels almost unbearable to them.

Every woman who desires a successful and fulfilling relationship with a man can appreciate the work it takes to make it a reality. It's truly not about the nice car, the good job or even how attractive you are. Truth be told, it doesn't take much for a man to recognize marriage material in a woman at all. It sounds like a cliché, but it's true; marriage material is about the level of love in your heart, because the heart and soul does the drawing, not what's on the outside (*although the outside can help out too.*)

Now if you're desperate, guess what, that's exactly the energy you'll transmit to a man. He will pick up your eagerness to latch on, and this does nothing but set you up for a tremendous fall. However, if you've been actively operating within Matthew 6:33, then your radar will be so on point that your statement will radiate a woman that's prepared, cultivated in the spirit, and ready for the man who is destiny material.

Woman of God, you must be like Abraham—fully persuaded that what God has promised He is able and willing to fulfill. You cannot shrink in your stand on His Word, because He wants you to have all good things, including a good man that will love you and be a wonderful partner. Always know beyond all uncertainty that God wants this for you and He will provide it. Our Heavenly Father loves us so much that our minds can't even grasp all that He has done for us; take a look at *1 Corinthians 2:9 NLT: That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him."*

It takes much more than what's on the outside to make you ready for a blessing from God. You can't just look the part on the outside. Something within you has to convey your readiness to partner. The Father knows this, that's why He is calling upon you to straighten some things out and begin to live His way. You and I cannot neglect the *"living righteously"* part of Matthew 6:33 and still expect to reap the rewards, and yet this is exactly the problem that is causing so many of us to remain single, when we would prefer to be married.

Living God's way is problematic for some of us because it beckons us to abandon our former ways and take on God's approach. God's approach doesn't do anything half way, nor will He accept anything half way, so this means that we have to do some work on ourselves. If we want things to BE right with our Mr. Right, then we have to DO right. So in a nutshell, it's time to get yourself together so that when God gives, you'll be ready to receive.

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