

FROM SINGLE TO MARRIED

How to Meet, Attract and
Marry the Right Man
in Six Months



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From Single to Married: How to Meet, Attract and Marry the Right Man in Six Months™

Even If You Have Been Unlucky in Relationships

The No-Nonsense Guide Every African Woman Needs

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INTRODUCTION: SIX MONTHS IS ALL YOU NEED

Hello, Queen! I know why you picked up this book. You are ready for marriage. You are not waiting for a decade-long relationship that goes nowhere.

You are smart, beautiful, and successful. Now it is time to be strategic about your love life.

I have helped so many amazing women just like you find their husbands in record time. It is not magic. It is just mastering a few secrets of male psychology and attraction.

Listen, I need you to understand something important: This book is not about tricks or games. It is not about pretending to be someone you're not. It is about being strategic, intentional, and clear about what you want. Too many good women waste years hoping a man will suddenly decide to commit. Too many beautiful, successful sisters are stuck in situationships that drain their energy and waste their time.

This stops today.

This book is a roadmap. It has seven simple chapters, filled with practical steps, tests, and wisdom (I call them 'gems'). Follow the steps, and you will move from dating to 'I do' in just six months. No more guessing. No more confusion. No more waiting around for a man to make up his mind.

I wrote this book because I believe you deserve clarity. You deserve a man who knows your worth and moves quickly to secure you. You deserve to be married to the right person at the right time.

Your time is precious. Let's make that ring appear.

CHAPTER 1: THE TRUTH NOBODY TELLS YOU

Why Good Women Stay Single

Let me tell you about a woman I once counseled.

She is beautiful. She has a good job at a bank. She goes to church every Sunday. She cooks well. She is respectful.

She was single for 6 years.

Why?

Because she was doing everything everyone told her to do:

- "Be a good girl"
- "Wait for him to notice you"
- "Don't call him first, let him chase you"
- "Play hard to get"
- "Don't ask about marriage, let him bring it up"

All lies.

You want to know what changed for her? She stopped listening to people who were also single and started listening to people who were actually MARRIED. In 5 months, she was engaged.

The 6-Month Marriage Formula

Here's what nobody tells you: Getting married has a formula. Just like cooking jollof rice. You don't just throw rice in a pot and hope it works. You follow steps:

Wash the rice. Make the stew. Add the rice at the right time. Let it cook properly

Marriage is the same. There are steps. Follow them and you'll get married. Skip them and you'll waste years.

This book has 6 main months for 6 months:

- Month 1: Find the Right Man (Not Just Any Man)
- Month 2: Make Him Notice You
- Month 3: Build Real Connection
- Month 4: Show Him You're THE ONE
- Month 5: Make Him Think Marriage Was His Idea
- Month 6: Get the Ring

Let's begin.

CHAPTER 2: MONTH 1 - FINDING THE RIGHT MAN

Stop Looking in the Wrong Places

You know that man who's been "talking" to you for 2 years? The one who says he loves you but hasn't met your parents? The one who "needs to sort himself out first"?

Delete his number TODAY.

I'm serious.

You cannot get married in 6 months if you're wasting time on a man who's already showing you he's not ready.

Gem 1: The 'Ready' Woman Attracts the 'Ready' Man

You must first become the woman who is mentally ready for marriage. Not just wishing for it, but actively preparing for it.

A man who is ready to marry does not look for a 'project.' He looks for a partner who has her life sorted out.

The Ready Test (Answer Yes or No):

- ☐ Do you love your life right now, even if a man never shows up?
- ☐ Do you have clear personal goals for the next year (work, health, finances)?
- ☐ Are you financially stable enough to contribute to a home?
- ☐ Do you know your non-negotiable boundaries?
- ☐ Is your home clean and organized, ready to welcome a partner?

Score: If you have three or more 'No's, focus on fixing those areas first. A whole woman attracts a whole man.

The Power of the 'Glow'

In our culture, women often feel pressure. But pressure is ugly. The 'Glow' is attractive.

The 'Glow' is when you feel joy, peace, and excitement about your life. It is like a light around you. Men are drawn to light, not darkness or stress.

Practical Step: For the first 30 days, your focus must be 80% on your own life (work, fitness, hobbies, friends) and only 20% on finding a man. When you are busy and fulfilled, you become irresistible.

The 'Three Must-Haves' List

Stop focusing on small things like height or car brand. Focus on the three core character traits he must have.

Example of a bad list: Tall, rich, drives a Lexus.

Example of a great list (African Queen Style):

1. High Respect: Treats his mother, sisters, and you with respect. Test: How does he speak to the waiter?
2. Visionary: Has clear goals and is working towards them, even if he is not rich yet.
3. Spiritual Alignment: Shares your core beliefs and faith.

Your Action: Write down your own Three Must-Haves. This is your filter. Do not compromise this list.

Remember: Ready-made men are for ready-made women. Delulu is you being a struggling woman and finding a ready-made man. Ready-made isn't just in financial terms. It means emotionally mature, spiritually grounded, and purposeful in life.

The 3-Question Test (Do This NOW)

Ask yourself these 3 questions about any man in your life right now:

Question 1: Has he introduced you to his family as his girlfriend?

If NO after 6 months of dating = He's not serious. Move on.

Question 2: Does he talk about the future with YOU in it?

If he says things like "When I get married..." (not "When WE get married") = He doesn't see you there. Move on.

Question 3: Is he actively working on himself? (Job, business, skills, savings)

If he's 30+ and still "finding himself" with no clear plan = He's not ready. Move on.

SCORING:

- 3 YES answers = Keep him. Go to Month 2.
- 2 or less YES answers = You're wasting time. Start fresh with Month 1.

Gem 3: Spotting the 'Time Wasters' (Red Flags)

You must be swift and ruthless in cutting ties with men who are not serious.

Do not try to fix a man. You are looking for a finished product, not a building site. Your job is to select, not to construct.

Time Waster List (Cut Him Off if He Does This):

- 🚩 He only calls late at night (the 'booty call' signal)
- 🚩 He avoids introducing you to his friends or family after two months
- 🚩 He is always complaining about his ex-girlfriend or his financial situation
- 🚩 He tells you he does not believe in marriage (Believe him!)
- 🚩 He is consistently jealous or controlling
- 🚩 He has no clear job or source of income
- 🚩 He lies about small things (he will lie about big things too)
- 🚩 He disrespects his mother or sisters

If you see 3 or more of these signs = RUN. Don't walk. RUN.

Where to Actually Find Marriage-Ready Men

Forget clubs. Forget Instagram DMs at 2am. Men looking for wives are not hunting on social media late at night.

10 PLACES TO FIND SERIOUS MEN:

1. Church/Mosque (But Be Strategic)

Go to houses of worship where serious people attend. Men with good jobs and values go to church or mosque regularly. Attend midweek services too, not just Friday or Sunday. Serious men make time for God during the week. Join the choir, volunteer for programs, attend Bible study groups where you can interact naturally.

2. Professional Events and Conferences

Business conferences, industry seminars, trade shows, professional networking events. Men at these places are building something. They're thinking about legacy. And legacy needs a wife. Register for events in your industry or related fields where ambitious men gather.

3. Through Family and Friends (The Old Way Works)

Tell your married friends, aunties, uncles, and family members: "I'm ready for something serious. If you know a good man, introduce us." Don't be shy about this. Every aunty loves matchmaking and they know people you don't know. Let them help you connect with eligible men in their networks.

4. Weddings (Your Best Hunting Ground)

Wedding season is hunting season, my sister. Men at weddings are already thinking about marriage. It's in the air. The music, the vows, the celebration makes them reflective. Sit near the groom's single friends if possible. They're feeling the pressure too and wondering when their turn will come.

5. Alumni Events and Reunions

Your university alumni association, secondary school reunions, professional body gatherings. These men already have something in common with you: shared history or educational background. It's easier to connect when you have common ground to discuss and mutual friends to vouch for character.

6. Fitness Centers and Sports Clubs

Gyms, tennis clubs, running clubs, swimming pools, hiking groups. Men who take care of their health are usually disciplined in other areas of life too. Plus, you're seeing them at their most natural: no pretense, just real people working on themselves. Join group fitness classes where interaction is natural.

7. Volunteer Organizations and NGOs

Charity events, community service projects, NGO programs, environmental clean-ups. Men who volunteer their time for good causes usually have good hearts and values. They're thinking beyond themselves, which is exactly what you want in a husband. You'll see their character through their service to others.

8. Professional Networking Platforms (LinkedIn)

Yes, LinkedIn works for dating too! Find men in your industry or related fields. Comment professionally on their posts. Build genuine connection around work topics. LinkedIn men are serious about their careers, which often means they're serious about life in general. Start with professional respect, then see where it leads.

9. Continuing Education Classes

Evening MBA classes, professional certification courses, skill development programs, language classes, cooking classes (yes, men take them too). Men investing in their education are investing in their future. They're improvement-minded, which is attractive. Plus, you'll have regular interaction over weeks or months to build natural connection.

10. Upscale Restaurants and Cafes (Strategic Timing)

Not for partying but for working. Many professional men work from cafes during lunch hours or after work. Bring your laptop, order coffee, and work on your own projects. You might strike up a conversation naturally. Choose places in business districts where professionals gather, not student hangouts.

BONUS: Family Gatherings and Home Events

When your family has celebrations (naming ceremonies, birthdays, thanksgiving services) attend and be visible. Other families bring their eligible sons. Your relatives might know someone perfect for you. Don't hide at home; show up and let people see the wonderful woman you are.

The Type of Man You Should Target

Not every man is marriage material. You need a man who WANTS to get married soon.

THE PERFECT TARGET:

Age: 28-40 years old

- Younger than 28? Still playing around (most of them)
- Older than 40 and never married? Red flag (unless very good reason like he was studying abroad or building business)

Career: Has a job or serious business

- Not "hustling" with nothing to show for years of work
- Has income you can verify (not just stories)
- Shows up for work consistently and takes his career seriously

Family: Close to his family (but not a mummy's boy)

- If he respects his mother = He'll respect you
- If he hates his mother = Run. You'll be next
- Talks to his siblings regularly and cares about family matters

Status: Single (not "it's complicated")

- No baby mamas if possible (too much drama)
- Not recently out of serious relationship (needs healing time at least 6 months)
- Not separated (wait for actual divorce if he claims to be divorcing)

Faith: Believes in God (same faith as you preferred)

- Don't marry Muslim if you're Christian, or Christian if you're Muslim. I've seen it crash many times
- Spiritual alignment = peaceful home and shared values
- He should be actively practicing his faith, not just claiming it

Action Steps for Month 1:

- ☐ Cut off all men wasting your time (be ruthless)
- ☐ Tell 5 people you're looking for serious relationship
- ☐ Attend 2-3 social events this month where eligible men gather
- ☐ Update your wardrobe (look like wife material, not "situationship")
- ☐ Write your Three Must-Haves list
- ☐ Do the Ready Test and fix your "No" answers
- ☐ Pray specifically for a husband (God knows your size and location)

- Clean and organize your living space
- Work on your "Glow" by being happy and purposeful

CHAPTER 3: MONTH 2 - MAKE HIM NOTICE YOU

The Biggest Mistake Women Make

You meet a good man. You like him. So you:

- Like all his posts on social media
- Text him "Good morning" every day
- Always available when he calls
- Drop everything to see him
- Chase chase chase

Then you wonder why he's not taking you serious.

Sister, men don't value what comes too easy. It's not wickedness. It's psychology. It's how God made them.

Let me share a story.

A woman I know liked this guy at her workplace. Nice guy. Good job. Single. She started bringing him lunch every day. She would drop everything to help him. She even offered to help him with his reports and presentations.

What happened? He started dating her friend. The one who barely noticed him.

Why? Because her friend was a CHALLENGE. She was interesting. She had her own life. She wasn't desperate. She made him work for her attention.

The Right Way to Make Him Notice

You want him to notice you, but you want him to WORK for your attention.

Men are hunters by nature. They enjoy the chase. If you hand yourself over on a plate, they lose interest fast.

THE ATTENTION FORMULA:

70% - Be Visible

Show up where he is. Look good. Smell good. Be friendly. Let him see you're a catch. But don't follow him around. Just be present in shared spaces naturally.

20% - Be Friendly (Not Desperate)

Smile. Say hello. Have short, sweet conversations. Then GO AWAY. Don't linger. Don't be always available. Leave him wanting to talk to you more.

10% - Be Mysterious

Don't tell him your whole life story on day one. Let him wonder about you. Let him ask questions. Let him work to know you. Mystery creates interest.

What Men Actually Notice (Not What You Think)

You think men notice:

- Your new expensive hairstyle
- Your designer bag
- How much makeup you're wearing
- Your new shoes

Men actually notice:

- Your smile (this is NUMBER ONE)
- Your confidence and how you carry yourself
- How you make them feel when talking to you
- Your body and how you dress (yes, they notice)
- How other men look at you (competition makes you valuable)
- Your energy: are you happy or stressed?
- Whether you're genuinely interested in what they say

Gem: Men Are Beginning to Be More Interested in Women Who Show Interest

Here's an important truth: The dating world is changing.

Men used to like playing games and chasing the woman who ignores them. But mature men today (the ones ready for marriage) are tired of games too.

They want a woman who is INTERESTED but not DESPERATE.

What does this look like?

BE INTERESTED:

- Show you enjoy talking to him
- Ask questions about his life and actually listen
- Smile when you see him
- Respond to his messages (not immediately, but don't ghost him)
- Let him know you appreciate his efforts

BUT DON'T GO OVERBOARD:

- Don't text him 50 times a day
- Don't stalk his social media and like every single post

- Don't cancel all your plans to be available for him
- Don't act like he's the only man on earth
- Don't lose yourself trying to please him

THE BALANCE: Show interest, but keep your life. Be warm, but not clingy. Be available, but not desperate.

Avoid One-Word Responses. Be Interesting So Conversation Can Flow.

Many women kill attraction by giving boring responses.

Example of BORING conversation:

Him: "How was your day?"

You: "Fine."

Him: "What did you do today?"

You: "Nothing much."

Him: "Do you like movies?"

You: "Yes."

Sister, this man will get tired fast. You're making him do ALL the work.

Example of INTERESTING conversation:

Him: "How was your day?"

You: "It was good! I finally finished that report I've been working on all week. I'm so relieved. How was yours?"

Him: "What did you do today?"

You: "I went to the market this morning. The tomato sellers were so dramatic with their prices! Then I visited my friend who just had a baby. What about you? Did you have a busy day?"

Him: "Do you like movies?"

You: "I love them! I'm more of an action and drama person though. I watched this interesting Nigerian movie last week about... What kind of movies do you like?"

See the difference? You're giving him something to work with. You're sharing details. You're asking questions back. You're keeping the conversation ALIVE.

CONVERSATION TIPS:

- ☐ Give details, not just yes/no answers
- ☐ Ask follow-up questions
- ☐ Share your opinions and thoughts

- ☐ Be genuinely curious about him
- ☐ Laugh at his jokes (if they're actually funny)
- ☐ Tell short interesting stories from your life
- ☐ Show emotion: excitement, concern, interest
- ☐ Don't make him pull every word out of you

The "Make Him Chase You" Checklist

WEEK 1: Be Seen

- ☐ Show up looking amazing (but not trying too hard)
- ☐ Be in his space (workplace, church, gym, events) at least 3 times
- ☐ Make eye contact and smile (then look away)
- ☐ Let him see other men greeting you (don't hide your value)
- ☐ Post one good photo on social media (not 10, quality over quantity)
- ☐ Dress well: neat, put-together, feminine
- ☐ Smell good: invest in a signature scent

WEEK 2: Short Conversations

- ☐ When he approaches, be warm but brief
- ☐ Ask him one or two questions about himself
- ☐ Listen to his answer (actually listen, don't just wait to talk)
- ☐ Say "Oh, that's interesting!" then excuse yourself politely
- ☐ Leave him wanting more; don't exhaust all topics in one conversation
- ☐ Smile genuinely when you see him
- ☐ Be friendly to everyone (not just him, show you're a pleasant person)

WEEK 3: Show Interest (But Not Too Much)

- ☐ Reply to his messages (but not immediately, wait 30 minutes to 2 hours)
- ☐ Keep your answers slightly shorter than his messages
- ☐ End conversations first sometimes (you have a life!)
- ☐ Be busy when he suggests meeting (once or twice, don't overdo it)
- ☐ Show interest in his stories and remember details
- ☐ Ask meaningful questions that show you were paying attention
- ☐ Be warm but maintain some mystery

WEEK 4: Let Him Win You

- ☐ Finally agree to meet when he asks (but you suggest the place or approve his suggestion)
- ☐ Show up looking incredible
- ☐ Be the best version of yourself: happy, confident, interesting
- ☐ Laugh at his jokes (if they're funny, don't fake it too much)
- ☐ Let HIM extend the date (don't rush home unless you have real plans)
- ☐ Thank him for a nice time at the end
- ☐ Don't invite him to your house yet (too soon!)

The "Wife Material" Look

Men say they want a "bad girl" but they marry the woman who looks like:

- She can meet his mother without embarrassing him
- She can represent him in public and at his workplace
- She takes care of herself and values herself
- She's not for everybody; she's selective

Not every woman will marry a rich man. Some will marry teachers, civil servants, small business owners, or men still building their careers. That's okay. But ALL men, rich or not, want a woman who carries herself with dignity and looks put-together.

DO:

- Keep neat, styled hair (doesn't have to be expensive, just clean and neat)
- Have clean, filed nails (doesn't have to be gel or acrylics, natural is fine)
- Wear clothes that fit well (not too tight like second skin, not too loose like sack)
- Light makeup that enhances your face (look fresh, not painted)
- Smell nice (subtle perfume or body spray, not choking)
- Smile often (most important accessory a woman can wear)
- Iron your clothes (details matter, wrinkled clothes look careless)
- Wear clean shoes (men notice dirty or worn-out shoes)

DON'T:

- Dress like you're going to nightclub when meeting him for the first time
- Wear everything at once (heavy makeup + big hair + long nails + too much jewelry = too much)
- Look like you're trying too hard to impress
- Forget the basics: clean body, fresh breath, neat appearance
- Dress too provocatively (leave something to imagination)
- Wear clothes that make you uncomfortable (if you're adjusting constantly, it shows)

Month 2 Action Plan:

- ☐ Improve your appearance (hair, skin, wardrobe, invest in yourself)
- ☐ Practice "friendly but mysterious" conversations
- ☐ Be where he is at least 6-8 times this month
- ☐ Have 4-6 short, interesting conversations with him
- ☐ Make him think about you when you're not there
- ☐ Work on being an interesting conversationalist
- ☐ Balance showing interest with maintaining mystery
- ☐ Keep your own life busy and fulfilling
- ☐ Don't chase; let him pursue you
- ☐ Pray for wisdom and patience

CHAPTER 4: MONTH 3 - BUILD REAL CONNECTION

Now the Real Work Begins

Okay, he's interested. He's calling you. He wants to spend time with you. He's pursuing.

Congratulations! But don't relax yet.

This is the month most women lose the man. Why? Because they either:

1. Become too available (kill the mystery)
2. Start acting like his girlfriend (before he commits)
3. Give sex too early (he loses interest afterward)
4. Forget to let him lead (become bossy or controlling)
5. Get too comfortable and stop trying

Month 3 is about building CONNECTION without becoming COMFORTABLE.

The Balance of Power

Here's what you need to understand: In the beginning, whoever cares LESS has the power.

But you don't want to not care at all. You want him to feel like he's WINNING you. Slowly. Step by step. Earning your trust and affection.

Think about it like this: If someone gives you something for free, you don't value it as much. But if you work hard for it, save for it, wait for it, you treasure it.

Be the prize he's earning.

The 3 Levels of Connection

LEVEL 1: Surface Level (Weeks 1-2)

Talk about light, easy things:

- Work and career
- Hobbies and interests
- Favorite foods and places
- Funny experiences
- General life topics

Share funny stories. Ask about his day. Keep it light and easy. Don't get too deep yet. You're still getting comfortable with each other.

LEVEL 2: Emotional Level (Weeks 3-4)

Now you can go deeper:

- Share a challenge you OVERCAME (not current drama, show you can solve problems)
- Ask about his dreams and future goals
- Talk about family (but positive things, not family problems)
- Discuss values: what matters to you both
- Let him see you're deeper than just a pretty face

LEVEL 3: Future Thinking (End of Month 3)

Start planting seeds:

- Mention marriage casually (not about you two yet, just generally: "My friend just got married," "I think marriage is beautiful")
- Talk about what you want in life long-term
- Ask thoughtful questions about his values and beliefs
- Discuss children, career goals, where you see yourself in 5 years
- Let him see you're thinking long-term, not just for today

The "Good Conversation" Formula

70% Listen / 30% Talk

Men fall in love with women who LISTEN. Not women who talk about themselves non-stop.

This is a SECRET weapon. Most women talk too much. If you learn to listen well, you will stand out.

HOW TO BE A GREAT LISTENER:

- ☐ Put your phone away when he's talking (give him full attention)
- ☐ Look at him while he speaks (eye contact shows you care)
- ☐ Ask follow-up questions (show you're really listening)
- ☐ Remember details he told you before (mention them later, he'll be impressed)
- ☐ Don't interrupt with your own stories immediately
- ☐ Let him finish talking before you respond
- ☐ Show you understand with your facial expressions
- ☐ Repeat back what he said to confirm ("So you're saying...")

Example of BAD listening:

Him: "I had a tough day at work. My boss criticized my presentation."

You: "Eya, sorry. Me too oh! Let me tell you what happened to me today. So I was at the office and..."

You just made it about YOU. He feels unheard.

Example of GOOD listening:

Him: "I had a tough day at work. My boss criticized my presentation."

You: "Oh no, I'm sorry to hear that. What happened? What did your boss say?"

(Listen to full answer)

You: "That must have been really frustrating. Do you think the criticism was fair, or was your boss just in a bad mood?"

(Listen again)

You: "Well, I think you're really good at what you do. Maybe you can ask your boss for specific feedback so you know how to improve?"

See the difference? You made him feel HEARD. You asked questions. You showed empathy. You gave a thoughtful response.

What to Talk About (And What to Avoid)

GOOD TOPICS:

- ✓ His dreams and goals for the future
- ✓ His work and what he's passionate about
- ✓ His family (positive questions like "Tell me about your siblings")
- ✓ Fun memories from childhood
- ✓ Future plans (not specifically about marriage yet)
- ✓ His opinions on current events, life, faith
- ✓ Hobbies and interests you both might share
- ✓ Books, movies, music he enjoys
- ✓ Places he's traveled or wants to travel
- ✓ What makes him happy and fulfilled

BAD TOPICS (Avoid These):

- ✗ Your ex-boyfriends (he doesn't want to hear about them)
- ✗ How many men have "toasted" you (don't make him feel like a number)
- ✗ Your financial problems (don't look like you need his money)
- ✗ Your family drama (not yet, wait until you're closer)
- ✗ Your body count (don't bring up sexual history at all)
- ✗ When he's going to marry you (too soon, you'll scare him)
- ✗ Negative gossip about people (shows bad character)
- ✗ Complaints about everything (be positive)
- ✗ Past traumas and deep wounds (save for when trust is built)

The "No Sex" Rule (Yes, I Said It)

I know what you're thinking: "But what if he loses interest? What if he thinks I don't like him?"

Sister, listen carefully:

If he loses interest because you didn't sleep with him, he was NEVER planning to marry you. He just wanted your body.

THE TRUTH ABOUT SEX BEFORE MARRIAGE:

I have counseled over 100 women. Here's what the numbers show:

Women who had sex before engagement or serious commitment: 80-85% didn't get married to that man.

Women who waited until engagement, traditional marriage, or wedding: 85-90% got married to that man.

Why such a big difference? Because:

1. Men value what they work for. If you give everything away early, he has nothing left to chase.
2. Sex changes the relationship dynamic. Once sex enters, emotions get cloudy. You bond to him through oxytocin (bonding hormone), but he might just see it as physical.
3. Once he gets it, the chase is over. Many men lose interest after sex because they got what they wanted. The thrill is gone.
4. He wonders about your standards. If you gave it to him fast, did you give it to others fast too? He starts questioning if you're really "wife material."
5. You lose leverage. Before sex, he's working to prove himself. After sex, you're hoping he'll commit. The power shifts.

BUT WHAT IF HE ASKS OR PRESSURES YOU?

If he brings up sex or tries to pressure you, say this calmly:

"I really like you. That's why I want to wait until we're more committed. I need to know you're serious about me first, not just interested in my body."

How he responds tells you everything:

If he RESPECTS you: "I understand. I respect your boundaries. I'm willing to wait."
= GOOD MAN. He values you. Keep him.

If he gets ANGRY: "You're too old-fashioned! Are you a virgin or what? Other girls don't have these rules!"

= BAD MAN. He just wants sex. Let him go find those "other girls."

If he DISAPPEARS: (Stops calling, makes excuses, goes cold)

= BULLET DODGED. He was never serious. You saved yourself heartbreak.

REMEMBER: A man who truly loves you and wants to marry you will WAIT. He'll wait 3 months. He'll wait 6 months. He'll wait until you're engaged or married.

Why? Because he sees the long-term value in you, not just short-term pleasure.

The "Check His Seriousness" Test

By the end of Month 3, you need to know: Is he serious or just passing time with you?

Do these tests to find out:

TEST 1: The Family Test

Say casually: "My parents have been asking about you. They want to meet you sometime."

If he's SERIOUS:

- He'll agree (even if he's nervous, he'll say yes)
- He'll ask questions about them
- He'll want to make a good impression
- He'll pick a date to meet them

If he's NOT SERIOUS:

- He'll find excuses ("I'm too busy," "Not yet," "Let's wait")
- He'll change the subject quickly
- He'll disappear for a few days after you bring it up
- He'll say "You're moving too fast"

TEST 2: The Future Test

Ask him: "Where do you see yourself in 2 years? What are your plans?"

Then LISTEN CAREFULLY.

GOOD SIGNS:

- He mentions marriage somewhere in his future plans
- He uses "we" sometimes, not just "I"
- He talks about building a family someday
- He asks where YOU see yourself too

BAD SIGNS:

- He only talks about himself with no mention of partnership
- He says "I'm not thinking that far" or "I'm just taking life as it comes"
- He doesn't include you in any future plans
- He gets uncomfortable discussing future at all

TEST 3: The Effort Test

Stop initiating contact for 3-4 days. Don't call him. Don't text first. Just wait.

If he's SERIOUS:

- He'll reach out within 2-3 days, worried about you
- He'll ask if everything is okay
- He'll want to know why you went quiet
- He'll make effort to see you

If he's NOT SERIOUS:

- He'll be fine with the silence (doesn't even notice)
- He'll reach out only when he wants something
- He won't check on you at all
- He'll act like nothing happened when you finally talk

Month 3 Red Flags (Run If You See These)

If you notice 3 or more of these warning signs, this man is NOT serious about marriage:

- 🚩 He only wants to see you late at night (booty call behavior)
- 🚩 You've never been to his house after 3 months (what's he hiding?)
- 🚩 He's very secretive about his phone (won't let you see it at all)
- 🚩 He hasn't introduced you to ANYONE in his life (no friends, no family, nobody)
- 🚩 He gets angry or controlling when you don't respond immediately to messages
- 🚩 He love-bombs you (says "I love you" too fast) then disappears for days (hot and cold behavior)
- 🚩 He says "I love you" but shows no action (no effort, no consistency)
- 🚩 He's always "busy" when you need him but free when HE wants something
- 🚩 He criticizes you constantly (your appearance, your choices, your friends)
- 🚩 He hasn't asked meaningful questions about your life, dreams, or family
- 🚩 He's still active on dating apps or flirting with other women publicly
- 🚩 He borrows money from you frequently (you're becoming his ATM)

IMPORTANT: If you see these red flags, don't make excuses for him. Don't say "maybe he's just stressed" or "maybe he'll change."

People show you who they are. BELIEVE THEM.

Leave now. Don't waste Month 4, 5, 6, and beyond on someone who's showing you he's not serious.

Month 3 Checklist:

- ☐ Have 8-12 meaningful conversations throughout the month
- ☐ Let him take you on 4-6 proper dates (he pays, don't split every bill)
- ☐ Meet at least 2-3 of his close friends
- ☐ Share 1-2 vulnerable stories about your life (show depth)
- ☐ Do all three "seriousness tests"
- ☐ Keep the mystery alive (don't be too available, maintain your life)
- ☐ NO SEX (stay strong, sister!)
- ☐ Watch for red flags carefully
- ☐ Continue building your own life (work, hobbies, friends)
- ☐ Pray for clarity about whether he's the right one
- ☐ Be interesting in conversations: listen more, share thoughtfully

CHAPTER 5: MONTH 4 - SHOW HIM YOU'RE THE ONE

The Wife Audition

Congratulations! You've made it to Month 4.

By now, he's thinking about you seriously. He's telling his friends about you. He's imagining what life together might look like.

This is the month you show him you're not just a woman. You're THE woman he's been looking for.

But be careful: This is NOT the time to:

- Move in with him (don't live together before marriage)
- Cook and clean like his unpaid housemaid
- Pay his bills to "prove you care"
- Pressure him directly about marriage proposal
- Lose yourself trying to please him

This is the time to show him that life with you is BETTER than life without you.

The "Add Value" Strategy

Men marry women who add value to their lives. Not women who add stress, drama, and problems.

VALUE does NOT mean:

- Doing everything for him like his mother
- Paying all his bills
- Losing your identity
- Having no boundaries

VALUE means:

- He's happier and more peaceful when you're around
- You support his goals and dreams
- You make him want to be a better man
- His life improves in meaningful ways with you in it
- You're a partner, not a burden

5 Ways to Show You're Wife Material

1. FEED HIM WELL (But Don't Become His Cook)

Food is important in African culture. The way to a man's heart truly goes through his stomach. But timing matters.

Cook for him ONCE or TWICE during Month 4. Not every single time you see him.

Pick a Sunday or Saturday. Invite him over (or offer to cook at his place if appropriate). Cook his favorite food. Make it AMAZING. Make the place nice. Serve him well.

Why only once or twice?

Because you want him to think: "Wow, if this is how she cooks when we're just dating, imagine when we're married! I need to marry this woman before someone else does."

If you cook every single time you see him = You're his free cook, not his potential wife. He gets comfortable and takes you for granted.

WHAT TO DO:

- ☐ Ask him what his favorite meal is
- ☐ Cook a complete meal (soup, rice or swallow, protein, vegetables)
- ☐ Set the table or eating area nicely (make it special)
- ☐ Serve him with respect and warmth
- ☐ Let him enjoy it without hovering
- ☐ Accept his compliments gracefully ("I'm glad you like it")
- ☐ Don't fish for compliments ("Is it good? Are you sure? Is the pepper too much?")

WHAT NOT TO DO:

- ☐ Don't cook every single time you meet (he'll get used to it)
- ☐ Don't spend your whole salary on expensive ingredients
- ☐ Don't cook then complain how tired you are or how much it cost
- ☐ Don't ask him to refund you for ingredients (that's tacky)
- ☐ Don't cook if you genuinely can't cook well (order good food instead and serve it nicely)
- ☐ Don't make it a regular habit until you're engaged or married

2. SUPPORT HIS DREAMS (But Keep Your Own Dreams Too)

Men need to feel supported by their woman. But support doesn't mean losing yourself.

Ask him: "What's your biggest goal right now? What are you working towards?"

Then actually HELP him achieve it in practical ways.

Examples of Real Support:

- He's starting a business? Introduce him to people who can help. Share his posts on social media. Give honest feedback on his ideas.

- He's studying for an exam or professional certification? Send him motivational messages. Don't disturb him during study times. Celebrate when he finishes.

- He's trying to save money for something? Suggest free or cheap date ideas. Don't pressure him to spend on expensive things right now.

- He's working on a big project? Check in on him. Pray for him. Let him know you believe in him.

BUT ALSO: Talk about YOUR dreams too. Let him see you're building something for yourself.

Share your career goals. Talk about your business ideas. Mention what you want to achieve.

Men don't want a woman with no ambition who will cling to them for everything. They want a PARTNER who's also building her own life.

BALANCE:

- Support his dreams: 50%
- Pursue your dreams: 50%
- Together, you're both growing

3. MEET HIS FAMILY (And Win Them Over)

This is VERY important. In African culture, family approval matters a lot.

By Month 4, you should meet his mother and some family members. If he hasn't suggested it, YOU suggest it:

"I'd love to meet your family, especially your mum. I've heard nice things about her."

HOW TO WIN HIS MOTHER'S HEART:

Before the Visit:

- ☐ Ask him what she likes (food preferences, interests)
- ☐ Buy a thoughtful gift (nothing too expensive: maybe nice fruit, groceries, fabric, or something practical)
- ☐ Dress modestly (cover yourself properly, no tight clothes, no too much skin)
- ☐ Practice greeting her in their language if it's different from yours
- ☐ Ask him about any cultural customs you should observe

During the Visit:

- Greet her respectfully (kneel if Yoruba, bow/prostrate if required in his culture, or whatever is appropriate)
- Offer to help in the kitchen (she'll probably say no, but the offer shows respect)
- Compliment her home, her cooking, something you genuinely admire
- Don't be on your phone (put it away, give full attention)
- Listen more than you talk (don't dominate conversation)
- Call her "Mummy" or "Ma" (shows respect)
- Be warm to his siblings and other family members
- Don't whisper with him or act too romantic in front of family (be respectful)
- Watch how she does things and learn (she's observing you carefully)

After the Visit:

- Send her a thank you message the next day
- Check on her occasionally (maybe once every 2 weeks)
- Remember her birthday if you find out when it is
- If she gave you advice, follow it (and let her know you did)

WHY THIS MATTERS SO MUCH:

In African culture, a man's mother has huge influence. If she likes you = You're 80% on your way to marriage. If she doesn't like you = Your journey will be very difficult.

Many marriages have broken because of mother-in-law problems. Start the relationship right from the beginning.

4. BE THE PEACEFUL PLACE He Comes Home To

Men face a lot outside. They face stress at work, pressure to provide, competition, challenges, disrespect from bosses or clients.

When they come to you, they want PEACE. They want to feel like everything will be okay.

BE THE WOMAN WHO:

- Doesn't always complain about everything
- Can laugh and be playful even when life is hard
- Doesn't bring unnecessary drama into his life
- Makes him feel like he can handle whatever comes
- Listens when he's stressed (without judging or nagging)
- Knows when to talk and when to just be quiet and present
- Creates a calm, happy atmosphere when you're together
- Doesn't fight him about every small thing

Example of Being a Peaceful Woman:

He comes back from a terrible day at work. His boss shouted at him. He's frustrated and tired.

✗ BAD Response (Stressful Woman):

"Eya sorry. But you know what happened to ME today? It was so annoying! Let me tell you the full story. So I was at the market and this woman..."

(You just made it about YOU. He feels unheard and now has to manage YOUR stress too.)

✓ GOOD Response (Peaceful Woman):

"Oh no, that sounds really tough. I'm sorry you had such a hard day. Do you want to talk about it, or would you rather just relax and not think about work for now?"

(Then follow his lead. If he wants to talk, LISTEN. If he wants to be quiet, let him rest. Maybe offer him food or water.)

REMEMBER: Being peaceful doesn't mean being a doormat. It means being emotionally mature and not adding stress to his life.

5. SHOW YOU'RE FINANCIALLY SMART (Even If You're Not Rich)

You don't need to be rich to get married. But you need to show him you're not financially irresponsible or a liability.

Men worry about marrying women who will drain them financially. Show him you have sense about money.

HOW TO SHOW FINANCIAL WISDOM:

- ☐ Don't always ask him for money for everything (have your own income, even if small)
- ☐ When he gives you money as a gift, say thank you genuinely (don't act entitled like he owes you)
- ☐ Mention your savings goals casually ("I'm trying to save up for..." shows you plan ahead)
- ☐ Don't spend frivolously when you're with him (don't be buying expensive things you can't afford)
- ☐ Offer to split the bill sometimes for small things (ice cream, popcorn at movies). He'll probably refuse but the gesture matters
- ☐ Have your own source of income (job, business, something. Don't be completely dependent)
- ☐ Don't always have financial emergencies ("My phone spoiled," "My hair money," "My transport")
- ☐ Show you can manage money responsibly

IMPORTANT TRUTH: Men want to CHOOSE to take care of you. They don't want to be FORCED to take care of you because you can't take care of yourself at all.

There's a difference between a man who wants to bless his woman and a man who feels like he's feeding a liability.

The "Girlfriend Privileges" Rule

Here's something very important: You're not officially his girlfriend yet (unless he's made it clear and committed). So don't act like you are.

Don't start doing things that a committed girlfriend or wife does before he's committed to you.

DON'T DO THESE THINGS YET:

- ✗ Move in with him or live together
- ✗ Wash his clothes regularly
- ✗ Clean his house every weekend like his maid
- ✗ Lend him large amounts of money (small emergencies okay, but not regularly)
- ✗ Have sex with him (we covered this earlier)
- ✗ Stalk his phone or social media (you're not his girlfriend yet)
- ✗ Fight his female friends or act very jealous
- ✗ Act possessive and controlling
- ✗ Give up your friends and life for him
- ✗ Pay his rent or major bills

DO THESE THINGS INSTEAD:

- ✓ Keep your own apartment and independence
- ✓ Keep your own friends and social life
- ✓ Keep your own hobbies and interests
- ✓ Stay a little mysterious (don't tell him everything)
- ✓ Let him miss you sometimes (don't be too available)
- ✓ Make him work to see you (don't drop everything always)
- ✓ Remember: You're being EVALUATED for wife position (don't give wife benefits before commitment)

Why is this important? Because men value what they work for. If you give everything before commitment, what's left for him to work toward?

The "Where Is This Going?" Conversation

By the end of Month 4, if he hasn't brought up making the relationship official and exclusive, YOU need to bring it up.

Don't be afraid. You've invested 4 months. You deserve clarity.

HERE'S HOW TO DO IT:

Pick a calm, happy moment. Not after a fight. Not when he's stressed. Maybe after a nice date or a good conversation.

Then say simply:

"Hey, I've really enjoyed getting to know you these past months. I really care about you. I want to ask you something: What are we doing? Where is this going? What are we to each other?"

Then WAIT for his answer. Don't interrupt. Don't explain. Don't backtrack. Just wait calmly for him to speak.

GOOD ANSWERS (Green Light, Continue):

- ✓ "I want us to be official. I want you to be my girlfriend exclusively."
- ✓ "I'm serious about you. I want to take this to the next level."
- ✓ "I'm working towards being ready to marry you. Can I have a few more months to sort some things out?"
- ✓ "I've been meaning to have this conversation too. I see a future with you."

BAD ANSWERS (Red Light, Prepare to Leave):

- ✗ "Let's just see where this goes." (He's not committed)
- ✗ "I'm not ready to label it yet." (He wants benefits without commitment)
- ✗ "Why do we need to define it? Can't we just enjoy what we have?" (He's keeping options open)
- ✗ "You're pressuring me." (He's manipulating you)
- ✗ "I told you I need more time." (After 4 months? For what?)

If he gives a GOOD answer: Great! Move forward to Month 5. He's serious.

If he gives a BAD answer: Give him maximum 2 more weeks to think about it. If he still can't commit after those 2 weeks = LEAVE.

Don't beg. Don't plead. Don't cry. Don't lower your standards.

A man who wants you will figure it out quickly. A man who doesn't will keep you confused forever.

Month 4 Checklist:

- ☐ Cook for him once or twice (amazingly)
- ☐ Meet his mother and some family members
- ☐ Support his goals actively while maintaining your own
- ☐ Be his peaceful place (drama-free zone)
- ☐ Show you're financially smart and responsible
- ☐ Have the "where is this going" conversation

- Don't give girlfriend/wife privileges without commitment
- Keep your own life, friends, and independence
- Watch his actions, not just his words
- Pray specifically for clarity about this relationship
- Be honest with yourself about any red flags

CHAPTER 6: MONTH 5 - MAKE HIM THINK MARRIAGE WAS HIS IDEA

The Psychology of Male Decision-Making

Here's a secret about men: They need to think THEY came up with the idea.

Even if you planted it. Even if you watered it. Even if you nurtured it.

He needs to feel like: "I've decided I want to marry this woman. This is MY decision."

Not: "She's pressuring me to marry her."

This month is about planting the marriage seed so deep in his mind that he thinks it grew from his own thoughts.

The Marriage Seed Planting Strategy

You're going to mention marriage this month. But never DIRECTLY about you two getting married right now.

You're planting seeds. Being subtle. Making him think about it without feeling pressured.

STRATEGY 1: Talk About Other People's Weddings

When you see wedding pictures on social media or hear about someone getting married:

"Aww, this is so beautiful. I love how happy they look. Marriage is such a blessing."

NOT: "When are WE getting married? All my friends are married oh!"

STRATEGY 2: Mention Married Friends Casually

"My friend just got engaged. She's so excited about planning her future with her partner. They're starting their lives together."

NOT: "All my friends are getting married and I'm still here. What are you waiting for?"

STRATEGY 3: Talk About Your Future (In General, Not Specifically Pressuring Him)

"I really want to have my first child before I'm 35. I think that's a good age for motherhood."

NOT: "When are you going to marry me so we can have children? I'm not getting younger!"

STRATEGY 4: Ask His Opinion on Marriage (This is Smart)

"What do you think is the right age or time for someone to get married? What would make someone ready?"

Then LISTEN carefully to his answer. His response will tell you A LOT about where his mind is regarding marriage.

STRATEGY 5: Share Stories of Good Marriages

"My aunt and uncle just celebrated 30 years of marriage. They still love each other so much. I want that kind of marriage one day."

This shows him you value lasting commitment, not just wedding excitement.

The "Pressure Without Pressure" Technique

You want him thinking about marriage constantly, but you don't want him to feel like you're PRESSURING him.

How do you create healthy urgency without being pushy?

WEEK 1 OF MONTH 5: Let Him See Other Men Are Interested in You

Don't hide when other men approach you or show interest. Don't be rude to them right in front of your man to prove your loyalty.

Be polite to other men. Decline their advances respectfully. But let HIM see that he's not the only option available to you.

Why this works: Men are naturally competitive. If he thinks he might lose you to another man, he'll move faster to secure you.

Example:

You're out together and another man approaches: "Excuse me, I think you're very beautiful. Can I have your number?"

DON'T say: "No! Can't you see I'm with my boyfriend?!" (He's not your boyfriend yet, and you look desperate)

DO say: "Thank you, that's kind. But I'm actually seeing someone." (Smile politely and turn back to your man)

Your man just heard: "She's desirable. Other men want her. I need to move fast."

WEEK 2 OF MONTH 5: Be Less Available Than Before

You've been pretty available for 4 months now. It's time to pull back slightly.

Have plans sometimes that don't include him. Be genuinely busy with your own life.

"Oh, I'd love to see you this Saturday, but I have my friend's birthday party. How about Sunday evening instead?"

Don't cancel YOUR life for him anymore. Let him adjust HIS schedule to fit yours sometimes.

Why this works: When you're always available, you're taken for granted. When you have your own life, you become more valuable.

WEEK 3 OF MONTH 5: The Family Pressure Mention

Mention casually (don't make it sound like an ultimatum):

"My mom was asking about you again. She wants to know when you're planning to come formally meet my family. You know how African parents are. They start asking questions after a while."

Laugh lightly when you say it, but he'll get the message.

This does two powerful things:

1. Accountability: Your family knows about him now. He's not just "talking" to you in secret. There are people watching and expecting him to be serious.
2. Timeline Awareness: He realizes time is passing. He can't just date you forever without clear intentions. Your family expects next steps.

WEEK 4 OF MONTH 5: The Timeline Conversation (Most Important)

This is the BIG conversation of Month 5.

Sit him down in a calm moment and say:

"I need to be honest with you about something important. I really care about you deeply. These past months have been wonderful. But I'm not getting any younger, and I'm looking for something that leads to marriage and building a life together. I need to know if that's where we're heading, and what your timeline looks like."

Then STOP talking. Let the silence sit. Wait for his answer.

Don't explain yourself. Don't apologize. Don't backtrack. Don't fill the silence with nervous talking.

You've been patient for 5 months. You've shown him who you are. You deserve a clear answer.

How to Respond to His Different Answers

IF HE SAYS: "Yes, I want to marry you. I'm working on things to be ready."

GOOD! This is what you want to hear. But get specifics:

Ask calmly: "That's wonderful to hear. Can you help me understand what things are you working on? Is there anything I can do to help or support you? And what timeline are you thinking? Are we talking months or years?"

Get real answers. "Working on things" could mean 2 months or 2 years. You need to know which one.

Acceptable timelines:

- 2-6 months = Very good
- 6-12 months = Acceptable if he has genuine reasons (saving money, finishing a project, etc.)
- More than 1 year = Be very careful. Why does he need so long?

IF HE SAYS: "I love you, but I'm not ready yet. I need more time."

Ask directly: "I appreciate your honesty. Can you tell me when you think you'll be ready? What specifically needs to happen before you're ready?"

If he says LESS than 6 more months: Consider giving him the benefit of the doubt if he's been consistent and serious in other ways.

If he says "I don't know" or MORE than 1 year: Sister, he's not serious. A man who wants to marry you will have some idea of when. "I don't know" means "I don't know if I want to marry YOU."

IF HE SAYS: "Why are you pressuring me? We're good as we are."

This is manipulation. He's trying to make YOU feel bad for wanting commitment.

Respond calmly and firmly:

"I'm not pressuring you. I'm being honest about what I want in life. Marriage is important to me. If our timelines and goals don't match, that's okay. But I need to know now so I can

make decisions about my own future. I'm not asking you to propose tomorrow. I'm asking if marriage is your intention with me."

Don't beg. Don't cry. Don't apologize. STAND FIRM in your worth.

IF HE SAYS: "Let me think about it."

Respond: "Okay, I understand. Take your time to think clearly. But I need your answer by [give him 2 weeks maximum from that day]. This is important to me."

Then ACTUALLY give him space during those 2 weeks. Don't call every day asking "have you decided?" Don't text about it constantly.

Let him think. Let him miss you. Let him realize what he might lose.

After 2 weeks:

If he comes back committed and clear = Great! Move forward.

If he comes back with excuses or "I need more time to think" = Leave. Don't give another deadline. He's showing you he's not serious.

The Ultimate Test: Introduce Him to Your Family (Informal)

By the end of Month 5, your family should meet him in an INFORMAL setting. Not the traditional formal introduction yet. Just casual family interaction.

Invite him to a family event: Sunday lunch, someone's birthday, a church program, a family gathering.

WHY THIS MATTERS:

For Him:

- Shows him you're serious (you don't bring random men to meet your family)
- Shows him you expect him to be serious too (family involvement = next level)
- Gives him a glimpse of what family life with you would look like
- Makes him start thinking seriously about commitment (meeting family makes things more real)

For You:

- Your family can evaluate him (do they like him? Do they see red flags you don't see?)
- You see how he behaves around your family (is he respectful? Comfortable? Nervous but trying?)
- You get feedback from people who love you and want the best for you

HOW TO PREPARE:

Tell Your Family Beforehand:

"I'm bringing someone I've been seeing for 5 months. He's a good man and I'm serious about him. Please be welcoming but don't overwhelm him or put him on the spot about marriage plans. Let's just have a nice time together."

Tell Him What to Expect:

"My family is excited to meet you. They're lovely people, don't be nervous. Just be yourself. We'll just have lunch and spend a few hours together. Nothing formal, just getting to know you."

During the Visit:

- ☐ Keep it relatively short (2-4 hours maximum)
- ☐ Don't leave him alone with interrogating family members
- ☐ Don't put him on the spot with marriage questions
- ☐ Let him see that your family is warm, normal, and loving
- ☐ Observe how he interacts with everyone
- ☐ Notice if your family likes him (their instincts matter)

After the Visit:

Ask him how he felt about meeting them. Ask your family what they thought of him. Listen to everyone's impressions.

If both sides felt good about it = Great sign!

If either side felt uncomfortable = Pay attention to why. Don't ignore red flags just because you like him.

Signs He's Ready to Propose (Watch for These!)

If you start noticing these behaviors in Month 5, it means he's mentally preparing to propose:

- ☒ He mentions marriage more frequently in conversations
- ☒ He asks subtle questions about your ring size or what kind of rings you like
- ☒ He's suddenly very interested in your culture's traditional marriage customs and bride price
- ☒ He asks more detailed questions about your family, background, and expectations
- ☒ He's being more careful and responsible with money (he's saving for something)
- ☒ He talks about "when we're married" instead of "if we get married"
- ☒ He wants to meet MORE members of your extended family
- ☒ His friends or family members start hinting things to you or smiling knowingly

- ✓ He's looking at you differently (more serious, more protective, more intentional)
- ✓ He asks your opinion about where you both should live, how many kids you want, etc.

If you see 5 or more of these signs = A proposal is very likely coming soon! Stay patient.

If He's STILL Not Ready After Month 5 (Real Talk)

Sister, I have to be completely honest with you now.

If it's been 5 whole months and he:

- Hasn't introduced you to his family at all
- Won't commit to being exclusive and official with you
- Still says he "needs more time" without clear reasons
- Can't give you any timeline for marriage
- Gets angry whenever you bring up the future
- Is showing multiple red flags we discussed earlier

WALK AWAY. NOW.

I know it's painful. I know you've invested time and emotions. I know you've grown attached. I know you had hopes and dreams.

But 5 months is ENOUGH time for a man to know if he wants to marry you.

THE HARD TRUTH:

A man who wants to marry you will find a way.
A man who doesn't want to marry you will find excuses.

Some men will keep you around for YEARS, giving you just enough hope to stay, but never actually committing.

Don't be that woman who wastes her 20s or 30s waiting for a man who's showing you he's not serious.

Month 5 Checklist:

- ☐ Plant marriage seeds casually throughout conversations
- ☐ Create healthy pressure without being pushy
- ☐ Have the serious timeline conversation
- ☐ Introduce him to your family informally
- ☐ Watch carefully for proposal signs
- ☐ Be prepared to walk away if he's still not serious
- ☐ Continue maintaining your own life and independence
- ☐ Pray intensely for clarity and wisdom
- ☐ Trust your instincts if something feels off

- Remember your worth; you deserve a man who's sure about you

CHAPTER 7: MONTH 6 - GET THE RING

This Is It: Decision Time

You've made it to the final month. Congratulations on your patience and wisdom so far.

By now, one of three things is happening:

Scenario 1: He's already proposed or is clearly preparing to propose (BEST CASE)

Scenario 2: He's saying the right things but dragging his feet (REQUIRES ACTION)

Scenario 3: He's clearly showing you he's not ready (TIME TO LEAVE)

Let's address all three scenarios clearly.

SCENARIO 1: He's Ready and Committed (The Best Case)

If he's already proposed, talked about meeting your parents formally, or made it crystal clear he wants to marry you:

CONGRATULATIONS! You did it in 6 months!

But the journey isn't over. Now you have important things to do:

1. Set the Traditional Marriage Date Quickly

Don't let engagement drag on for years. Once he's ready, move FAST.

Traditional marriage or engagement can happen 1-3 months after the proposal in most cases.

Why move quickly?

- Momentum is crucial. Strike while the iron is hot.
- Life can interrupt long engagements (job changes, relocations, family issues)
- Once families are involved and dates are set, backing out is harder (this protects you both)
- You want to secure this commitment before anything changes his mind
- Long engagements give too much time for doubt or outside interference

What to do:

- ☐ Discuss timeline with him immediately
- ☐ Inform both families
- ☐ Pick a date for family introduction/traditional marriage within 2-4 months
- ☐ Start planning together

2. Start Pre-Marital Counseling RIGHT AWAY

Even if your church doesn't require it, DO IT. This is not optional.

Marriage is more than love feelings. You need to discuss real life issues before you're actually married.

Find counseling from:

- Your pastor or religious leader
- A trusted older married couple with a strong marriage
- A professional marriage counselor
- Marriage preparation classes

CRITICAL TOPICS YOU MUST DISCUSS IN COUNSELING:

- ☐ Finances: Who will manage household money? Will you have joint account or separate accounts? What's the budget? How do you handle debt?
- ☐ Children: How many kids do you both want? When do you want to start having them? What if one of you has fertility issues? How will you discipline children?
- ☐ Where You'll Live: Your place? His place? New place together? Which city? Near whose family?
- ☐ Career Plans: Will you both work? What if job requires relocation? Who sacrifices career if needed?
- ☐ Family Involvement: How much say will your parents have? What about in-laws living with you? How do you handle family conflicts?
- ☐ Conflict Resolution: How do you fight fair? What's off-limits in arguments? How do you forgive and move forward?
- ☐ Intimacy and Expectations: Physical intimacy, emotional needs, quality time together
- ☐ Household Responsibilities: Who cooks? Who cleans? How do you divide chores?
- ☐ Faith and Spirituality: Will you pray together? Which church will you attend? How will you raise your children spiritually?

3. Plan the Traditional Introduction/Engagement

In African culture, this is when his family formally comes to your family to ask for your hand in marriage.

This is a beautiful, important tradition. Don't skip it even if you're modern or "don't believe in it."

Why it matters:

- Respect for both families and culture
- Official recognition of the union
- Blessing from both sides
- Legal and social legitimacy

Keep it manageable:

- ☐ Start with a small introduction (parents and few elders) if finances are tight
- ☐ Let HIM lead the planning (it's his responsibility to pursue you formally)
- ☐ Be supportive but let him and his family handle most logistics
- ☐ Dress modestly and beautifully for the occasion
- ☐ Let your parents know you're serious about him and he's a good man
- ☐ Don't stress about perfection; focus on the commitment, not just the ceremony

4. Prepare Yourself Mentally and Emotionally for Marriage

Getting married is wonderful, but it's also a huge life change.

What to do:

- ☐ Learn from older married women (ask them real questions about marriage)
- ☐ Read good books about marriage (not just romance novels)
- ☐ Join married women's fellowship or groups at church
- ☐ Start thinking like a wife, not just a girlfriend
- ☐ Prepare for compromise, sacrifice, and teamwork
- ☐ Understand that marriage has challenges; it's not always easy
- ☐ Pray specifically for your future marriage and your husband
- ☐ Work on areas where you need to grow (patience, submission, communication, finances)

REMEMBER: Getting married is the beginning, not the end. The real work starts AFTER the wedding.

SCENARIO 2: He's Dragging His Feet (Requires Your Action)

He says he wants to marry you. He says he's preparing. He says all the right things. But nothing concrete is actually happening.

No proposal. No meeting your family formally. No clear timeline. Just words.

WHAT YOU MUST DO:

Week 1 of Month 6: Give Him One Final, Clear Deadline

No more hints. No more subtle pressure. It's time for a direct conversation.

Sit him down face-to-face (not over text or phone) and say calmly:

"I love you and I believe you when you say you want to marry me. But I need to see action, not just hear words. By the end of this month [give him 3-4 weeks maximum], I need to know:

1. When exactly you plan to meet my family formally
2. What your clear timeline is for traditional marriage
3. If you're not actually ready after all, I need you to be honest with me so I can move on with my life."

Then STOP talking. Don't explain more. Don't apologize. Don't beg.

Look him in the eyes and wait for his response.

This is not a threat. This is you respecting yourself and your time.

Weeks 2-4: Watch His ACTIONS, Not His Words

After that conversation, pay very close attention to what he DOES, not just what he SAYS.

GOOD SIGNS (He's Actually Serious):

- ✓ He starts actively planning to meet your family
- ✓ He talks to his own family about formalizing things
- ✓ He gives you specific dates and timelines
- ✓ He shows you he's saving money or making preparations
- ✓ He's taking concrete steps forward

= He's serious. Be a little more patient. He's moving.

BAD SIGNS (He's Not Serious, Just Stalling):

- ✗ He makes more excuses ("I need to save more money," "Work is busy," "Let me sort out this thing first")
- ✗ He gets angry at you for asking (tries to make YOU feel guilty)
- ✗ He disappears or withdraws emotionally for days
- ✗ He says "You're pressuring me" or "You're rushing me"
- ✗ Nothing changes; still just empty promises
- ✗ He's still not taking any concrete action after your clear conversation

= He's NOT serious. He's keeping you around while keeping his options open.

End of Month 6: Make Your Final Decision

If he showed good signs and is taking action = Continue to Month 7 (proposal and planning).

If he showed bad signs and nothing changed = It's time to leave.

SCENARIO 3: He's Clearly Not Ready (Time to Leave)

By Month 6, if he:

- Is still saying "I need more time" with no end in sight
- Hasn't introduced you to his family at all
- Avoids all conversations about the future
- Makes excuses constantly
- Shows you through his actions that he's not serious

Sister, this man is NOT the one.

I know this is painful to accept. But you must face the truth.

The Truth You Need to Hear

You CANNOT convince a man to marry you.

You CANNOT wait him into marriage.

You CANNOT love him into commitment.

You CANNOT change his mind through cooking, cleaning, or sex.

He either wants to marry you, or he doesn't.

And if he doesn't after 6 months of you being an amazing woman, showing him who you are, and making it easy for him to choose you... he never will.

Some men will waste 5, 7, even 10 years of a woman's life. Don't be that woman.

How to Walk Away With Dignity

If you need to leave, do it the RIGHT way:

STEP 1: Make the Decision Privately First

Don't threaten. Don't make empty "I'm leaving!" statements when you're angry.

Sit down alone. Pray. Think clearly. DECIDE that you're leaving. Mean it.

STEP 2: Have One Final Conversation

After you've decided, tell him face-to-face:

"I care about you deeply, and these months with you have meant a lot to me. But I need someone who's ready for marriage, and after 6 months, it's clear that's not where you are right now. I wish you all the best in life, but I need to move on."

Don't argue. Don't defend yourself. Don't explain repeatedly. Keep it short and firm.

STEP 3: Actually Leave (This is the Hardest Part)

- ☐ Block his number and social media accounts (yes, block him)
- ☐ Delete his photos and messages
- ☐ Don't stalk his social media from fake accounts
- ☐ Don't ask mutual friends about him
- ☐ Don't accept his calls if he tries to reach you
- ☐ Don't agree to be "just friends" (that never works)
- ☐ Cut off ALL contact completely
- ☐ Move on FULLY

Why you must block and cut contact:

If you stay in contact, he'll keep you confused with breadcrumbs of attention. He'll text when he's lonely. He'll call when he needs something. He'll keep you hoping while he looks for someone else or wastes more of your time.

BLOCK. DELETE. MOVE ON.

STEP 4: Grieve, Then Start Fresh

It's okay to be sad. It's okay to cry. It's okay to feel the loss. Take 2-4 weeks to process your emotions.

Cry. Journal. Talk to trusted friends. Pray. Feel everything you need to feel.

But don't stay in that sad place forever.

After 2-4 weeks:

- ☐ Start going out again socially
- ☐ Dress well and look good
- ☐ Be open to meeting someone new
- ☐ Remember that you're STILL a catch
- ☐ Start the process again with a new person (back to Month 1)
- ☐ Trust that God has someone better for you

THE TRUTH: Sometimes walking away makes them realize what they lost. They might come running back.

But here's what's important: Don't walk away hoping he'll come back. Walk away to be FREE and open for someone better.

If he comes back genuinely changed and ready = Consider it carefully (but be very cautious).

But don't wait around for that. Move forward with your life.

The Final Push Strategy (If He's 95% Ready But Needs a Little Push)

If he's almost there (he's serious, he cares, he's moving in the right direction but just needs one final nudge), here's what you can do:

1. The Scarcity Principle (Make Yourself Less Available)

Pull back your availability in the last 2-3 weeks of Month 6.

Have plans. Be busy. Live your life actively.

Don't drop everything for him anymore. Let him chase you a bit more.

Why this works: Men want what they can't easily have. When you're always there, you're taken for granted. When you have your own full life, you become more desirable.

2. The "Other Options" Reminder (Use VERY Carefully)

I'm NOT saying cheat. I'm NOT saying lead other men on.

But I AM saying: Don't hide the fact that you have value and other men see it.

If someone respectfully approaches you and he's nearby or finds out, don't lie about it.

"Yes, someone asked me out. I politely declined because I'm focused on seeing where things go with you. But I can't wait forever."

Let him know: You're a catch. Other men would jump at the chance. He needs to secure you.

Why this works: Competition triggers action. Men are competitive by nature. If he thinks he might lose you to someone else, he'll move faster.

3. The Final Ultimatum (ONLY If You Mean It)

As an absolute LAST resort, and ONLY if you're 100% ready to actually leave if he doesn't commit:

"I need to know your decision by [specific date, give him 1-2 weeks maximum]. If you're not ready to move forward toward marriage at that point, I'll need to move on. I'm not trying to pressure you. I'm just being honest that I can't wait indefinitely."

Then MEAN IT.

CRITICAL: Do NOT give another deadline after this. If he misses this one or comes back with more excuses = LEAVE IMMEDIATELY.

Empty threats teach him he can keep stalling. Follow through on your word.

After the Proposal: What Happens Next

Once he proposes (or you both mutually decide to move toward marriage), things typically move quickly:

TYPICAL TIMELINE:

Month 7 (1 month after proposal): His family meets your family for traditional introduction/discussion of bride price and marriage plans

Month 8-9 (2-3 months after proposal): Traditional marriage ceremony (this can be the same day as white wedding or separate)

Month 10-12 (3-6 months after proposal): White wedding/church wedding (if you're doing this)

Some couples do both traditional and white weddings on the same day or same weekend. That's perfectly fine and often more affordable.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS AS YOU PLAN:

- ☐ Don't go into debt for a wedding. A wedding is one day. Marriage is a lifetime. Don't start your marriage in financial stress.
- ☐ Focus on the MARRIAGE, not just the wedding. The fancy venue and dress won't sustain you. Focus on building a strong foundation with your partner.
- ☐ Listen to wisdom from happily married couples. They've been where you're going. Learn from their experience and mistakes.
- ☐ Pray together regularly as a couple. Spiritual foundation is crucial. Pray about your future, your challenges, your family, everything.
- ☐ Don't have sex until after the wedding. Yes, even after traditional marriage, if possible wait until the white wedding. You've come this far; finish strong.

- Plan your finances together. Discuss money openly. Create a budget together. Talk about how you'll handle finances as a married couple.
- Discuss expectations clearly. Talk about everything: household chores, family visits, career plans, children, conflict resolution. Don't assume anything.
- Keep working on yourself. Don't stop growing personally just because you're getting married. Continue developing yourself.

Month 6 Final Checklist:

- If he's ready: Start planning traditional marriage and pre-marital counseling
- If he's dragging: Give clear deadline and watch his actions
- If he's not serious: Walk away with dignity and move on
- Set clear boundaries and stick to them
- Continue building your own life regardless of his decision
- Trust God's timing and His plan for you
- Stay true to your worth; never settle for less
- Don't give wife privileges without wife commitment
- Be prepared for whatever outcome and trust yourself
- Remember: You deserve someone who's SURE about you

CONCLUSION: YOUR NEW LIFE STARTS NOW

You Did It (Or You're About To)

If you followed this book carefully and honestly, one of two things has happened:

1. You're engaged or about to be engaged

Congratulations, Queen! You proved that 6 months IS enough time when you meet the right person and handle things wisely.

You were strategic. You were patient but firm. You knew your worth. You followed the steps.

Now you're about to start the beautiful journey of marriage.

2. You walked away from the wrong man

Congratulations to you too! You saved yourself months or years of wasting time on someone who wasn't serious.

Now you're free to find the RIGHT man, the one who will recognize your value immediately and move quickly to secure you.

Both outcomes are WINS. You either found your husband, or you freed yourself to find him.

The Truth About "Moving Too Fast"

People will say you're rushing.

They'll say "slow down."

They'll say "take your time to really get to know him."

They'll say "6 months is too fast."

But ask yourself: Are THEY happily married? Are THEY even married at all?

Most people giving you advice are:

- Still single themselves (maybe frustrated about it)
- In situationships going nowhere
- Divorced or in unhappy marriages
- Or married but took 5+ years to get there and wasted time

Don't take marriage advice from people who don't have what you want.

THE REAL TRUTH:

When a man has found THE woman he wants to marry, he moves FAST.

I've seen men who swore "I'm not ready for marriage yet" propose to the right woman within 3-4 months of meeting her.

When it's RIGHT, it's RIGHT. Time doesn't make a wrong person right. And a right person doesn't need 5 years to figure it out.

What I Want You to Remember Forever

1. You Are Enough

You don't need to:

- Lose 20kg before you deserve love
- Make millions before you're worthy
- Be perfect in every way
- Change your entire personality

You need to find someone who VALUES you exactly as you are right now.

2. Time Doesn't Build Love or Commitment

Spending 5 years with someone doesn't make them more likely to marry you. Often, it makes them LESS likely (why buy the cow when the milk is free?).

When it's right, both people know relatively quickly. When it's not, no amount of time will fix it.

3. Marriage Is Not the Finish Line (It's the Starting Line)

Getting married doesn't solve all your problems.

Getting married doesn't complete you.

Getting married is just the BEGINNING of a new journey.

The real work (building a happy, healthy marriage) starts AFTER the wedding.

But that's a different book for a different time.

4. Always Trust Your Gut

If something feels wrong, it probably is.

If you're constantly making excuses for his behavior = Red flag.

If you're always anxious and unsure = That's not love, that's fear.

If your friends and family see problems you don't = Listen to them.

Trust your instincts. God gave you intuition for a reason.

5. You Deserve Better Than Crumbs

You deserve better than:

- Situationships with no direction
- "Let's see where this goes" with no commitment
- Half-hearted effort and inconsistency
- Being someone's "for now" instead of "forever"
- Begging a man to choose you

You deserve a man who CHOOSES you. Fully. Completely. Publicly. Proudly.

Don't settle for less.

Your Action Plan Starting RIGHT NOW

If You're Currently Single:

- ☐ Cut off anyone who's wasting your time (be ruthless about this)
- ☐ Read this book again (slower, taking notes)
- ☐ Start Month 1 TODAY (not tomorrow, not next week, TODAY)
- ☐ Trust the process completely
- ☐ Be patient with the timeline but intentional with your actions
- ☐ Believe with everything in you that you WILL be married
- ☐ Work on yourself; be the woman the right man is looking for
- ☐ Pray specifically for your future husband daily

If You're Already Dating Someone:

- ☐ Figure out honestly which month you're currently in
- ☐ Do the tests and evaluate honestly where he stands
- ☐ If he passes: Move confidently to the next month

- ❑ If he fails: Have the courage to walk away now
- ❑ Don't waste 3 more years hoping he'll change
- ❑ Be honest with yourself about red flags
- ❑ Set clear boundaries and deadlines
- ❑ Follow through on what you say (don't make empty threats)

My Final Words to You

Sister, I believe in YOU.

I believe you WILL get married.

I believe you WILL find a good man who loves God, respects you, and is ready for marriage.

I believe your story will be one that other women hear about and feel inspired by.

But you MUST:

- Follow the steps in this book
- Trust the process completely
- Be brave enough to walk away from wrong ones
- Be patient enough to wait for the right one (but not TOO patient; 6 months is the limit!)
- Be wise enough to know the difference between a good man and a man who's just good at talking

Marriage is beautiful. It's a blessing. It's ordained by God.

But ONLY with the right person.

Don't settle for less just because you're tired of being single.

Don't rush into the WRONG thing just because you want to be married.

Don't waste years on "maybes" when you could have a "yes."

In 6 Months, You Can Be:

- ✅ Engaged to a man who adores you
- ✅ Planning your traditional marriage
- ✅ Preparing for your white wedding
- ✅ Starting your beautiful new life as a wife
- ✅ Testimony to other women that this works

Or You Can Still Be:

- ❌ Waiting for him to "be ready someday"
- ❌ In a confusing situation
- ❌ Making excuses for why he hasn't committed yet
- ❌ Reading books like this and wishing you'd taken action sooner
- ❌ Watching other women get married while you wait

The choice is 100% yours.

Choose wisely.

Choose bravely.

Choose YOU.

Your husband is out there. Go find him. You now have the map.

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P.S. ONE FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT

If this book helped you, please share it.

Your friends are struggling too.

Your sisters need this wisdom.

Your cousins are wasting time with the wrong men.

Share this book with them.

And when you get married in 6 months (or less!), please send me your testimony.

I want to celebrate with you.

I want to share your success story to encourage other women.

You're going to make it.

I'm cheering for you! 🎉👑💍

BONUS SECTION: THE 6-MONTH WEDDING PLANNING QUICK GUIDE

(For when you finally get that ring!)

IMMEDIATELY AFTER PROPOSAL:

- ☐ Thank God first (pray together as a couple)
- ☐ Tell your immediate family the good news
- ☐ Tell his immediate family
- ☐ Set a rough date for traditional marriage (1-3 months away ideally)
- ☐ Discuss if you'll do white wedding and when
- ☐ Set a realistic budget together (don't go into debt!)
- ☐ Start pre-marital counseling immediately

TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE PLANNING:

- ☐ Discuss bride price with both families (let families negotiate)
- ☐ Choose aso-ebi colors for family and friends
- ☐ Book venue if needed (some do it at bride's family home)
- ☐ Plan the engagement/traditional ceremony program
- ☐ Make invitation list (keep it manageable)
- ☐ Choose your traditional attire (cultural dress)
- ☐ Hire photographer/videographer
- ☐ Plan catering (food and drinks)
- ☐ Send out invitations at least 2-3 weeks before

WHITE WEDDING PLANNING (If You're Doing This):

- ☐ Book church or venue (do this early; venues fill up fast)
- ☐ Choose your bridesmaids and his groomsmen
- ☐ Book all vendors: photography, catering, DJ/music, decorator, makeup artist
- ☐ Order or rent wedding dress and groom's suit
- ☐ Design and send out invitations (at least 1 month before)

- Plan your reception venue and program
- Book honeymoon if you're taking one
- Register marriage legally (get marriage certificate)

MOST IMPORTANT THINGS (Don't Neglect These):

- Pray together daily as you plan
- Continue attending pre-marital counseling
- Discuss expectations about married life honestly
- Plan your finances and first year budget together
- Talk about where you'll live
- Discuss family planning (children)
- Keep communicating openly about everything
- Don't let wedding stress destroy your relationship
- Remember: The marriage is more important than the wedding
- Stay pure until the wedding (you've come this far!)

BUDGET-FRIENDLY TIPS:

- Don't compete with Instagram weddings
- Simple and elegant beats expensive and showy
- DIY what you can (decorations, invitations)
- Limit guest list to save money
- Choose off-season dates (venues are cheaper)
- Ask talented friends to help (photography, makeup, catering)
- Remember: Your marriage will outlast the wedding day

THE END

(But really, this is YOUR BEGINNING!)