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An All-American Witch Hunt



*Judge not, that you be not judged.
For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged;
and with what measure you use, it will be measured back to you.*

MATTHEW 7:1-2

Being Single Is Not a Disease!

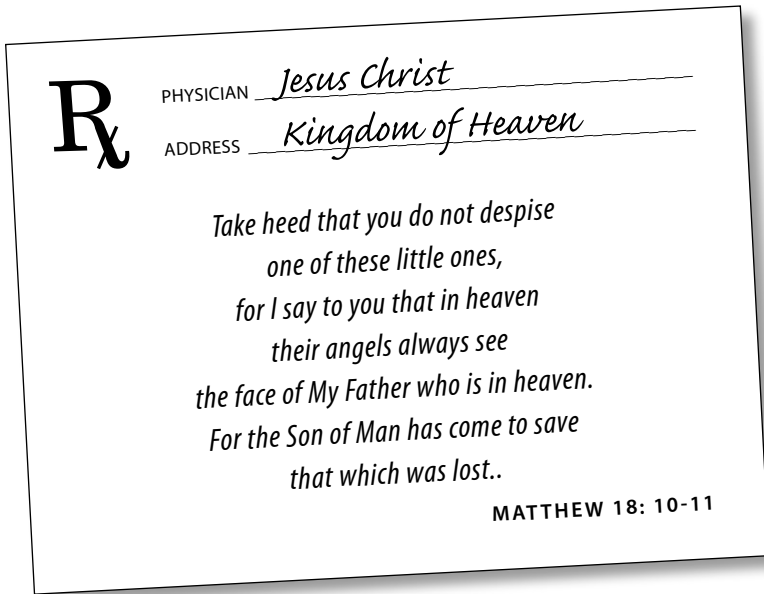
The night was young, the mood was set just right, and Erica was all dressed to go out with her girls. Only an hour left until Showtime. Although Erica had been raised in the church, she quickly strayed away. Erica never heard how beautiful she was growing up, which caused her to fall for the first lines told to her by men. Erica craved attention from men.

Being a young mother with financial needs of her own, she soon discovered that she had what it took to get what she wanted from men. Erica began to play men like they were a piano and she was mistral. She did her thing until her thing started doing her. Erica soon recognized that although she could get what she wanted from men, they could not give her what she needed.

Unbeknownst to Erica, this would be a special night. For on this night, she crossed paths with Tina, who was a Holy Ghost-filled, fire-baptized, highly anointed evangelist, and an ex-showgirl herself. Upon meeting Tina, Erica gave up hustling men, and she gave up the financial security of having her monthly bills paid by her sugar daddy. She came wholeheartedly to God, giving her life over to the Lord, and began living for Him.

Erica trusted God to meet her every need. She began tithing and giving special offerings. God began to honor His Word concerning her. God began to elevate Erica, not just financially but spiritually. Some of the women in the church became jealous of Erica. They came against her, spoke against her, said her children all had different fathers, and labeled her as nothing more than a whore. When Erica came around, they held on to their husbands and falsely accused her of being after their men. Every chance the women got they would degrade single women, saying things like,

“That’s why you don’t got no man because of (they would insert any demeaning excuse).”



Erica told them that she had left a man, in fact several men, to come to Christ, and that she was living all she knew how to live for Christ. She told them that her only intentions were to live saved; nevertheless, the women continued. One lady came to Erica and asked, “Do you ever see yourself getting married?” Erica replied, “Yes.” The lady then said, “You don’t need any man; you ought to let God be your man. *Forbidding to marry* (1 Timothy 4:3).” The woman went on to say, “I get sick and tired of single women saying they want a man.” The experience was a frustrating one for Erica, as she felt isolated because she was one of 5 single women in the church. She felt as though she had committed a sin by desiring a husband.

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*Marriage is honorable
among all,
and the bed undefiled;
but fornicators and adulterers
God will judge.*

HEBREWS 13:4

After years of hurt and discouragement from the church, Erica felt as though she had nowhere else to turn. She began to fade away, her church attendance decreased, her Word life became less, and her prayer life weakened. One day, Erica found herself going back to the life she lived before she was saved.

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*Whoever causes one of these little ones
who believe in Me to sin,
it would be better for him
if a millstone were hung around his neck
and he were drowned in the depth of the sea.*

MATTHEW 18:6



It is sad to hear the constant insults from numerous church people, who label all single women as “desperate” for men, or that there is something inadequate about single women and that is the reason they do not have husbands. There has to be a healthy balance. Yes, there are desperate women in the church, such as I was, but there are also many like me now who love God with their whole heart. However, it is acceptable to still desire a mate who puts God first and foremost in his/her life.

Every single woman has a different story, a different set of circumstances and needs. Some are single due to divorce, such as myself, some are single parents, some have never been married, and some are still young adults. We are all different and have different needs. We are *not* all desperate.

Getting a man IS NOT A HARD TASK. I would venture to say that *any* woman can get a man. Just because one has a man does not make her better than a single woman. Some married women are on husband number 3 or 4. Some women may have broken up a marriage or stolen another woman’s man. You have to take what these people say with a grain of salt. They do not say what they mean, nor do they mean what they say.

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The following is a list of comments that should be avoided when speaking to a single woman:

1. You have (a) son (s); your son (s) is/are your husband.
2. God does not want you to get married.
3. God wants you to be single.
4. You don't need a man.
5. Let God be your husband and forget about getting married.
6. You have kids and you don't need a man.
7. People with children should not get married.
8. Why do you want to get married?
9. Lose some weight and then you might get married.
10. If you had good credit God would send you a husband.
11. Maybe if you had a better job, God would send you a husband.
12. God must not be pleased with your life because you are not married.
13. You must have done something wrong.
14. It's because you don't know how to cook.
15. You don't have enough money in the bank.
16. You have too many kids, don't no man want to be with you.
17. You don't dress revealing enough.
18. You're too old for a man!
19. You were already married, and blew it, so God won't give you a husband.

20. You are not pretty enough to catch a man.

21. You're not desirable to a man.

22. Maybe you're gay and don't know it.

23. Something must be wrong with you!

These are all lies and very bad comments to make to anyone. Married women, you must stop asking, "When are you going to get married, girl?" Please stop! Stop thinking all single women are desperate for a man. Even if you mean well, pray before you speak! Get some discernment (if anyone lacks wisdom let him ask God, who gives liberally).

Just because a woman is single and pretty does not mean she is not 100% sold out for God. It does not disqualify her from being anointed by God. It does not mean that she wants your man, so please stop being intimidated by a young beautiful single woman. She needs love just as you did when you were a single woman. I don't know what it is that makes people think that because they see an unattractive older woman in the church, that she is somehow anointed by God, and that this is the only reason she is anointed. Don't you know that God judges based on the matter of your heart and not by the appearance of your face? You cannot judge a person by how they look or how loud they are. Many of these people are bossy and loud sinners, who have not been completely converted. Does not God's Word command us to be humble? You can determine this by their conversations, in which they make everything about themselves. "I don't do that!" or "I would never do this!" I would like to let you in on a little secret:

that they are diseased because they are single. It is my hope that they no longer be treated as such if they are single. I also hope to deal with these issues in this book, so that such behavior is no longer tolerated.

If you see a person who appears “desperate” to find a mate, then address it as God leads you with wisdom; just remember to pray before you approach someone. If you know that your prayer life has not been right, then do not approach the person. Keep your opinion to yourself, and never lie to the person by saying that the Holy Spirit told you to say something. Acknowledge that there are some of us who are not desperate and who truly love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Think about what if you were the single woman? How would you want to be treated and talked to? Be honest with yourself. If you think that you would not find yourself in the same situations as some of these other women, then your spirit is not right. For it is not about you and what you would or would not do, it is about the Word of God and what He says to do or not do. Therefore, when speaking, keep “I” out of it. This person is not you.

What if you had to raise your kids alone as a single parent? Even if you did, this person still is not you. What if you were the single woman in the church always at the blunt end of a single woman bashing session? I have heard women get up on the pulpit and warn married women not to embrace single women as friends. I have heard women warn pastors’ wives that they should watch out for the single women because they were after their husband. This is not right! This is what I call abuse of power and authority.

The Fruit of the Spirit

But the “FRUIT” of the “SPIRIT” is Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control.

Against such there is no law.

GALATIANS 5:22-23

The Bible says the *Fruit*—not Fruit(s). That means all in part are one. It is not broken apart, such as Love is a fruit, then joy is a fruit and so on. Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control are all ONE fruit. Therefore, if you are filled with the Holy Spirit of God you will display ALL of the characteristics of the fruit of God.

If you are filled with the Holy Spirit you will display the Fruit of the Spirit. I often hear Christians say, “Well, I am filled with the Spirit but I have not yet developed Self-Control, but I have Joy,” or “I have not developed Peace, but I have Love.” I never understood these sayings, because it is one Spirit and one Fruit. You don’t get *some* of the Holy Ghost and *some* of the fruit. When you get filled with the Holy Ghost, you get it all. So if you have Love, then you have peace; if you have joy, then you have gentleness. You can’t have one without the other.

Love: God is Love

He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

1 JOHN 4:8

Love is Kind and Love is Longsuffering

*Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy,
love does not parade itself, love is not puffed up.*

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4

Love does not think evil and is not rude

... does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil ...

1 CORINTHIANS 13:5

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Love rejoices not in iniquity but in truth

*. . . does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth (7)
bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things . . .*

1 CORINTHIANS 13:6

(So if a person sins, but comes back and repents, you don't have to keep asking them. If they are really saved and really sorry, just believe it truly.)

Love Loves her enemies

*But I say unto you, Love your enemies,
bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and
pray for them which spitefully use you, and persecute you.*

MATTHEW 5:44

*For if you love them which love you, what reward do you have,
don't the sinners the same?*

MATTHEW 5:46

Love died for us

*Greater love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends, Yes you are my
friends as long as you keep my commandments*

JOHN 15:13

*If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love
him and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*

JOHN 14:23

Finally on Love

*A new commandment I give unto you, That you love one another,
as I have loved you, that you also love one another*

JOHN 13:34

God has commanded us to love.

The Fruit of the Spirit begins with Love.

♡ CHAPTER SEVEN OVERALL TREATMENT PLAN ♡

If you are single, be free! Don't allow religious (modern-day Scribes and Pharisees) people to bind you up and keep you in a box. The way I envision it is like a single person is in a box, and standing outside of the box is a group of religious people with sticks, who are jabbing at the single person in the box. The married people are not allowing those who are single to come out. If you are single and you say you want a man, they say, "You don't need a man." They are right that you don't *need* a man, for all we need is God. However, there is nothing wrong with wanting a husband to share in your love of God. If you say you don't want a man, then they say, "When are you going to get married? Girl . . . you're not getting any younger."

As a woman of God, single or not, you must know who you are! You must know how God feels about you. You must know how important you are to Him. God has a beautiful plan for your life. Remember, Father knows best! Keep this in mind in all that you do. When I say that God loves you, this is not a cliché. He really does. The Father's love for you is unconditional and different than the love of a man. Remember this as you choose your relationships.

The church is the Body of Christ as a whole. No matter what church you attend, no matter how rich or poor you may be, there is only one Body. The church is not a country club; there is no upper class or lower class in the church. There are no big "I"s and little "U"s. We serve the same God whether we are single or married, young or old, skinny or heavy. So let us love one another with brotherly love and stop hurting one another with words of ignorance and judgment. After all, one thing is for sure: you were single once, too. Remember?

A Prayer for a Discerning Heart and Wisdom

Father, I thank you for creating within us a wise and discerning heart, so that we are able to distinguish between right and wrong. This is our prayer: that our love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight; so that we may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to Your glory and praise, O Lord.

Father, we trust in you with all of our hearts and lean not on our own understanding. In all of our ways we acknowledge you, and you will make our paths straight. Through your precepts we get understanding; therefore, we ignore every false way. Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

Joseph, in Genesis 41:39-41, was described as a discerning and wise man who was put in charge of the entire land of Egypt. As You were with Joseph, so shall You be with us, we pray.

Cause us to find favor at our place of employment, at home, or wherever we may be. We ask for a discerning heart that we may know the right words to speak in order to comfort our fellow sisters and brothers in Christ, and so that our words are not harmful or that they may not bring fear to others.

Let us speak words of wisdom and not ignorance. Let us walk in your Spirit of Love and not pride or arrogance. We desire to please you, O Lord, and we are not operating out of self-motivation or an agenda that is not of God.

We ask that you forgive us for our past mistakes and that we move forward to judge righteously and not judge according to appearance. We will seek out those whom we have offended and admit our wrong, and we will ask for forgiveness from them as well.

Father, for every one of us single women reading this, we will forgive those who have offended us just as you have forgiven us of our sins. We will not become bitter, but we will use this as an opportunity to grow and become closer to you. As we release people of all offenses, we ask that you will bring healing and closure to us.

We will show love and pray for those who speak the things that they do not know. We thank you for your love and mercy. We believe that it is done in the Mighty Name of Jesus Christ! Amen!

