

# Desperate Housewives



W O M E N ' S M I N I S T R Y

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Relationship with ourselves (physically)
- Relationship with God (spiritually)
- Relationship with our husbands (emotionally)

HUMOR CORNER



**Parson:** do you take this man for better or worse?

**Mandy:** he can't be no worse, and they ain't no hopes of his gettin' any better.....so I takes him "As is".

**A story of desperation:**

*A wife sought the advice of a fortune teller, who said, "Prepare yourself for widowhood, your husband is about to die a violent death." The wife sighed deeply and asked, "Will I be acquitted"?*

## Be Still & Know God (Ps. 46:10)

What are you desperate for? Is it fame: you want a name, position? Is it fortune: money, security, always...just a little more? Is it family: the "perfect" family, or just a family at all? Is it a fantasy: a life on an exotic beach somewhere, or a life with someone else? (shame on you)! Can you **Be Still** and **Know** that **He is God**.....in your marriage? I believe the answer is yes!

I've never seen so many marriages hurting, struggling, and hanging on by just a thread.

By observing different women I have seen that we seem to desperate in three areas of our lives. 1. Our relationship with ourselves (physically) 2. Our relationship with God (spiritually) and 3. Our relationship with our husbands (emotionally). So let's just take a closer look at each of these and see what God has to say in each case.

### Desperation in our relationship with ourselves:

Truth be known, we aren't happy with ourselves-physically! We don't like our appearance, our personality, or our performance at work, home, church, etc. Need I say more? So are there ways we

can improve? Are you always in the flesh? I Cor. 13:4-7 tells us that love suffers long and is kind. Is your tongue like a vi-



### Desperate for What? For Who? Why?

per? Ephesians 4:29 says, let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth..We can also work on our performance. We can set priorities, and goals and then move forward to obtain those goals. One day at a time. In the home (Eccl. 9:10), at work (Col.3:17& 23), at church ( I Cor.15:58). If we focus on these, it help us to **Be Still**.

### Desperation in our relationship with God:

The second truth to be known is that: we aren't happy spiritually! Are you desperate for intimacy with the Lord about your spiritual in with your husband? V that, you say? The res

ity is **ours!** You can't look to your husband to feed you spiritually. Yes, he should be the spiritual leader, but not the feeder. James 4:8 says to draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. You are the bride of Christ. How much time do you spend preparing for Him? Think about how much time is put into a wedding, all the preparations, etc. For what? A 30-40min. Ceremony. Ladies we are the Bride of Christ. We are preparing for all of eternity! Do you realize that? Do you comprehend that? Read, Rev. 21:9, 19:7-9.

How are you getting ready? Romans 12:1-2 tells us. It takes action on our part. Are you a fit bride? I Tim. 4:7 tells us to exercise yourself to godliness. Hebrews 12:1 tells us to run the race with endurance. Ephesians 6:10 tells us to put on the whole armor of God. Why? Not to fight your husband! He's not the enemy. The devil is, and he hates your marriage. He wants it destroyed. The Bible says to endure hardship as a good soldier II Timothy 2:3. You know, it takes the bride time, energy,

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less time preparing ourselves for the groom? It's a lifelong process, just as being a bride in our marriage—it's a lifelong process.

**Do you want to be known as Bridezilla? Or the Bride of Christ?**

If we work on it, we will **Know God!**

**Desperation in our relationship with our husbands:**

The third truth is that we are not happy—emotionally! Is that necessarily your husband's fault? No. God's word tells us that YOU are the one that should change. Yes, I said, "YOU". Matthew 16:24 says: If anyone desires to come after Me, let him(her) deny herself, and take up her cross, and follow Me. Not only that, but if you read through Colossians 3:12-15, God tells us what we are to put on everyday. Put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering, bearing with one another, forgiving one another, etc. And above all these, put on love, which is the **bond** (the glue) of perfection! You can't go wrong when you put on love. Never! Why? Because love suffers long, and is kind, love does provoke, love keeps no records of wrongs. You see my point?

In the book of Titus 2:4 & 5— we are called to love our husbands. What does that look like? Well, for starters, we could do what they ask. Don't shop, don't nag, don't withhold yourself from them. You want to start turning things around in your marriage, then start turning him on and you'll see change....believe me! It's okay for you as a godly woman to be loving, creative, and fun. God invented it, remember? So light the candles, play some music, visit the "secrets" store, or wherever you feel comfortable going, write him some notes and leave them in his lunch box. You see where I'm going here. Be creative, be loving. Your husband will be pleasantly surprised. Most importantly he will feel loved and respected. And if you don't know this yet, you need to know that men need to feel loved by feeling respected. If you work on this aspect of your marriage, you will diffuse many of the temptations that come their way in a day. A satisfied man, is a happy man! And just a side note to you ladies who say, whatever! No biggy to me. Well it is a biggy, and if you aren't willing to oblige them, believe me there are plenty of women out there that would be MORE than willing to satisfy your man! Is that what you want? Not me! Noway, and over my dead body! (Was that out loud)? Ha.ha. If you start doing these things, you

will become so incredibly beautiful in your husbands eyes. If you work on these things, you will know that **He is God....**because things will change.

**You know too many people marry for better or for worse, but not for good!**

Ladies, it's NOT an option, it's a vow, it's a commitment. We are examples to the next generation. Our young ladies are watching us to see, gee what does a mom look like, what does a wife look like?

So....are you going to take up your sword, put on your armor, and fight this battle God's way? I'm seeing women fight it their way. They fight for their rights, their opinions, and they wind up lonely, and having to work just to survive and feed their children, and pay for childcare. Is that what you want?

Isaiah 26:3 says: You will keep him (her) in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because she trusts in You.

Sure, your man may fail you, he may disappoint. What do you expect, he is a man, not God! Only God can truly satisfy your longings, your desires, and your desperation. God will give you the peace to continue on this journey called marriage.

**You know it's been said: There is one freedom we have.....to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances is to choose one's own way.**

What are you going to choose? I would like to say like Joshua, in Joshua 24:15, choose this day whom you will serve, but **as for me and my house** we will serve the Lord!

Ladies—that's **Your man, Go, Fight, Win!** Because of His great love for me, Moe Deane



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Ladies **\*\*Please keep September 15th in your memory bank. \*\*** We will be embarking on a new Bible study then. **Lies Women Believe**, by Nancy Lee DeMoss. If you are interested please see the sign up sheet on the back table and put your name down. We will need to determine how many books to order. Also, I would like your feedback on whether you could/would be able to do the study every other Monday night, or perhaps just once

