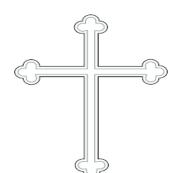
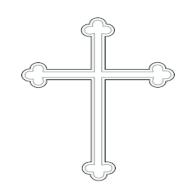
THE IMPORTANCE OF CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

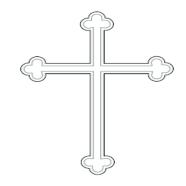




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INTRODUCTION መእተዊ



WHAT COMES IN MIND WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT MARRIAGE?

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EXPECTATION (ትጵቢት)

WIFE (ሰበይቲ ትሓስቦ)

- FLOWERS (**ሪምባባ**)
- ROMANCE (ፍቐሪ)
- CELEBRATION (ፌስታ)
- HAVE CHILDREN (ቆልው)

HUSBAND (ሰብኣይ ዝሓስቦ)

- FOOD (**org**)
- IRON SHIRT (ዝተስታረረ ካምቻ)
- COFFEE (ቡን)
- DATING GONE
- HAVE CHILDREN (ቆልው)





DAILY MUNDANE BEGINS ልሙድ መዓልታዊ ምቐሩምራም ይጅምር

- GOING SHOPPING TOGETHER (ዕዳጋ)
- ARGUE OVER WHAT TYPES OF FURNTURE TO PURCHASE (ምክታሪ አየናይ ንግዛእ)
- NOT HUGGING/NO HOLDING HAND YOUR SPOUSE ENOUGH or NOT APPRECIATED



- (ምሕቋፍን ኢድን-ንኢድ ምትሕሓዝ ይተርፍ)
- FORGETTING BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY (ዕለተ ልደት ይርሳሪ)
- WORK LONG HOURS AND SPENDING LESS TIME (ነዊሕ ሰዓታት ይስራሕ)
- NO FUN AT ALL OR AT A MINIMUM (ሓንስ ዝበሃል ይጠፍእ ወይ ይንኪ)

HONEY MOON IS OVER & DAILY MUNDANE CONTINUES



IS THIS WHAT MARRIAGE IS ALL ABOUT? WHY DO WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS?





THEN YOU FIND OUT... ሽሪ ከምዚ ኮይት ይጸንሓካ...

- DEPPLY IN DEBT (0名)
- EXPECTATION NOT MET
- (ከም ዝተጸበኻዮ ኣይከውንን)
- NO FLOWERS/MOVIES



***NEGLECTING SELF, SPOUSE AND CHILDREN

(ደቅኻን በዓል/ቲ ቃልኪዳንካን ሸልል ትብል)

• FALL OUT OF LOVE (ፍቐሪ ይጠፍእ)

LIFE IS SO BORING

(ሂወት ኣሰልቻዊት ትኸውን)





WHAT WENT WRONG?

አበይ እዩ ኢቲ ጌጋ?

HOW WE PICK OUR PARTNER በዓል/ቲ ቃልኪዳንካ ከመይ ጌርካ ትመርጽ፤

- INFATUATION WITH BEAUTY (ብጽባቐ ተሳሒብካ)
- LONELINESS (ጽምዋ ኮይንካ)
- FAMILY TRADITIONS (ልምዲ)
- PERSONAL MATERIAL GAIN (ንሬብሓ)
- REACTION TO A PRIOR RELATIONSHIP (ባብረመልሲ ናይዝሓለፈ ዘይተዓወተ ዝምድና)
- USING CURRENT ECONOMIC CONDITION BACK HOME (ህልው ቅጠባ ናይ ዓዲ)

THE FOUR BASIC NEEDS ALL HUMAN-BEINGS ARE MOTIVATED TO SATISFY ALL OF THEIR VALUES

4 ምሰረታዊ ነገራት ንሰብ <u>ኣብ ሂወቱ ዘሪባበ</u>አ

- > ACCEPTANCE (ተቐባልነት)
- > IDENTITY (መንነት)
- SECURITY (ውሕስነት)
- PURPOSE (ዕላማ)



> BEING LOVED/NEEDED







MOST COMMON RESOURCES PEOPLE SEEK FOR THE FULFILLMENT OF THEIR DEEPEST NEEDS

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- ❖ PARENTS (ስድራ)
- SPOUSES (ሰብ ቃልኪዳን)
- FRIENDS (የዕሩሽ ወይ መሓዙት)
- ❖ CHILDREN (ውሉድ)
- ❖ MONEY/MATERIAL POSSESSIONS (วาหา)
- ❖ EMPLOYERS AND/OR WORK, JOBS OR CARRIER/Church (ምሳርሕትኻ)
- A COMBINATION OF TWO OR MORE OF THE ABOVE (ድምር ናይ ክልተ ወይ ካብኡ ንላዕሊ ካብዞም አብላዕሊ ተጠቒሶም ዘለዉ)

EVER ASKED THIS QUESTION

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WHO MEETS MY DEEPEST NEEDS?

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"Cursed is the man who trust in mankind and makes flesh his strength (Jer. 17.5)"

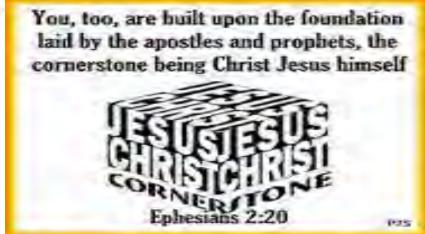
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"Our needs and values ultimately find their deepest fulfillment and greatest clarification in God and His eternal truth as revealed in Scripture"

"There is spiritual realty that is greater than needs and greater than oneself. Our deepest God-Shaped inner vacuum and need can only be met in a real, transcendent relationship with God through Jesus Christ" Siang-Yang Tan Counseling and psychotherapy a Christian Perspective







WHAT IS CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE?

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- > MAN AND WOMAN GIVE THEMSELVES TO EACH OTHER.
- ሰብኣይን ሰበይትን ገዛእ ርእሶም ዝወሃሃብሉ እዩ።
- IT IS A SHADOW OF THE RELATIONSHIP THAT WE ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE WITH JESUS (አብነት ሓድነትና ምስ ክርስቶስ)

John Chrysostom – Primary reason for marriage is the unity in love and holiness of the couple themselves.





ቀዳጣይ ዕላጣ ቃል-ኪዳን ሓድነት ብፍቅርን ቅድስና ናይ ሰብ ቃል-ኪዳንን እዩ (ዮሃንስ ኣፈወርቅ)።

WHAT IS A COVENANT? ኪዳን አንታይ እዩ?

- ➤ IT IS A PROMISE (መብጽዓ እዩ)
- ➤ IT IS A SUMMARY OF HOW WE AGREE TO LIVE (ድምር ናይ ስምምዓትና ከጦይ ከምንነብር እዩ)
- > IT IS A SIGN OF COMMITMENT (ምልክት ናይ ተወፋይነት እዩ)
- 🕨 IT IS AN ETHICAL STATEMENT (ምራላዊ ሓሳብ እዩ)
- > IT IS A BIBLICAL STANDARD (መጽሓፍ ቅዱሳዊ መለክዒ)
- > 1 John 4:18 –There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

THE CHARACTERSTICS OF MARRIAGE (ባህሪያት ቃልኪዳን)

• "Let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband" (1 Cor 7:2)

 Christianity unifies the two partners in "one entity"

ONE PARTNER

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Children – when God grants - they are blessed and raised in the fear of God

• If not SERVICE

BFARING FRUIT (ፍሬ ዝፌሪ) CONTINUITY (ቀጻልነት)

ONENESS (ሓድነት)

• Divorce is rejected (Mt 19:3-8)









HOW WE DO IT! (ነዚ ከመይ ንንብሮ)

- SPIRTUAL MATURITY (መንፈሳዊ ዕብየት)
- ➤ PHYSICAL MATURITY ((ኣካላዊ ዕብየት)
- ➤ PSYCHOLOGICAL MATURITY (ስነኣእምሮአዊ ዕብየት)
- EMOTIONAL MATURITY (ስምዒታዊ ዕብያት)
- FINANCIAL MATURITY (ስነ ቁጠባዊ ዕብየት)
- > SOCIAL MATURITY (ማሕበራዊ ዕብየት)

SPIRTUAL MATURITY (PRACTURE ON PANTE O

and the Life

John 14:6

- CHANGING OVER FROM **PLEASING SELF** TO **PLEASING GOD AND LEARNING TO OBEY GOD** (ካብ ንርእስኻ ንኣምላኽ ከተሕጉስን ክትእዘዝን ምኞዳም ትልወጥ)
- KEY TO MATURITY IS CONSISTENCY, PERSEVERANCE IN DOING THOSE THINGS WE KNOW WILL BRING US CLOSER TO GOD * BIBLE READING/STUDY, FASTING AND PRAYER AND SERVING OTHERS!!
- NON OF THE ABOVE CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT WITHIN US
- SPIRTUAL MATURITY IS A MOVING TARGET. IT IS NOT A DESTINATION, **IT IS A JOURNEY**

SPIRTUAL MATURITY

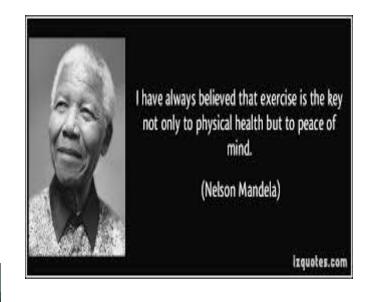


- SPRITUAL MATURITY IS NOT ONLY ABOUT "WHAT WE DO" BUT ABOUT "WHO WE BECOME." ITS ESSENCE IS FOUND IN CONFORMING YOURSELF TO THE CHARACTER OF CHRIST A MATURE BELIEVER DOES NOT TAKE PERSONAL OFFENSE EASILY. HE UNDERSTAND THAT WHEN SOMEONE SINS AGAINST HIM, THERE ARE BIGGER ISSUES AT STAKE THAN HIS PERSONAL RIGHTS; E.G GOD'S GLORY, THAT ATTACKER'S **RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD** SCRIPTURES DESCRIBE THE NEED TO GROW AND MATURE SPIRTUALLY - Ephesians 4:14, 15 - Be no longer children, but grow up in Christ - James 1:22-25 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.
- ☐ THAT NO MATTER HOW FAR YOU GROW IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, THERE IS FURTHER YOU CAN always GO. KNOW YOU ARE WORK IN-PROGRESS

PHYSICAL HEALTH



"Married people are generally healthier than unmarried people as measured by numerous health outcomes. Also growing up with married parents is associated with better health as an adult" ASPE RESEARCH BRIEF"



TAKE CARE OF YOUR BODY. IT'S THE ONLY PLACE YOU HAVE TO LIVE IN.





I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life John 146

PSYCHOLOGICAL MATURITY

- PSYCHOLOGICAL WELL-BEING AND THE PERSON'S
 ADAPTABILITY TO CHANGE. RESILIENCE (TO SPRING BACK)
- UNSTABLE PERSON CAUSES MUCH PAIN AND GIREF IN A MARRIAGE
- THIS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE HUSBAND AND WIFE MUST MAKE JOINT DECISIONS AFFECTING THEIR LIVES — THIS REQUIRES FLEXIBILITY ON BOTH SIDES. FAILURE TO ADAPT TO EACH OTHER NEEDS, WILL LEAD TO MANY QUARRELS B/N THEM

EMOTIONAL MATURITY

- EMOTIONAL MATURITY (Mannerism) IS DEFINED BY THE ABILILITY TO CONTROL
 YOUR EMOTIONS AND TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR LIFE ALONG WITH ITS
 OPPORTUNITIES AND LIFE DRAMAS.
- A LARGE PART OF BEING EMOTIONALLY MATURE IS HAVING THE ABILITY TO HANDLE ANGER, DISAPPOINTMENT, GUILT, RESENTMENT, FEAR, GIREF, INSECUIRTY AND A MYRIAD OF OTHER FEELINGS APPROPRIATELY.
- EMOTIONAL MATURITY IS DEFINED WHEN YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO EXPERIENCE THESE EMOTIONS AND **THEN QUICKLY LET THEM GO**.
- PEOPLE WHO ARE IMMATURE SEEM TO REMAIN STUCK IN THESE NEGATIVE EMOTIONS, UNABLE TO GET PAST THEM.



EMOTIONAL MATURE PERSON

- DECISIVE KNOWS HOW TO MAKE A DECISION
- LEADS WELL
- TAKES RESPONSIBILITY
- HAVE A HIGHER PURPOSE
- KNOWS HOW TO RELATE WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY – FLEXIBLE MIND
- ABLE TO EXPRESS HIMSELF/HERSELF WELL with out VIOLENCE

Peace

Peace does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble, or hard work. Peace means to be in the midst of all those things and still be calm in your heart.

SOCIAL MATURITY



☐ WE LOOK AT THE PERSON'S ability "CLICK INTO PLACE" THIS CAN BE DONE WITH HIGH DEGREE OF SOCIAL SKILL. ☐ SOCIAL SKILLS ARE THE SKILLS WE USE TO **COMMUNICATE** AND INTERACT WITH EACH OTHER, BOTH VERABALLY AND **NON-VERBALLY.** ☐ HOW DOES A PERSON INTERACT WITH HIS FRIENDS, FAMILIES, **INLAWS ETC.** - BE KIND TO OTHERS. SHARE INFORMATION IN **APPROPRIATE WAY. VENT WISELY**

FINANCIAL MATURITY



- DOES NOT TRANSLATE TO "WEALTH"
- IT REFERS TO FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP AND THE READINESS TO BEAR RESPONSIBILTY
- HAVE A GOAL DISCUSS WITHOUT FEAR
- DON'T HIDE SALARY/SAVINGS/SENDING MONEY TO YOUR LOVE ONES ABROAD. A BIG NO! NO!

PARENTING

- THE MEANING OF PARENTING GUIDANCE AND BE A GOOD ROLL MODEL (ጽቡኞ ኣብነት ምዃን)
- UNDERSTANDING DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN (ዕቤት ውሉድካ ምርዳእ)
- SPENDING TIME WITH CHILDREN... GET ON THE FLOOR WITH THEM AND PLAY, TALK, AND THEY WILL OPEN UP....CUT BACK ON BUYING EXPENSIVE TOYS.....OUT OF GUILT (ጊዜ ምስ ደቅኻ ምሕላፍ)

PARENTING

- THIS IS HOW TO DISCIPLINE AND TEACH YOUR CHILD. THIS IS THE GREATEST RICHES.
- 1) DON'T ASK HOW HE CAN ENJOY A LONG LIFE HERE, BUT ASK HOW HE CAN ENJOY AN INFINTE AND ETERNAL LIFE IN THE AGE TO COME.
- 2) A PATTERN OF LIFE IS WHAT IS NEEDED, NOT EMPTY SPEECHES; CHARACTER, NOT CLEVERNESS; DEED, NOT WORDS. DON'T SHARPEN HIS TOUNGUE, BUT PURIFY HIS SOUL

- ➤ WHAT ARE WE TEACHING OUR KIDS THESE DAYS? WHAT ARE OUR VALUES?
- ► አብ'ዚ ሕዋን'ዚ ሕንታይ ንምህሮም ኣለና ንደቅና? ሕምነትና ሕንታይ'ዩ?

No one is
"too busy"
inthis world;
it's all about
priorities.

➤ ARE WE TEACHING THEM TO BE GOD FEARING?

▶ንደቅና ፈሪሃ ሕግዚኣብሄር ንክሓድሮም ንምህሮም ዶ ኣለና?

> ARE WE TEACHING THEM TO BE LOVING

▶ንደቅና ፈተዉቲ ሰብ ንክኾኑ ንምህሮም ዶ አለና?

➤ ARE WE TEACHING THEM TO BE TRUSTWORTHY?

>ንደቅና እሙናት ንክኾኑ ንምህሮም ዶ ኣለና?

➤ ARE WE TEACHING THEM TO BE FORGIVING?

>ንደቅና ሕድንት ንክፈልጡ ንምህሮም ዶ ኣለና?

➤ ARE WE TEACHING THEM TO BE RESPECTFUL?

▶ንደቅና ኣኽበርቲ ሰባት ንክኾኑ ንምህሮም ዶ ኣለና?

➤ ARE WE TEACHING THEM TO STAND FOR THE TRUTH?

▶ንደቅና ኣብ ሓቂ ደው ንኽብሉ ንምህሮ ዶ ኣለና?

OUR VALUES TO OUR KIDS - 7249

THE BEST INHERITANCE WE CAN LEAVE TO OUR KIDS IS TO BE A GOOD ROLE MODEL

OUR VALUES TO OUR KIDS - 7249

WE SHOULD NOT WORRY THAT OUR CHILDREN NEVER LISTEN TO US WE SHOULD WORRY THAT THEY ARE ALWAYS WATCHING AND LISTENING TO WHAT WE SAY AND DO.

children.

Brainv Quote

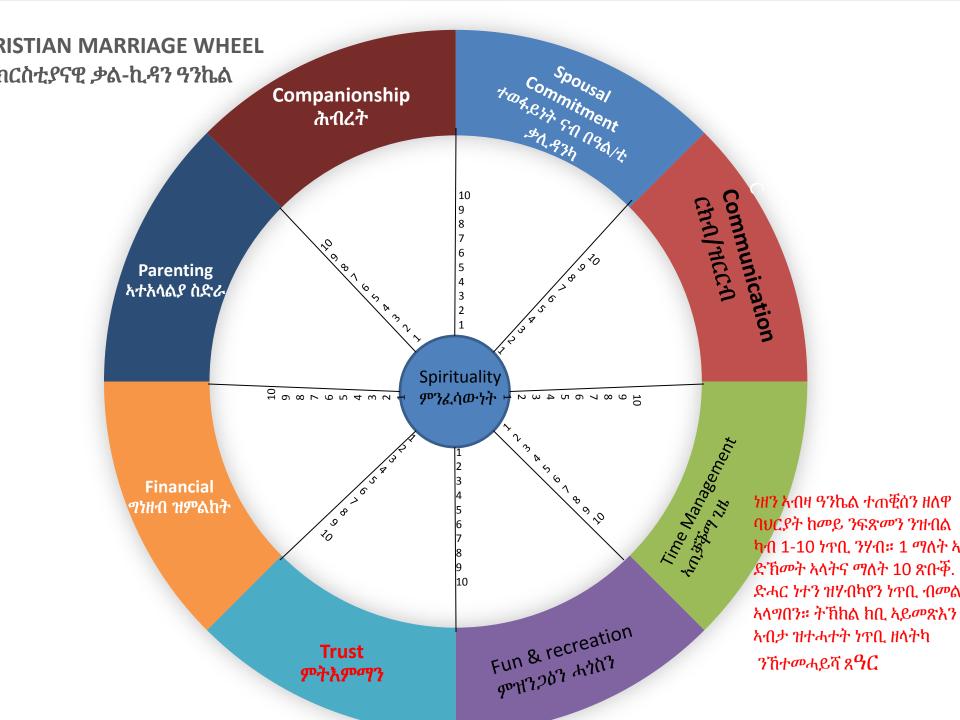
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OUR VALUES TO OUR KIDS - 7545

LET US LIVE IN **INTEGRITY** SO THAT WHEN OUR CHILDREN THINK OF FAIRNESS AND INTEGRITY, THEY THINK OF US.

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HERE ARE SOME WAYS PEOPLE DESTROY THEIR RELATIONSHIP(ዝምድና ካብ ዘበላሽዉ ነገራት)

Relationship

- 1. Lack of Communication (ዝርርብ ዘይምህላው)
- 2. Loss of Respect (ዘይምክብብባር)
- 3. Loss of Trust (ዘይምትእምማን)
- 4. Selfishness (ስስዕቲ)
- 5. Jealousy (ቅንኢ)
- 6. Loss of leadership (መሪሕነት ዘይምህላው)
- 7. Blame your spouse for everything (ምክሳስ)
- 8. Lack of Forgiveness (ሕድንታት/ይቐረታ ዘይምባባር)





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HEALING TIME ናይ ምሕዋይ ጊዜ

- PRAY TOGETHER (ብሓባር ምጽሳይ)
- ACCURATE EMPATHIC LISTENING AND SHOW COMPASSION TO EACH OTHER (ምድን*ጋ*ጽ ንሓድሓድካ ጽን ኢልካ ምስ*ጣዕ*)
- BUILD TRUST (ምትአምማን)
- COMMUNICATE WELL AND BE HONEST (ምዝርራብ)
- FIGHT FAIRLY (ምስሕሓብ ብግቡᢜ)
- STOP THE MONEY FIGHTS (ብንንዘብ ምስሕሓብ ምቁራጽ)
- COMPROMISE WITH AND FOR ONE ANOTHER (ሕድንታት ምባባር)
- SAY YOU ARE SORRY AND MEAN IT (ብልቢ ይቐረታ ምባል)
- CONFESS (ተነሳሕ)
- LEARN TO FORGIVE (ይቐረታ ምሃብ ተመሃር)
- "BRING ELEGANCE (ጵባቐ) AND BEAUTY (ቁንጅና) TO YOUR HOME" AND THIS WILL

KEEP YOUR **UNION SPICY** BY COMPLETING THE ABOVE

LESSON FROM 28 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

- KEEP GOD AT THE CENTER OF YOUR MARRIAGE (Pray privately and together)
- LOWER YOUR EXPECTATION
- LISTEN, LISTEN AND LISTEN MORE
- ACCEPT THAT YOU CAN NOT CHANGE YOUR PARTNER BUT YOU CAN CHANGE YOURSELF
- MAKE CONTINUAL SACRIFICE OF SELF BUT FIND A BALANCE !! DON'T LOOSE YOURSELF!!
- PROTECT GOD GIVEN JOY AND HAVE FUN SHARING IT!!
- MAKE GOOD FRIENDS HAVE YOUR TRIBE (Utility, Pleasure and Character Friends) IT IS IMPORTANT
- (WATCH OUT EMPTY NESTERS)
- REMEMBER TO SAY <u>PLEASE</u> AND <u>THANK YOU DON'T TAKE FORGRANTED EACH</u> OTHER
- REMOVE NEGATIVE THOUGHTS LEARN TO FORGIVE
- MANAGE SELF AND LEARN FROM YOUR MISTAKE
- NEVER GIVE UP UNLESS...

FINAL NOTE

- QUOTE BY RUTH GRAHAM BELL
 "A HAPPY MARRIAGE IS THE UNION OF TWO GOOD FORGIVERS"
- "Accept and acknowledge your struggle rather deny, resist or pushing away your problem and show your <u>human brokenness</u>"
- "We are not immediately healed of all pain when making a Christian commitment. Rather, we are on a long journey that requires patience, time and God's persistence grace. We limp along on this journey, and the more impatient we become with the limp, the more inclined we are to injure others and ourselves along the way' Mark R. McMinn, PHD -Author

"Bring Beauty and Elegance to your Home" KK Furniture slogan to accomplish the 4 characteristics of marriage

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE IS TOUGH!

DR. BERHANE WILL SHADE SOME LIGHT WHY MEN AND WOMEN ARE DIFFERENT.... AND HOPEFULLY WE WILL ACCEPT EACH OTHER DIFFERENCES AND LEARN ON HOW TO DEAL WITH THEM..

NEVER TOO LATE!! NEVER GIVE UP!!!



QUESTIONS?



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