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Simply low self esteem … the letters keep coming

Bishop Moultry:

After reading your column on low self esteem I had to write you. I'm twenty-one-years-old, in college, have my own apartment, my own car and I also work. I had a guy move in with me when we were dating and I knew all the time that I was not feeling good about it. He didn't work when he moved in, was not looking for a job and all he did was eat and sleep in between us having sex each night and even throughout the day when I was not working or at my classes. Bishop, I hated myself yet enjoyed myself, but after a month I told him he had to go because I felt more bad than good and I knew better. When I told him he had to leave he got angry yelling at me telling me, "you knew what time it was when I moved in." When I realized what he was saying in reality that I was a "Ho" that woke me up and taught me a lesson. I'll never let a guy I meet and date move in with me again until I get married and we're husband and wife.

Many of the females in your group were angry at themselves because deep down they knew that they made a choice of getting laid and getting played all at the same time by the sorry males who want nothing in life but a handout.

I was at one time just like those females in your group.

Thanks bishop and continue to keep it real.

Bishop:

My two daughters, one twenty-years-old and the other nineteen, both have learned from me as their mother that no man can make you complete and no man should have power over you to make you happy or sad. Both my daughters are in school and are not dating and both are beautiful, smart, in the church and have been taught a great deal by their father who is a pastor. The first role models and children heroes should have should be their parents. My daughters love their dad and have said often that they will select a man like their father. They don't mean he has to be a pastor, but he has to be a man who loves God and his family.

I feel so sorry for the females that I read about in your column, but I hear about it and see it so often and so I think it's important that fathers play a major role in their daughters' lives.

Just wanted to share this with you, Bishop.

Bishop:

I'm twenty three-years-old and my boyfriend and I have been living together for about a year and four months. When he moved in I knew he didn't have a job and was not looking. I also knew he was a loser and didn't want anything out of life, but I'm happy with him and his situation. I don't feel bad about myself and I don't have low self esteem either. It's fifty, fifty with him and me Bishop, meaning, I get what I want and you know what I'm talking about and he get what he wants.

You always say "keep it real," so that's just what I've done. Don't mean to disrespect you, but that's how it is with many of us girls these days, plus times are hard for Black males to find a job anyway, as this you should know, so us females see no harm in helping them out and getting what we want at the same time.

Bishop Moultry:

I'm a twenty-four-year-old male, in school, have my own car, a checking and savings account, a great job, never been in trouble and I think I'm a nice looking brother. Bishop, you would not believe how many women around my age and older try and get me to move in with them. I've even had a few women tell me that I could quit my job and they'd take care of me. I've seen some of my boys take women up on this with it lasting for a short time, as the women take total control and becomes his mother. Bishop, I think that a lot of these young girls are so confused, hurt and lonely that they settle for anything and yes I agree with you, it's low self-esteem.

Looking forward Bishop to reading part II.

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