

Questions From Readers

Got Change For an I/J?

'Very good and so true. Question: Do you believe that if an IJ falls head over heels for someone that he can / will change? If so, when he is pushy about the sex and the girl says no do you think he will push again or wait? This is a great question for all those girls who believe that they can "change" someone or make them a better man through loving them."

*While it's possible he **could** change, what a lot of women miss is what the typical I/J is thinking in these cases. When an I/J has lucked into finding a woman (usually sweet and kind-hearted) who is game for such a "project" as "changing" the guy, he has a bonanza going on? How so? Simple, at that stage he simply does **whatever the hell he wants, whenever he wants**, and the woman will likely stick around no matter what due to her commitment to the "project". In essence, she is on a mission and will not give up. So guess what, 99% chance you WILL NOT CHANGE an I/Js behavior—it's way too good of a deal for him. The sick irony here is that in those rare (as in "fictional"?) instances when the IJ actually does change to better suit her vision for him, the woman actually ends up breaking up with him. After all, the intrigue is over with, the goal is achieved and there's no more interest. And that's pretty much okay, because the illusion of "change" on his part was probably temporary anyway! People are strange, huh? Too bad this is far from exceptional behavior. Oh well...*

And While We Are On THAT Subject...

I have two guys in my life. My first one is this guy that wants to meet my children. I think it's too early to do that because if he meets them and they get attached to him and then something happens that we are not together anymore then my children will get hurt. This has happened before that's why I am being careful in this matter. I had met this other guy and we have been seeing each other on and off and we have sex a few times and I started developing feelings and now it just seems different like he is not all that interested in me anymore. What should I do? I am just really confused because he has told his friend that is friends with one of my firends that he doesn't feel the same but wants to continue having sex with me. *It's like he is putting up a front, because when i ask him he says he likes me but is it just as friends? If you can give me any kind of advise on this issue i would really appreciate it alot*

Quote: "he has told his friend that is friends with one of my firends that he doesn't feel the same but wants to continue having sex with me"

First of all, I would never make any decisions regarding a relationship on third-hand information. This is a conversation you need to have with him to confirm what you have heard. Until you have done that, anything else I am about to say is irrelevant.

If true, the fact that this I/J doesn't keep his mouth shut about your sex life goes hand-in-hand with what you've heard to form the simple equation that he has no respect for you. If he feels this way about you, it is also not likely to change into something deeper in the future. Regardless of

how you fell for him, in his eyes the two of you are "****buddies". From the tone of your question, this doesn't sound like something you are looking for.

As for the other guy, I agree with not meeting the kids until something resembling a relationship is forming. I've conveniently made an exception when women have had daughter close in age to mine, but even that i'm starting to rethink. The deeper story for that guy is that you probably aren't digging him so much anyway if you are still involved with the other guy and actually putting up with his shenanigans. . On top of all else, I/J guy probably **realizes** you feel more deeply and is still willing to take advantage. Hear me loud and clear on this: You will not change him. The healthiest thing for you to do here is cut all ties. Men DREAM ABOUT women like you who will stick around and love on them when all they really care about (and all they promise) is sex, sex and more sex. And since you clearly have not talked about being exclusive, don't be surprised if he is out there forming similar "business relationships" with multiple women. I call this "Harem Building", and you will see a newsletter on it in the future.

...AND...While We Are STILL On That Subject...

I really loved the Storybook newsletter, i have a question how do you feel about this situation i am a single parent and i have been dating this one guy & he is pushing to meet my children, how long so you think before someone should meet my family? I met this guy and i knew him for a couple month's and everything seemed to be great @ first then we had sex after a few dates, i want this guy to like me as much as i like him but i feel that we had sex way to early he is pushing away from me now. what do you think i should do?I have a few suggestions i hope you don't mind, I would really like to see you write a newsletter about falling for someone to fast.Or when someone really likes you or if you are just using them. My friends talk about stuff like this all the time we would really like a man perspective on this issue!!! Thanks for listening. Talk to you soon!!!

*You know, this letter and the one above it involve such similar situations that I'd be tempted to believe they were written by the same person, **except** I know all too well that this exact stuff happens ALL THE TIME, and i'm printing this in part to prove that point.*

Excellent questions though, and there are a few in there involving topics I am going to hit soon in future newsletters. You used the word "pushing" a couple of times. If he is wanting to meet your children, that is a very good sign that he is wanting to be a part of your life. If you feel he is pushing YOU away, that doesn't fit into the grand scheme. I don't know much about the whole thing, but if you are very much wanting him, sometimes this can come off in the form of being either: a) Too much communication (phone calls, emails) that might make you appear "high maintenance", or b) Too much availability. In other words, he knows he basically has you where he needs you (i.e. around his little finger), and "getting" tends to kill "wanting". Think about it this way. You know those needy/clingy guys who seem "nice" but don't ever leave you alone? How do you feel when that starts going on? Well, THAT FEELING is exactly what you what to avoid giving him. Men and women tend to be very similar that way. At this stage, it sounds like he is liking you...but it's time for you to lean back a little and let him be the one to take the lead in building the relationship.

As for the sex part, from what I've seen and heard couples can be successful long-term regardless of when they first have sex. This is much to the chagrin of many including myself, but I really can't deny the evidence. This is all dependent, of course, on your views on things. Some people are ready to hit it the same night they meet, others wait until they are married. By many accounts I've seen, "a few dates" seems to be the "average" as to when it happens out there these days. Now, the real question is always what happens after the first time. It seems popular to believe that if a guy "gets what he wants from a woman", he'll drop her and go after the next one. This is a MYTH. If it was a good experience, he is usually going to want MORE. If things

changed for the worse after the first time you had sex with the guy, check your thoughts and feelings to see if there was anything that could have improved the experience for both of you. If so, communicate. He isn't going to bite your head off (unless he is a true I/J, stress the "I" since you are trying to increase his sex life), and most men would KILL for a woman who asks how to make sex better. Please know this isn't foolproof, and is also not at all an indictment of your bedroom skeelz. Sometimes things just don't go right the first time or so, and believe it or not, sometimes only one of the partners sees it that way.

Whoa...are you all starting to get a feel for how different it is to have a faith-based approach along with a commitment to "tell it like it is"? You all are giving me some challenging ones here.

Please also feel free to have your friends sign up for the newsletter...we are still very much building readership!

...And They Lived Happily Ever After?

I could not agree more about "The Storybook". Funny that you wrote this I have been thinking about and doing things to make myself a better "partner". However I only discovered this or "learned" this from experience and having a "bad" marriage. Besides my beautiful children I am grateful for the bad experiences I had because I have learned so much on how to do "my part".

I have been on a similar learning path for over two years now. It is amazing how valuable it is to form the habits necessary to become the best spouse you can be, and even more amazing HOW few people actually care enough to go for it. Mad props to you and to all other readers for taking the step of learning more! Lives improve immensely when this happens...

Ed note: "The Storybook" caused more of a flood of response from readers than any single newsletter before it.

Signs, Signs, Everywhere Signs [That He's Married].

WOW, I really loved this one!!!! you couldn't have done a better job!! you should be careful yourself on who you date. Just a little piece of advise for you!

well your newsletter is coming in really handy, this guy doesn't have a picture but he would mail me one!!!!!! oh please. so i would assume he's married. there a some weird men on catholic web site. i thought that was really funny.scandless men on there i would have to say. you hit that right on!!!!

Isn't it amazing how sometimes things appear clearer right before your very eyes when someone else shines a light on it?

Brothers and Lovers

My Dad is one of my closest friends & I'm very close to both of my brothers. Strangely, I've found that to be intimidating to men. Why is that? Let me know if you have the answer!!

What a great question. Most men in this culture are programmed to believe that they have to be "nice" to women they are dating, and that most of what being a man is all about involves "behaving badly". My guess is that your Dad and your brothers are pretty much comfortable around you by now, and their typical masculine behavior doesn't faze you a bit. Therefore, when

you bring a man around, the guy is kind of caught between both personas—whether to be super nice and well-behaved around you, or to fit right in with your male relatives. Pulling off both at the same time is a tough thing for the vast majority of guys to pull off. Now, the irony of course is that most women like you aren't attracted to girly men who act like "nice boys" anyway, so it's natural you should wonder what the big deal is.

Dealing With Bi-racial Dating Issues

I was dating a man, who became distant from me because of the situation, him being black and me being white, he didn't want me to have to go thru a battle with my family. I came to find out that we are expecting a baby things have changed. Now I need to make this work and have my family accept him because we are now a family. I found all this out today and I have been talking to my best friend and I am just confused right now. I didn't want to leave them hanging. This has been a rough day for me!!! I have sat down with my children to explain the situation to them and they are really happy. I believe I have found the man for me. I know dating outside your race it's difficult and then having a bi-racial baby doesn't make things easier. I just want to hear your opinion on this???????????

Well, it sounds like you have already thought a lot out in a short period of time and begun to execute on a plan. Your family is going to have to understand that your happiness is your own business, and you aren't here to please them. As for your guy, be sure he is not just coming back because of the baby, because his initial excuse for distancing himself from you doesn't necessarily hold water. Make sure there is solid ground for a relationship.

I also don't necessarily see a reason for telling everyone about the pregnancy just yet. Wait until later in the second trimester. For what it's worth, how did it take you three months to figure out you were pregnant? That is unusual. Kudos and blessings to you for choosing to have the child...I know that involves courage.

As for the bi-racial child, don't sweat that. Any old school way of thinking that clouds that picture is ancient history. Bi-racial children are beautiful.

Readership Is Building

"Sign Me Up, Scotty!"

Um...okay.

...Redux

hello, my friend had forwarded a newsletter she had received from you and it was really good, I would like to be added to your mailing list. How often do you do these letters? I am a single mother and I share these with my other friends. I have received the one you had sent out today to her it was great. Could you please let me know. Thanks

We are always looking to expand readership! Many of you continue to send new readers my way, and the general feedback has been great. It looks like there is a true need for what we are doing around here. As readership builds, look for e-books and other cool things to come.

Be good,

Scot

Questions? Ideas? Comments? Send to xandy@mckay.cc. Your feedback is welcome. If you like what you read, please feel free to forward the newsletter to others. That's how we build our audience!

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