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Dear Deanna!

I have to choose who I want to marry. I have a childhood friend that would love to be with me but I don't feel any fireworks for him. I really want to marry my ex-boyfriend but I know he would only marry me for stability since he has a history of unemployment. I am so anxious to become a married woman but I'm having a tough time with this decision. Neither man has expressed this interest, so I will be the one proposing. Who do I choose?

Marriage Confusion
Online Reader

Dear Confusion:

You are missing the major dynamics of marriage such as a mutual agreement and, of course, a loving committed relationship. This is a union from God and not to be taken lightly or as a game. Your childhood friend doesn't deserve heartbreak and your ex-boyfriend would use you. You deserve better and should invest time in building a loving relationship with someone that has love, trust, respect and a joint decision for commitment and matrimony.

Dear Deanna!

My boyfriend and I have been dating for a while. He has never told me that he loves me and it's bothering me. I express my feelings all the time and he responds with remarks such as "I know," or he'll say "okay." This is causing arguments because I want him to say certain things to me but he won't do it. He feels I should rely on his actions, but I also need to hear his love here and there. How do I keep this from becoming an issue in this relationship?

Need Love
Richmond, VA

Dear Need Love:

If your boyfriend isn't a verbal guy, then you should indeed, observe his actions. If he is consistent, respectful, considerate and faithful you shouldn't complain. It won't hurt to ask him why he refuses to share his love verbally. While you're having this discussion, let him know why you need his verbal expressions and how it would make you feel. At the end of the day, be wise and appreciate what you have and don't ruin things with something this simple.

Dear Deanna!

My mother has suddenly refused to babysit my children while I go to work. I can't afford a regular babysitter and she knows it. I don't pay her because I'm trying to repair my car, take care of my bills and a few other things. My mother asked me to pay her, but I have other priorities to handle. I'm at the point of losing my job, and she acts as if she doesn't care and won't help me. She is literally tossing her grandkids out in the cold. How do I handle this?

Meisha
Omaha, NE

Dear Meisha:

Your mother is doing you a favor, and you should help her out as much as you can. Your children are eating at her house for free and extra water, heat and utilities are being used. Obviously she is fed up and decided to put her foot down. Your mother cares but she simply wants you to be responsible and provide a little compensation for her assistance. It would be easier if you go ahead and offer a little money, which she'll appreciate until you can do better.

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Prince begins reign at Rio

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International rock star and African-American music icon, Prince, publicly unveiled his new restaurant and opened his new nightclub in the Rio Hotel and Casino. Both the club and restaurant are named after Prince's newly released album, "3121," an album whose title meaning has not yet been revealed.

The restaurant, officially called 3121 Jazz Cuisine, is an elaborately decorated and visually appealing one, serving a variety of upscale five-course meals, all created and overseen by experienced executive chef, Lena Morgan. The mood of the restaurant is quaint and romantic, featuring a candlelit, jazz-infused setting.

On any given night, the restaurant will likely be filled with Las Vegas socialites and entertainment personalities. Comedian George Wallace, "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" Robin Leach, and Councilman Lawrence Weekly were all present at the preview of the jazz restaurant last Wednesday.

The 3121 club will surely become a popular after-hours spot, open at 10 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday to patrons 21 and over. The club will provide a wide variety of live musical entertainment at a starting cover charge of the enigmatic \$31.21 on weekdays, but it will increase to \$125.00 on Fridays and Saturdays—the nights that Prince is scheduled to perform.

The reservation-only restaurant opens at 5 p.m. daily and employs an enthusiastic wait staff.

Not only will customers be attracted to the meticulous décor and sophisticated dishes, they will be thoroughly entertained by the father-and-son jazz duo, Ghalib & Jihad Ghallab Xperience. The talented pianist and drummer play contemporary blues, jazz ballads, standards and familiar soulful tunes of yesteryear.

The club consists of a spotlight-lit dance floor, scaled seating, an intricate DJ booth, wall-to-wall big screen televisions projecting various music videos, old and new.

The stage is positioned to the rear of the dance floor and spacious enough to accommodate Prince, twin back-up

singers, an auxiliary guitarist, and drummer.

And one can expect to pay an upscale price for drinks at 3121's bar, located on the back wall of the club. According to special events producers and national entertainment providers AEG Live, both the concept of the restaurant and the nightclub were exclusive to Prince.

Explaining why the Rio Hotel and Casino is his Las Vegas home, the artist's representatives replied, "Because the Rio has a lot of purple. And you know Prince loves purple," adding, "Las Vegas is the entertainment capital of the world. Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Wayne Newton — they all performed here. And Prince would love to be amongst a group of great entertainers to steadily perform in Las Vegas."

There are few entertainers that match the high-energy of Prince, and for two nights every week, visitors and Las Vegas residents can witness that musical energy. There will be other artists featured at 3121, but no names have

been disclosed. Wednesday nights will feature special guest performances by friends of the music legend. Thursday nights will feature a Latin feel. Fridays and Saturdays, club-goers will likely be on their toes, as Prince is prone to spontaneity and loves to surprise his audiences.

Even on nights when Prince is not scheduled to perform, he may show up. "Who knows what will happen," said AEG Live representatives.

Although Prince didn't speak much with the public, he was present at the preview event to give a taste of what guests should expect on those highly-anticipated Friday and Saturday nights at 3121. After the media relations representatives concluded, the curtains rose, and the man who has fascinated fans for decades stroked his orange-and-white electric guitar. His selections included "Black Sweat," from his new 3121 album and the infamous "Purple Rain," his 1984 double Grammy Award-winning album.

While crowds love the new Prince, they worship the old one. After plucking the first string, fans recognized it leading to "Purple Rain" and responded lively.

"Purple rain, purple rain," the 48-year-old sang. "Thank you all for showing up tonight. I hope you all enjoy yourselves here and help make this club a success," he said, while still striking chords on his pastel-colored guitar.

Prince was born Prince Rogers Nelson in 1958. The rock singer from Minneapolis, Minn., has experienced unparalleled success in his career: touring worldwide, acting and directing, achieving Grammy Award winning success, and mastering an amazing two dozen instruments.

Now, the musical genius known as Prince, the Artist Formerly Known as Prince, (represented by an unpronounceable symbol which combined the symbol for male and female) can add club manager, restaurant proprietor and Las Vegas entertainer to his resumé.

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