

# The Many Faces of Positive Change



**ASK DEANNA!**  
*Real People,  
Real Advice*

*Ask Deanna! is an advice column known for its fearless approach to reality-based subjects!*

Dear Deanna!

I spend a lot of time being friends with women, listening to their problems and just being a great guy. I'm in a situation with a friend that I now want a relationship with but she isn't interested. Once I made my feelings known, she has basically kicked me to the curb. I can't understand why she took my money, used my car and came to me with all of her problems but won't date me. What did I do wrong?

A.J.

San Diego, CA

Dear A.J.

You got played, which is what insecure women, a few wives and silly girls do to the good men out there. You fell victim to a woman that wanted a guidance counselor and financial provider without any loving. These women are fine as long as they get what they want without giving up anything. Consider yourself blessed to be out before your credit was ruined and you were left looking foolish with a broken heart.

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Dear Deanna!

At what point do you give up on a spouse that can't get up and make things happen. I've sacrificed so many of my dreams and goals to support my husband. I've had job offers in other states, business opportunities and more. I felt sorry for being a high achiever so I always stayed at a certain level so he would shine. The years have gone by and he's burned out, but my opportunities are still available. Is it a problem if I go for it?

Anonymous

Shreveport, LA

Dear Anonymous:

If the shoe were on the other foot, he would leave you in the dust and hope to meet you at the finish line. You're a team and all rewards should be shared, so it doesn't matter who has the title of superstar. If your husband hasn't complained, this is a reflection of your feelings that are way off base. Unless you want to be dusty looking in a mirror of failure, you have the answer and should take the leap forward with no turning back.

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Dear Deanna!

I recently gave birth to a baby girl. My boyfriend was hoping for a boy and he seemed disappointed. Things were fine until the baby was three months old. My boyfriend stopped coming around and when he did, he always seemed distant. I later learned that he has a new son that is a month older than my daughter. He cheated on me, got someone pregnant and we had our kids at the same time. I am devastated and don't know what to do about this relationship?

Devastated New Mom

Queens, NY

Dear Devastated:

Your first mistake is having a baby out of wedlock. Another mistake is a boyfriend that showed disappointment because of the baby's gender. You can see in advance that if you stay with this man you're going to have cheating, drama from another woman and a stressful relationship. It's to your advantage to organize the child support payments and seek commitment. If he won't do the right thing, kick him to the curb, raise your child and keep it moving.

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The Kermit R. Booker Sr. Empowerment Elementary School held its 12th annual Gents and Lads Banquet. The theme for this year's celebration, "Embracing A Changing World," captured the excitement of the first elected African-American president in the United States, Barack Obama. The annual banquet gives young boys of Booker ES the opportunity to bond with their fathers or other significant males in the community. This year's program was dedicated to the memory of Marvin "Sweet Louie" Smith of the Checkmates, an R'n'B group. Sweet Louie was an avid supporter and performer of the program and passed away last year. Every grade performed, pre-K through fifth, to a packed house of over 400 participants at the Fitzgeralds Casino and Hotel in downtown Las Vegas.



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