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Simply low self-esteem, 'The Conclusion'

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You've heard that old saying, "Stand for something or fall for anything?" Well here's a new and better one that makes it "cut-throat clear" – "Stand for anything and fall for everything." I've heard, I think, in a song the words with the artist asking the question, "How low will you go by your actions you will know?"

Simply low self esteem! When you feel good about self the results should be you'll do good for self, but over and over I see individuals treat themselves worst than their enemy. WHY? Simply low self-esteem.

The young 23-year-old second-year college student is beautiful and she handles her business, but something went wrong, says her mother and father. She drives to school everyday, goes to work after school, has her own beautiful one bedroom apartment not far from her college campus and she pays all her bills on time. She has a checking and savings account and three major credit cards. She gets her hair and nails done every two weeks and wears nice clothes, but something is wrong. What, you ask? She has low self-esteem and on the inside, in her mind, in her head, in her spirit and in her actions, she does not love herself. How and why does a beautiful queen, meaning a beautiful "sistah" settle for a thug? How does she go to work and let him stay in her bed and sleep only to return back home to hear him ask her, "Baby what you cooking tonight?" Sometimes, or as she said in the group session, "most of the time, he drives me to school, picks me up and takes me to work." I had to ask her – and I don't even know why I asked her, "does he have a license to drive?" Laughing, she answers, "his license is

suspended for non-payment of child support." Once again I shook my head and remembered the Scripture text from the Word of God in the book of Proverbs the 23 chapter the 9th verse, which reads, "Don't try and talk sense to a fool; he can't appreciate it." She has low self-esteem and needs more support groups, a counselor and most of all, God to give her the spiritual strength to pull it all together.

I don't mean to call this beautiful queen a fool, but why was she acting like a fool, yet attending college and handling her business, but chose a loser, a thug, a bad boy just for starters? Didn't she know she didn't need any help to go down? What's that old saying? "I can do bad all by myself." SIMPLY LOW SELF ESTEEM.

For starters she felt she was not complete without having another individual in her life to make her happy. But this happiness was only a sexual thing and as long as she was in the bed under the covers with this loser she was happy and content. Once her feet left the sheets, that attitude, that anger was all over her beautiful face. Problem is that she knew better, she knew she was being played and used, but she settled for it. Yes, her parents did give her a foundation, yet she went in another direction and her thug boyfriend reminded her that she was a loser – and guess what? She believed him that he was the best thing for her and she would and could not do any better. Ooowee!

This beautiful girl had dreams before she selected the thug to be her mate, but she became weak to follow them because her thug mate found a way to discourage them. See people too weak to follow their own dreams, will always find a way to discourage yours. Simply low self-esteem!

Letting go of negative people doesn’t mean I hate them, it just means I love myself, but the problem with this girl was she didn't love herself.

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Where are the real mothers these days to teach our daughters the difference between A MAN who flatters her and a man who compliments her, a man who spends money on her and a man who invests in her, a man who views her as property and a man who views her properly, a man

who lusts after her and a man who loves her, a man who believes he is God's gift to women and a man who remembers a women was God's gift to man? AND THEN TREAT OUR SONS TO BE THAT KIND OF MAN! SO, WHERE ARE THE FATHERS AS WELL.

SISTERS LOVE YOURSELF AND SETTLE FOR NOTHING LESS SIMPLY BECAUSE YOU RESPECT YOURSELF!

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