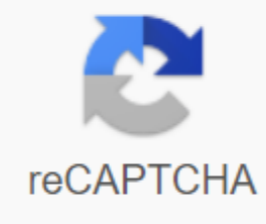




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Straight talk no chaser steve harvey

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After all, it came from a man we know and love: The embroidery of Steven Harvey of West Virginia. A well-dressed and respected man with a crazy sense of humor, class, success, and at the age of 53 - years of experience with issues of heart and interpersonal relationships. The book made us laugh out loud, and nod our heads in recognition. An instant bestseller who spent months at the top of the Essence book list, it was a must-have in the female library. So women were now craving that perspective. This truth. Instruction. They called the man down, followed him to conferences, linked his radio program, wrote him letters and emails because they wanted to know more. And what did our friend Steve do? He gave us more. His second book, Straight Talk, No Chaser, will sell simply based on the reputation and word-of-mouth of the first book. It contains interesting chapters like:•Dating of decades: A guide to how men feel about relationships in their twenties, thirties, forties, fifties, and beyond • Are women scary? Myths Versus Facts • Every Sugar Daddy Is Not Sweet•Let's Stop Games: Asking Men The Right Questions To Get The Right AnswersDespite the hot topics... Straight Talk, No Chaser is not nearly as informative - or necessary - as the first was. Comparing the two is not fair. Maybe if I read this book first, I'd love it, and act like a lady... seems superfluous. But the truth is... they are pretty much exactly the same book and there are a lot of repetitions in theory and advice. My opinion: I think I got the point the first time around. Loud and clear. Steve - now on his third marriage to Marjorie Bridges - is a father of seven, and sounds like he has a solid grip on his family, his children, and his spirituality. He has lived an interesting life, and shared the ups and downs throughout his texts. He's definitely a man of good substance. Here's what he had to share, this time around... in case you didn't get it the first time. And if you didn't get after the first book (which was pretty beautiful You need more than one book to address your concerns with the opposite sex. I'm just saying it. In a nutshell (again!):D o your standards and requirements reflect who you are and what you are able to give back? - Steve thinks that while it's great to tell your girlfriends about Ph.D., 6'4, supermodel, 35-year-olds without children, and unlimited riches that you deserve to have... that you have to ensure that you work just as hard and are just as competent yourself to expect that type of partner. If you want your husband to be a learned businessman... You can't lay up on the couch and collect unemployment, hoping he'll come and save you. Women really interested in finding the right guy have to get over the fear of losing one – its 'OK to let a man go if he's not right for you. It's OK to be single for a while. You have to be willing to move on if someone doesn't give you what you want and just trust that someone else will eventually come around. Stop compromising your claims to justify having a relationship with a man who won't give you what you ultimately want – settlement is compromising. It's not okay to forget your wants and needs, and settle for safety. You can never find true fulfillment like this. Mediocre yet common-sensuous advice at best. I'm not hitting him, he's done some good with those books. He's kept it real (albeit a little bit of oooold-school at times), and he tries his best to prevent women across the globe from delusions and despair. I love Steve Harvey. I loved him on The Steve Harvey Show. I loved him on The Original Kings of Comedy. I even log in to his nationally syndicated morning radio show The Steve Harvey Morning Show online at work to catch two jokes. I can't say I've seen him on Family Feud yet, but I'm sure he's pretty funny there too. BUT, I think I've learned everything I need to know from him about the ins and outs of the male mind. Going forward, I might prefer to see him sell his suits or on a stage somewhere... makes me laugh, tell crazy, irrelevant stories and punchlines, and leave the female heart and self-esteem out if that! The bottom line is that the world is full of men who are willing and able to commit. Get your house in order, set your standards and requirements to use, exercise your power in your relationships, and be willing to walk away. I'm not saying this trip will be easy or quick. But it will be worth it. ~ Steve Harvey ... more Of Steve Harvey Copyright © 2012 Steve Harvey All rights reserved. ISBN: 978-0-06-172896-9 Realize a human I have no business being married at twenty-four. Yes, I believed wholeheartedly in the idea of marriage; After all, my parents had been married for 64 years before my mother died. And I had all to duplicate what they had: a stable relationship in a home filled with love, strength, perseverance, and wisdom. That's all I knew to do. So it made every sense in the world to a ring to the woman I loved and said: I do. And that's where the problem began. In the weeks leading up to my marriage, I didn't have a steady paycheck to support my soon-to-be wife. In my heart, I knew it wasn't right. I had even said so much to my mother; I told her I was going to cancel the wedding because I wasn't working and it didn't feel right. My mother, who was a woman who wanted to see her child married and knew how devastating it would have been for my fiancée to cancel her dream wedding, talked me out of cancelling the big day. Invitations had been sent out. People were looking for the show. Who would I count on at this festive parade? Years later, my mother apologized and admitted that she would never have persuaded me to get married if she had known how unprepared I was to be a good man. At the time we were able to put our finger on what was missing - what was judging my first marriage, even before spitting on the stamps we put on those invitations was dry; I didn't know who I was, what I would do with my life, and how much I had to do to do it. As I explained in Act Like a Lady, Think Like a Man, everything a man does is filtered through his title (who he is), how he gets that title (what he does), and the reward he gets for the effort (how much he does). These are the three things each man has to achieve before he feels that he is truly fulfilling his destiny as a man, and if any of these things are missing, he will be too busy trying to find it to focus on you. He doesn't want it in him to settle down, have children, or build a life with anyone. In my first marriage, I didn't have these things lined up by any stretch. I had dropped out of college and went to work at Ford Motor Company. Later, I was laid off and didn't get a job until a month after we got married. It was a way to make some money, but I knew it wasn't what I wanted out of life - that it wasn't my calling. And I was frustrated by it. How could I get a wife to buy into me and my plans for the future when even I wasn't excited about them though? How could she know me if I didn't know myself? How could she benefit from what I did and how much I did if I didn't do something? I was frustrated, our financial outlook was in chaos and we were always at it - always fighting for something. Because I wasn't a man. She had married a member of the male species and I had some good traits. I was kind and trusting; I was a very good protector; and I made no qualms about confessing to anyone who comes and goes that she was mine, and I was hers. And some good ones, a lot of good ones, came from our union: my daughters Karli and Brandi and my son Steve. But I wasn't quite a man. And it cost us. I wish my father would have warned me, Have sat me down and schooled me on information about marriage. Maybe he could have told me that a time comes when you need to cut out all the stupidity - the screw up at school, fooling around with a bunch of bunches Women. I wish he would have told me that if I didn't stop acting foolishly of a certain age, there would be a cost associated with my lack of focus, in postponing my dreams of being an entertainer. Had he done that, a lot of pain would have been spared for everyone all around. He didn't tell me about his thoughts about when a boy should focus on maturing into a man. He didn't tell me. Steve, listen: you got a few years to date a few women while you figure this thing out, and when you decide who you are, what you want to do and how you want to make your money, go get a partner who can help you achieve these things. It would have been a great lesson for my father to teach his son. But men aren't like that. We are neither the greatest communicators nor information descriptors. There is no manual that says that we should know sometime between the ages of twenty-five and twenty-seven what we want to do with our lives and aged twenty-eight to thirty, we should settle down with a woman who is just as committed to helping us achieve our goals and dreams as we are to help her achieve hers. What we constantly hear, instead, is you're young - so your oats. enjoy yourself, have a good time, don't get tied down, don't get serious with any girls. And by the time we've finished setting ourselves up financially and convincing ourselves we're ready to settle down, we've fumbled through countless relationships that leave women at the roadside, some of them crushed and bitter because we thought it's more important to add a notch to our player belts than to act honorably. We've gone after the gold star that some men give each other when they have more than one woman at a time. And for your problems? We get pats on the back - told over and over again that this is what we should do if we are real men. Men hardly get a pat on the shoulder when they get married. Even more, married men, whether they are happily married or not, are constantly sharing the horrors of marriage with us, forever pointing out that all the freedoms of single men enjoy getting to a screaming halt when ole' ball and chain become attached to a man's ankle – that marriage is a kind of death sentence. Indeed, among men, conversations related to the ins and outs of marriage become conversations based on bravado and jokes, rather than the truth, which is that a marriage - one built on love, respect, loyalty and trust - is the best thing that could ever happen to a man. Hill Harper pointed this out at a relationship roundtable we did together on Nightline; Hill, an actress who has written a few excellent books on communication between men and women, insisted that single men would benefit greatly if married men admitted publicly that behind closed

doors, they say to themselves and their wives, Thank God for marriage. Thank God for my family. Thank God someone supports me and patches me together so I can go to work the next day. This things are pretty okay. It is quite certain that manhood. And it is high time we started teaching our young men early. We need to pull them aside and explain that there comes a time when they need to cut out the folly. Because when we do, we can get back to the business of finding each other, falling in love, creating a family and spending a lifetime supporting and dreaming and growing - together. It is not something a woman can learn; a man who is 22 or 23 years old cannot get his mother to sit down and talk to him about what it takes to be a man; she has no idea of the level of competition we operate on, what drives us and what we face every time we head towards the front door and out into the world - no more than a man can possibly understand what it means to be a young woman. We love and admire our mothers to death, but they cannot walk in our shoes; men and women are far too different and she will miss the mark - from the simplest things, like how to shake after you pee, to the most complex situations, like how to square off against another man, and without anyone getting hurt in the process, still be able to walk away with your dignity intact. Of course, I realize that telling women that they can't teach boys how to be men is not helpful; The world is full of single mothers going it alone while the fathers of their children run from awesome responsibility to raise them. And it seems that many men who commit to their families by becoming the course are often mentally absent, lost as they are in their work. But it is imperative that boys who don't have their fathers around to show them the ropes get acquainted with some positive, smart, strong male role models - an uncle, an adviser, a coach, a teacher, a neighbor - so they have someone to talk to and that someone is tasked with ensuring that our sons learn the most important lessons. I've taught my own sons, Wynton, Jason and Steve, this. And that workout starts the moment I open my eyes in the morning. Every day I wake my sons up the same time as me - no matter what wicked hour in the morning it is. If I hit the treadmill and weightlifting at 4:30, then they are. If I go into the office at 10:00 a.m. they've got school or their study workload is a little heavy, they still have to wake up, and before they get ready, text me their plans for the day - what they're working on and what chore they'll be filling out before they sit down for breakfast. This is what typical morning texts from my sons look like: 7:06 (JASON): Soon I'll be an official Harvey Academy graduate. I'm going to have another test next week, and I'm going to make you proud of me. Today I will sweep the forecourt and study. Love you dad, talk to you later. 7:10 am (ME): I'm already proud. Just give me something to brag about. Give your father some great moments for his twilight 7:11 p.m. (JASON): Yes, sir. Looking forward to making it happen. And when they mess up, I bring the pain, too. Like just this morning, all of them had to be front and center down in our family gym at 4am to do a group workout with me. Hey, if I'm going to wake up and get on my grind before the sun rises so I can give their lifestyle, the least they can do is keep me company while I do it. Well, 4:10 rolls around and I'm well into my training and all my sons were still knocked out; When I called Steve's cell, he told me they all forgot the plan. I sent a text message to Jason first, reminding him that just like in the jungle, gorilla (me) is always at the top of his game and gazelles (my boys) are not fast or strong enough to keep up: 7:59 (ME): Gorilla Silverback, 2, Gazelles, 0 8:00 (JASON): How did you score two? 8:01 am (ME): Gorilla takes what he wants. I get two points. 8:02 pm (JASON): I'm going to take one back this afternoon. Your Bible is in my room- LOL. 8:02 am (ME): I told Ms Anna to put it there. Now you can find out why. Gorilla 3, Gazelles, 0. 8:06 (JASON): Dad, how can you keep scoring all the time? 8:15 am (ME): I never stop coming. It's from your guts, your guts, you hear? Your tendons. Your will to win. Your desire to show up and be counted. Your pride. Where is your pride for doing what you said you're going to do? If I didn't do what I said, you wouldn't respect me. My desire to be respected is so great in me that it pushes me to excel. Where's your pride? I needed them to know that their father is cranking - that while they were asleep, I was downstairs doing wind sprints and abs, and then at work earning a solid paycheck so I could pay our bills to make sure we all have a roof over our heads, beds to lie in, and food on the table - a home. For me. For their mother. For them. For all of us. And I talk to them - constantly talking to them - about what it takes to be a real man. If more men really understood what that means, it would really eradicate so many of the negative relationship issues we struggle with - fatherlessness, low marriage rates, divorce. The list goes on. My father didn't speak much to me, but he showed me by example what it means to be a dedicated father and husband, taught me about hard work and the importance of using it to take care of your family; respect your significant others and require your children to do the same; and be the best father you can be to the babies you make. Did I do it right? Not all the time. I failed in two marriages before I found my relationship. It's human. But every time, I drew lessons from darkness - from failures. And then I swore not to let them happen again, not only for the sake of my wife and our marriage, but also to be this example for my children - my sons and my daughters - who eye on me, and as I did with my father, using my example to get clues as to how they treat a love interest, and certainly how to expect to be treated by this love interest. (Continues...) Excerptfrom Straight Talk, No Chaser by Steve Harvey. Copyright © 2012 by Steve Harvey. Excerpts by permission of HarperCollins Publishers.All rights reserved. No part of this extract may be reproduced or reprinted without the written permission of the publisher. Excerpts are provided by Dial-A-Book Inc. for personal use only for the personal use of visitors to this website. Site.

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