

Dear Deanna!

My boyfriend will not tell me that he loves me. I have been with him for three years and he always tells me that his presence should answer the question. He has verbally said he loves me about five times. We've had our problems with cheating and break-ups but we're still together. I want to head in the direction of commitment but I need to address his feelings first. How do I find out his true feelings for me? -- *Adrienne; Columbia, S.C.*

Ask Deanna!



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Dear Adrienne:

The things your boyfriend isn't saying speak the loudest. You've allowed this behavior in the relationship and at this point, there's a small chance he'll change. You have rights in this relationship and deserve to know his feelings and intentions. You need to be direct and tell him how you feel, what you want and your expectations on love and marriage. Be prepared if you don't get the answers you seek and you have to decide to stay or keep it moving.

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I met a guy that I thought was really interested in me. I helped him get employment at my company, helped with his bills and paid child support for him. As soon as things started looking up for him, our relationship changed. Things hit the fan when he got a promotion and moved into another department. He is now telling me that he's focused on improving his life instead of dating me. I heard that he's dating someone else in the company. What do I do? - *Crying and Miserable; On-Line Reader*

Dear Miserable:

You set yourself up by confusing help with being used and also giving up your money. You never should mix business with pleasure because it's a guaranteed recipe for pain. He used you to get ahead and you can see early on that he's leaving you behind. If you heard that he's dating someone on the job, it's probably true. You can't do

anything other than move on, be glad that you got out early and pray for the new lady who will be his next sucker.

Dear Deanna!

I have a platonic relationship with a male friend of four years but my fiancé doesn't like it. He has begun making hints that I've slept with my friend and accusing me of lying to him. I've only known my fiancé for two years and if I had to choose between the two men, I would choose my friend. How can I convince my fiancé that we're only friends and that nothing is going on? This is becoming stressful because I love both men and want them in my life. Help? -- *Sharon; San Antonio, Texas*

Dear Sharon:

Your future husband is jealous of your relationship with your male friend. It's your responsibility to find balance as you seek to have both relationships. Invite your husband to be part of the friendship so he can understand and be more open minded. Also be mindful of your platonic friendship to make sure you're not giving your fiancé reasons to complain. If things don't improve after the air is clear, you fiancé has issues you certainly need to explore

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