

Dear Deanna!

I have been designated as the babysitter and caregiver for my younger brothers and sisters. My mother started having kids again after I turned 13. Now I'm in college and I can't get my homework completed. I stay tired all the time. I try to talk to my mother but she is always fussing about her boyfriends, my siblings' fathers and money. I don't want to quit college or ruin my relationship but it looks as if that's where things are heading. What can I do? --Tamyra Jackson; On-Line Reader

Dear Tamyra:

Families stick together no matter what and in your case, you have to be the glue. You may not see it, but your mother is doing the best she can with what she has. All you can do is hang in there, help the best you can and push yourself harder to become better and



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achieve. You should work out a schedule with your mother, college and the kids and be sure to rest and stay focused. You will get your reward in the end after you've done the right thing.

Dear Deanna!

I want more out of my current relationship but I think my past is causing negativity between us. I have been known to have more than one boyfriend and play the field but I've changed. I'm ready to settle down but my past seems to haunt me on a regular basis. My boyfriend tells me he would commit but he's afraid he can't trust me. What can I do to prove

that I've changed and can be trusted? --Anonymous; Charlotte, N.C.

Dear Anonymous:

People believe that once you're a cheat, you will always be a cheat. Your lack of care for your morals is giving you a dose of reality that you can't seem to swallow right now. You've shown your boyfriend quite a few things when you thought he and others were not looking. The only thing you can do is stay on the straight and narrow path in your relationship, meet his expectations and demonstrate to him that you're on his team seeking longevity and a future.

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