



DR. BETTY R. PRICE



CONTENTS

	Foreword	v
	Introduction	vii
1	Letters from Two Mistresses	1
2	Warning to Husbands	10
3	The Many Faces of Seduction and Deception	12
4	When You Lose Your Anointing and Your Position, They Will No Longer Want You	20
5	What Legacy Will You Leave for Your Children?	26
6	Spiritual Prostitution	30
7	Warning Against Covetousness and Pride	33
8	Excerpt from “Avoiding the Sex Trap” by Angela Evans	43
9	Do You Want to Be Free? by Dr. Minnie Claiborne	53
	Notes	68

CHAPTER I

LETTERS FROM TWO MISTRESSES

THESE ARE THE CORRESPONDENCES I received that compelled me to write this book.

I just recently turned half a century. I'm so thankful to God for this blessing. So many women hide their age, but I'm thankful to see half a century gone by. I am writing to tell you that I'm a partner. I am not bragging about being a partner because I have not been faithful with my tithes or offerings and the commitment I made with Crenshaw Christian Center (CCC) in L.A.

I lost my job of ten years a couple of years ago...and I have not been able to find another one that has good benefits and one that's interesting while helping others...I was fired for wanting to be treated like the "Heathers" and "Brookes" that worked at the clerk office. I went back to school for a couple of semesters to bring myself up to date with modern computer technology.

Six months before my termination, the Lord

allowed me to purchase a three-bedroom, two-bath condo that's surrounded by lakes with people water skiing, fishing, and sailing their big boats. I was blessed to buy this condo while being faithful and obeying the Lord with paying tithes and offerings to CCC in Los Angeles, California. I sowed seeds into good, fertile soil with your ministry and was blessed with this purchase after filing bankruptcy and a foreclosure on my previous home.

Dr. Betty, I know I'm blessed because to this date, I have not missed one payment on any of my bills, including credit card purchases. Mind you, now, I was making ten dollars an hour working on a government job for ten years, with my starting salary of five dollars an hour. Granted, I don't live in a high life of luxury spending, but the life that I live is a life of trusting God for all my needs and for what His Word says—that if you have the faith of a mustard seed, you can move mountains out of your way. I was not sure what a mustard seed was [when I first heard that promise preached], so I went and purchased a box of them.

Anyway, I am writing because I can't seem to find my space here anymore at fifty. I'm going through my midlife feeling sorry for myself, gaining mad weight, and sitting around being lazy. I have started having an affair with a married man who happens to be an ordained bishop. I tell myself that everyone does it; then I ask the Lord to please forgive me, and

I try to move on with my life. But I keep going back on that “Lord, please forgive,” and the forgiveness the Lord has extended to me many times. I can’t seem to say no to the bishop’s attention to me. And mind you, it’s not a lot of attention that he is able to give to me. I used to talk—not really badly (but not nicely either)—about other women who engaged in adulterous relationships with other men.

Dr. Betty, I always prayed to the Lord not to ever let myself become involved with someone else’s husband, especially a man of the Lord’s cloth, because I feared the Lord and still fear Him. I pray and pray, but my self-esteem has been somewhat stripped by what happened at [work]. It’s been two years, and [yet] I have all of this work experience and can’t find a job at fifty years old.

Please pray for me, please!

Oftentimes I ask the bishop, Aren’t you afraid of the Lord, or do you and He have just that tight understanding? He says that every time he leaves my presence, he feels really bad, but not bad enough to just stop. And get this, Dr. Betty, I had been without an intimate relationship with anyone for eight years and was trying to wait for the Lord to send me my husband, friend, and constant companion. I told the bishop this before we ever had a physical relationship. You would think that he would be thinking with his big head...

This is an extremely small amount of money to

send to say that I am so grateful . . . for your husband's teaching that I watch each week on Sundays. I used to send my tithes to CCC in Los Angeles . . . I've slacked off big time because I don't have a lot coming in, but I do have a little coming in.

Please keep me and others like me ('cause I'm not the only one in a sick situation like this; some folks are way far worse than mine) in your prayers. I also practice what Dr. Price Sr. says: "Learn to pray for yourself." I do and pray for others as well.

I mean not to bother you, for I know that folks write to you every day about such petty things. As I mentioned earlier, I turned one-half of a century this year, and I only celebrate the decades in my birthdays, like at thirty, forty, and now fifty. I thank God for [the numbers] one through nine, but after the first thirty years, they started coming too fast. I decided to just celebrate the decades in those years of life. I try to do something really special on that decade year, and writing to Dr. Betty Price is my really special something this decade. If I get a response that would be cool and the best of the best, but please let me assure you that I am so thankful for just being allowed to just write to her . . .

I know it sounds corny, but that's what I like . . . Please pray that I find the right job that the Lord might have for me so that I may help myself and others and not have such a low self-esteem . . .

Dr. Betty, I respect people's union with God,

because when the Lord blesses me with such a union, I would want it also to be respected...



I have a very heavy heart as I write this e-mail, since I do not know how to say what I am about to explain to you.

I have been a Christian for more than eight years... I was married for five years, and my marriage should not have happened in the first place. We got counseling from the pastor of our church, and it did not work.

When I became separated from my husband, who was a leader of the church and later left, my pastor and prophet started an intimate relationship with me. At first I was very hesitant, but what he said made sense. And so, I fell in love. I now realize that it was not love.

Due to this relationship, I blossomed in the house of the Lord. I started many different things and made lots of money for the church. I started preaching and ministering in dance, so much so that I minister at other churches. The power of the Lord is so overwhelming that people receive breakthroughs.

It has now been four years since the relationship started, and I have become very antagonistic toward him. I am disrespectful in major meetings and angry all the time. During the four years we have been

together intimately I have not been faithful. I have always felt like this is not right, so I started other relationships to take away the pain of being with a married pastor, prophet, and motivational speaker with three kids.

He, the pastor, has always supported me, and if I need anything at all I can have it. But I am bitter, and it is manifesting in the way I behave.

I don't know why, but it is getting worse. Sometimes I feel like just dying. I have contemplated suicide more than once.

Recently—and this is why I need your advice and prayer—the pastor said that God told him I needed to change. I have always felt like God did not want this relationship, but he says that God wants us, me and him together in an intimate relationship, to grow his church. I suggested we change our relationship to friendship, since I felt this was probably what God wanted. He got angry, and I got scared. So, we are in a relationship still. He ended up saying that God wanted me to be a good girl and to stop giving him trouble. If I do what God wants, then all my ministries would come forth. Right now, he says I am hindering the work of the Lord by being this way to him.

I have also become quite unfired for the work that gave me so much joy and energy. Although, I still spend every evening after work in church, and I still show up to do whatever work I am asked to do.

I still have meetings with my volunteers, and things go as normal. But people are starting to notice the difference in me and in the way I treat the pastor.

I don't want to be this angry person, but I need release. I know in the Bible it says, "Believe in the Lord and you shall be established, believe in his prophet and you shall prosper" [2 Chron. 20:20]. I know that I should never question God, and the pastor hears from God and relays the message. I don't know what I am asking from you, but God will tell you how to answer me. I know.

Why am I coming to you? I had a vision of being in your church a long time ago. I believe what you and your husband preach with all my heart, and I know God will help me through you.

Please do not delay in a response. My life is at present hanging in a balance.

I thank you very much for your support.

*Yours in Christ,
Levelheaded*

My answer to "Levelheaded" was that her spirit was totally against the immoral lifestyle that she was sharing with the prophet. She needed to leave that ministry and repent, and God would forgive her.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

—1 JOHN 1:9

For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.

—HEBREWS 8:12

I also told her the scripture that she was referring to, 2 Chronicles 20:20, was talking about a righteous prophet, and if she did not get out of that situation, her future would not be good because there are consequences to the choices that we make. I talked with her again later, and at the time of that conversation she had not gotten out of the situation as yet because there are personal benefits that she is receiving from staying in it. My prayer for her is that the Holy Spirit will bring conviction to her to make the right decision before it is too late.



This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work. [God is telling you that this is a good work.] A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife [not women on the side], temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach; not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous; one who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?); not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil. Moreover he must have a good

testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

—1 TIMOTHY 3:1–7

Apparently a lot of ministers don't read this part of the Bible. They want to know about faith—how do I get a house, how do I get a car, how do I get clothes, or how do I get shoes? How about how to take care of your wife? Or wife, how about taking care of your husband? You need to learn how to use your faith for these types of things.

It says in Titus 1:5–9:

For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you—if a man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of dissipation or insubordination. For a bishop must be blameless [*blameless* does not mean “perfect,” but one against whom no evil can be proved; we are not perfect and might make mistakes], as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled, holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.

So I believe these are some things laid out for our leaders—pastors, men, and women in ministry.