

Words of Wisdom

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

1 Corinthians 10:13



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Special thanks go to all **Straight Talkers** who participated in the **MONEY QUIZ**.

Your experiences have made this issue. Keep writing. All those who participated **win pens** And those whose letters have been published

win T-shirts.
Congratulations

Life is good.. Money..



Students of Munkunyu SS, Kasese

FULL OF LIFE:
Would you risk your life just for money, gifts for sex? Think twice and put your life first.

It is exciting to receive a gift or money. But this excitement could be short lived! That is why before taking that something, stop and think. Who is this person? Why is he/she giving me this? Does he/she expect me to pay back? How does he/she expect me to pay back? What might be the outcome of receiving that something from him/her?

These questions help you look beyond the gift or money you are receiving today. Reflect on the future consequences of receiving that something.

Straight Talkers speak out on the quiz: 'Have you ever had a relationship for money and things? Have you ever offered or received money? What did you give or get exactly?'

Most *straight talkers* said they accepted money because they are poor, lack basic needs and have problems. Those who gave money or gifts wanted to win a partner into a relationship. It is great to know many *straight talkers* are saying no to money or gifts even if they are in difficult situations. These *straight talkers* are principled! **Are you principled?**

► Took back gifts

I received a letter thinking it was from my sister. When I opened and read, it was from a boy. He had put money and sweets inside the letter. I took the

letter back to him with its sweets and money. **H P Kafuruma, 16, S3, Nombe SS, Mbarara**

► Accepted to be primitive

I had a sugar daddy who loved me so much. I was a virgin and did not want to have sex without a condom. One day he told me to go for a Christmas gift, a phone and money.

When I went, we had a long discussion and he asked for sex. I told him to either use a condom or go for an HIV/AIDS test. He insisted on having sex and called me primitive. I accepted to be primitive.

He became cruel but I ignored him. He pulled me. I told him that I would scream. He thought I was joking. We wrestled for a while then I pulled away at once. I told him to have sex with his phone and money.

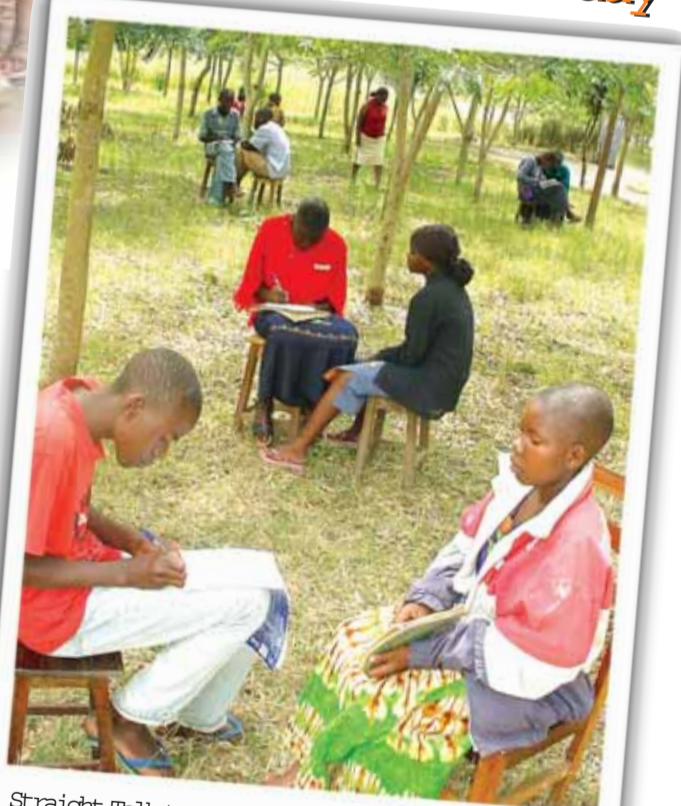
I walked away and assured him that if he ever followed me, I would report him to my parents. I hate money or things for relationships. **Sharon, 17, Busia**

► **Didn't want to put my life into fire**
I received money from a young woman from the trading centre. She wanted to lead me into sex but I used to ignore her. She sent me a letter. When I opened it, there was 10,000/-. She was convincing me to have sex. I tore the letter and put her money back into the same envelope and sent it to her. I didn't want to put my life into fire. I told my parents. They were pleased that I told them. They went and told the woman never to do such a thing. **Smith Nuwagira, 18, S4, Nombe SS, Mbarara**

► I once had a relationship with a girl who used to give me money. She wanted to play sex with me. Having spent a lot of her money. I had no genuine reason to refuse. I got HIV/AIDS. She left me. **S3 student, Kasese**

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Journalist for a day



Straight Talk travelled to the Rwenzori region, home of the Bakonzo in Kasese and worked with some *straight talkers* as journalists for a day. *Straight Talk* club members interview each other. **DEVELOP YOUR LISTENING AND WRITING SKILLS.**

Refuse money, gifts for sex

Live within your means. Be content with what you have and work with basic needs. Avoid admiring what your friends have. *Straight talker*

Paying the price of



G Nalutaya

I got many things in return: loss of dignity, loss of family and parental love, dropped out of school and lastly got pregnant.

I got infected

My stepmother raised me. She told me I had no share at home. When I asked for basics like soap, clothes, vaseline, the response she gave me was "aren't you a girl?" I got a man who promised to take care of me. He bought for me clothes, a phone and gave me pocket money. He also promised to take me back to school. After a year I started living with him. I accepted because I did not want to miss his care. What is disappointing is that he is living with HIV. I also got infected. I regret but it is my step-mother who caused all this.

JN, 19, Busia

Loss of family love

I had a relationship for money merely because I wanted to satisfy my needs. I fought the wife of the man I was having the relationship with. People doubted my HIV status. I got many things in return: loss of dignity, loss of family and parental love, dropped out of school and lastly got pregnant and had a lot of problems catering for the child. **N H, Manibe Public SS, Arua**

Pregnancy, STIs

I was 17 when I fell in love for money. In S4 I had no money for registration and even what to eat. There was an old man who had conned me for a long time. I was resistant but because of my problem I gave in. The first time I was with him he gave me every thing I wanted and even money for registration. When I conceived I tried to tell the man but he said he was not responsible for the

pregnancy. I thought of committing suicide before mum could kill me. I decided to go to the village and stay with my grand mother as I get the idea of whether to abort or giving birth. An elderly lady came at grandmother's place. She looked at me and asked if I was pregnant. My grandmother sent me away, saying that I will mislead others. I found a lady who helped me. She took me to a doctor and I aborted. She advised me not to do it again and now I have STIs, which I treat but do come back often. My siblings have nicknamed me cheap. Value whatever your parents give you, however small it is. Life is not easy if you behave badly. **Girl, Community Awareness and Response on AIDS, Kayunga**

Blew my fees, stopped schooling

When I was in S2 at Charity College Paidha, there was a girl who was really beautiful. If it meant death I was going to die for her. She was hard the first time I approached her. The second time I convinced her and she accepted. I thought that I had got the hidden mystery. But she told me that if I wanted her to love me, I should have a lot of money. I thought to myself that this thing (girl) was going to run out of my mouth. I told her that I would do anything for her. She also promised to do anything for me. I spent my school fees on her. I played this trick



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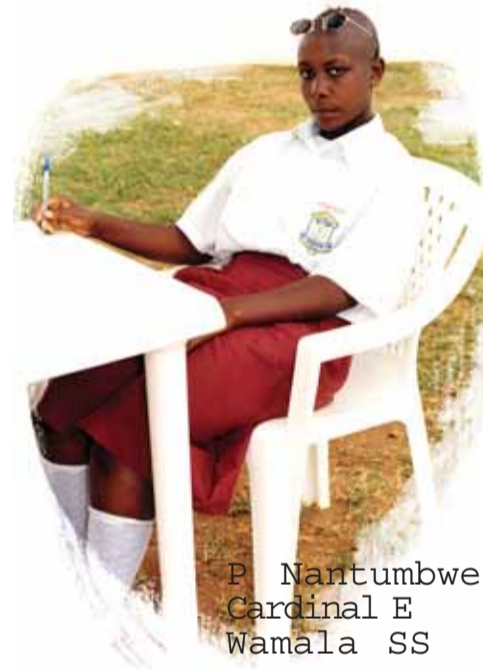
J Adriko, Mandela SS, Hoima

for two terms. I was caught in third term. The girl started neglecting me. I heard that she had a man to whom I could not compare myself. When my father got to know that I had spent my school fees, he told me to stop schooling. I became useless, disappointed and I regretted. I stayed home for three years doing nothing until when I frankly approached my father and

asked for mercy. He forgave me. I started schooling again. Now I am in S.4. I promised my dad not to do such an act again and I will never do it again. **Masendi Tony, Nebbi Progressive S.S, Nebbi**

Mother punished me

When my father died I started lacking scholastic materials. But there was a girl from a rich family who started giving me money, books, pens. Eventually I fell in love with her. But she started demanding for her things in form of sexual favours. When I refused she started telling me to pay back the money yet I had nowhere to get it from. When my mother discovered she punished me. We were also punished at school. **Godfrey Irankunda, 19, S5, Kisoro Vision School**



P Nantumbwe, Cardinal E Wamala SS

"He gave me every thing I wanted ... When I conceived I tried to tell the man but he said he was not responsible for the pregnancy."

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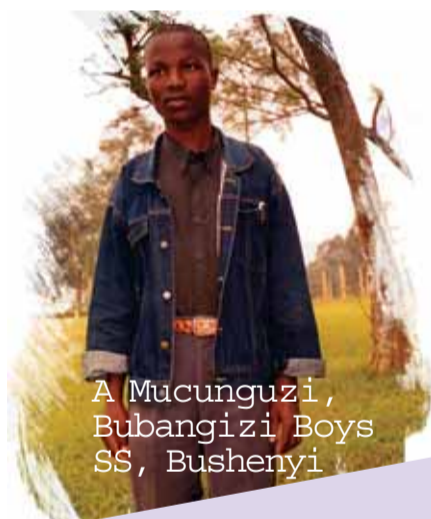
Nyabirongo Straight Talk Club members, Kasese

I received money and things like biscuits, lovely cards and 50,000/- from someone requesting me to become his lover. It was too much money that I never had or even ever seen in my life. As time went on I accepted to become his lover. He used to tell me sweet words. He also started giving me good gifts more than those at the beginning. I enjoyed life during holidays. Sometimes I would escape from school and go to his place. All in all I love this man. **Caroline N, S4, Ibanda, 17, Nombe SS, Mbarara**

Beware: The sweetness may be short lived. In the long run it may become bitter. Think twice!

money, gifts for sex

When I was in S3 I had a relationship for money with an S2 girl. She always came to me during my serious time for studies when I'm alone. She would bring for me doughnuts and sweets. When I tried to refuse she would smile and come close to me until her shooting breast touched me. One time I was lacking sugar. This girl gave me sugar, soap and sweets. At term end she gave me 25,000/- for transport. As poor as I was, I received the money since she was from a rich family. I spent the money happily not knowing I would have its backfire. I got astonished when I received a love letter from her. I replied: "You are not my right choice." She wrote another letter and said if I refused I would have to pay back all the things I had got from her. I agreed to be in love with her. She put me under pressure to have live sex instead of returning the gifts. I tried to dodge her by saying we go for a blood test. Anyway I reported her to the senior woman teacher, which made the rest of students laugh and insult me. The girl was suspended for three weeks. I'm not settled. I fear that she will bewitch me. **A A O, Arua Technical institute Ragem**
Bravo for having courage to say no and report sex advances from girls. Well done for reporting this

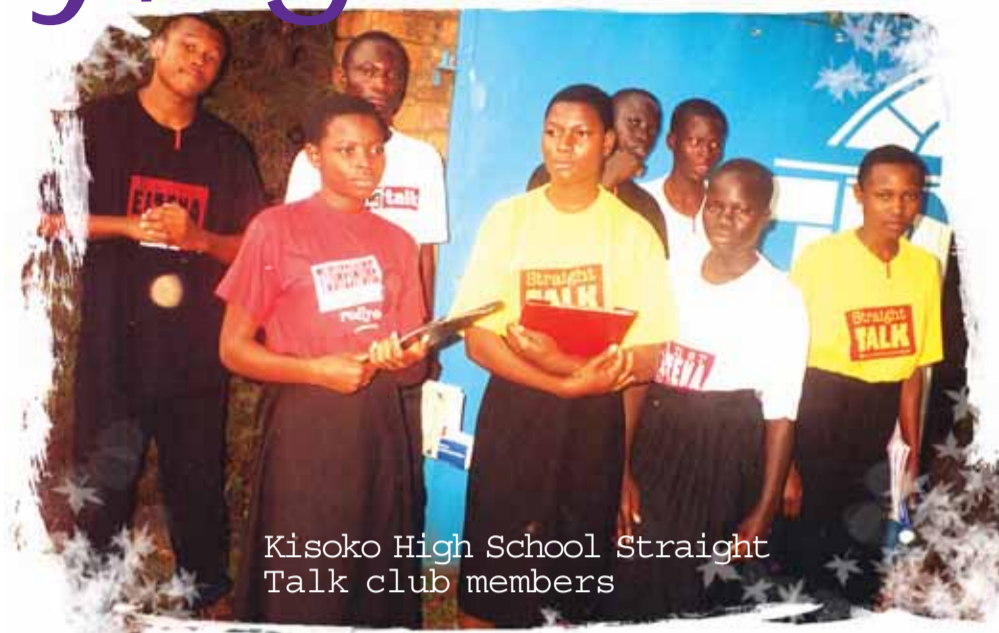


A Mucunguzi,
Bubangizi Boys
SS, Bushenyi

Used money to win her

I have been in a relationship for money. There is a saying that a hand that gives gains a lot. But the hand that does not give does not gain more. So I must also give out money to gain more in a relationship. It makes a girl easy in a relationship. She may not be having money to buy knickers and a boy gives her to buy what she wants. Love for money relationship helps both of you to have unending love because the girl can see you every hour you have money and she decides to put more effort in your love. **Ojiambo Geoffrey, Lunyo SS, Busia**

Geoffrey, that may be so but do you want her to love you for what you have and can give or because of who you are? Remember, when you stop giving her things your relationship will end.



Kisoko High School Straight Talk club members

girl instead of giving in to her sex demands. Now you know that gifts and money can be deadly.

I dropped her

I had a girlfriend who had been nicknamed golden girl. She was very beautiful. She joined a group of out-of-school girls who introduced her to profitable friendship. She started demanding for money and gifts. I was a student too but I had to struggle to get what she wanted. Eventually, I could not cope with golden girl's demands. I dropped her and I'm a free man. **Robert Ogutu, Masaba College, Busia**

Yes, gifts and money can make you a prisoner. Say no to the gifts, money and set yourself free.

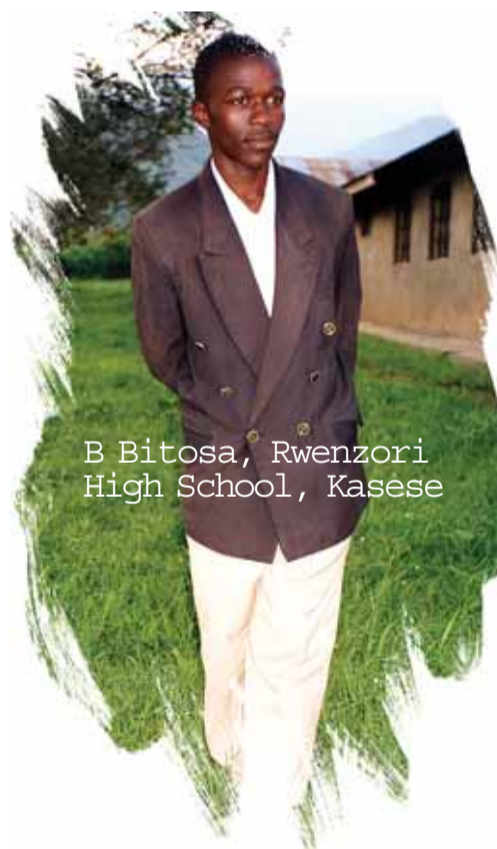
She took my money, refused to have sex

Two years back, my friends influenced me to get a girl to start a relationship with. One day, I went to the well and saw the girl I liked. I talked to her and she told me that she also liked me. She told me that she needed money and some clothes. I worked hard to get the money and I gave it to her. I later



B Lillian, Real College
Busunju, Wakiso

asked to have sex with her but she refused. I even gave her money that day but she refused to take it. I went home very annoyed and listened to the Straight Talk Radio Show. I then decided to leave the girl and not to have another relationship until I finish my studies. I am now in my S4 and concentrating on my studies so much. **Kasaija Justus, Buhimba S.S**



B Bitosa, Rwenzori
High School, Kasese

Club activity

Once I received a letter from my girlfriend whom I used to study with in primary. I was not expecting it! I was scared and imagined this girl wants to get married at this particular time. I sat down for 10 minutes before opening the letter. I opened the envelope and what I found there made me laugh for 3 minutes. There was 50,000/- . I imagined what it was for. I ran as fast as my legs could carry me and went to tell my friends. **Dickson Asiiimwe, 17, S4, Nombe SS, Mbarara**

What would you have done if you were in Dickson's situation? Discuss this in your Straight Talk Club. Identify ways of staying safe.

I could not cope with golden girl's demands. I dropped her and I'm a free man.

God helps me resist money for sex

I have not had a relationship for money and this is because I abstain from sex. I have kept my virginity and I am waiting until I finish my degree and even get married. There is some one who helps me keep it and that is God. I love and believe in Him and He is the one who helps me abstain. Believe in God because He is the one who created you and the one who will guide you. **Nyiramaharo Elizabeth, St Janan Luwumu SS, Kampala**

As a young man, still in school, I do away with such. I always hang around with saved girls or Straight Talk members. I was once tempted when still in a primary school. My female teacher asked me for a relationship which would lead to marriage. I told her that I would report her to the headmaster who was feared by most teachers. She said that she would provide me with breakfast, so that I do not have to eat the posho. God helped me and she stopped. I refused to greet her and would only get close to her when in a group. **Mbusa M David, S2, Kaboyo S.S, Kabarole**

Elizabeth and David, well done.

Did you know that being attached to your faith is a protector. It is clearly reflected in the experience above.



R Sekalala,
Kiyunga SS,
Iganga



I have a boyfriend who is not schooling but wanted to marry me and yet I still need to continue with education. When I refused he got annoyed and he is still following me yet I'm still too young to marry. Julia, S2, Esteri Modern SS, Bugobero, Mbale

Julia, some boys only want to have sex and then leave you for good. Think first. Indeed you are still young and you cannot manage to plan for a family. Children need much care and support, which is very expensive. First complete your education then think of marriage.

Is it true that if the partner has sex upside down (a girl up and a boy down), that the girl cannot get pregnant. Gyaviira Nsubuga, S3, 16, Sserwanga Lwanga Mem Sch, Kalangala

It is not true. A girl can get pregnant regardless of the position used during sexual intercourse. Abstinence is the best style for you today. If you have sex always make sure that you use condoms

K Ochan, Pakwach SS, Nebbi



correctly, for protection against pregnancy, HIV/STDs.

I hear that too much semen can cause danger on one's health. S Wandera, S3, 16, Lunyo Hill Senior SS, Busia

It is not true. There is nothing like too much semen. The body has a natural way of releasing excessive semen through wet dreams.

I started menstruation in February. But since then I have not gone through menstruation again. Am I normal? S W, Lunyo SS, Busia; S W, Lunyo SS, Busia

You are normal. Usually when a girl gets her first period, she could miss several months before getting her second period. But if the girl is sexually active, a missed period may be a sign of a pregnancy.

P Nabuuma, Cardinal E Wamala SS, Mpigi



Some people say that if you do not want to get HIV/AIDS, you have to meet your partner abruptly without informing her so that the hormones do not react immediately on her. Is this true? H A, Dr Obote College, Lira

It is not true. The best way to protect yourself from getting HIV besides abstinence is to use condoms consistently and correctly everytime you have sex. Remember that if your penis gets in direct contact with vaginal fluids of an infected person, you risk getting infected. **Student, Gomboni College, Lira**

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Get smart! Start up a business

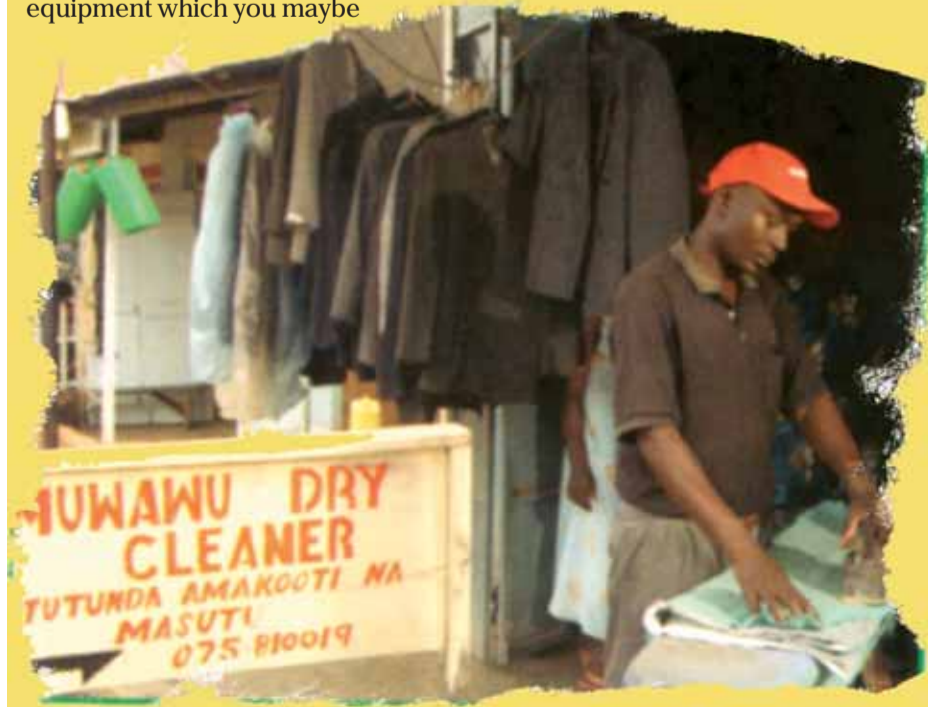
One of the main reason why young people get involved in sex for money, gifts is because they do not have money. Find sometime outside the school hours and do something safe and healthy that can earn you some money. Do you have a garden? You can plant crops for sale. Just think about something that your community would be glad to buy. It could be goods or services.

How about washing and ironing clothes at a fee? Start up costs include basic equipment which you maybe

having at home like basins, jerrycans, lines for hanging clothes, iron box.

The market is throughout the year. Besides homes, the business can be done in boarding schools, hostels.

Talk to a friend about what your community may need, so you move and start offering it instead of waiting for someone to throw to you money that will end up being costly to your life and future.



Habits of effective straight talkers

Are you a principled *Straight Talker*? Being principled can never fail you. Being principled applies equally to everyone, rich or poor, king or peasant, male or female. Principles are free. They are not bought or sold. If you live by them, you will excel. If you break them, you will fail. Examples of principles include being hardworking, honest and responsible for your actions. There are many principles.

Remember it takes faith to live by principles, especially when you see

people close to you get ahead in life by earning money, gifts through sex. But what you may never be able to see is that in end they suffer consequences of their actions. Make your life principled-centred today, for a stable foundation and bright future.

When faced with a difficult situation, try to identify principles that can help you get out safely. Now follow that principle and don't look back. Keep going. Discuss with your friends or club members principles that are helping you to stay safe.

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