

“When Is It Wrong to Have Lust For Your Spouse?”

I read this in your [article](#) about God’s plan for sex in marriage and I need some clarification.

Here’s their list of what God prohibits in His Word:

Fornication (immoral sex, which is any sex outside of marriage)

Adultery

Homosexuality

Impurity

Orgies

Prostitution

Lustful passions

Sodomy

Bestiality

Incest

Obscenity and coarse jokes

Can you please give a more specific definition of impurity, and lustful passions? What is the difference between being attracted to your spouse, and lusting after your spouse? When does it become evil? I am really concerned about this because I don’t know if the passion my husband has for me is too much, to the point of being evil lust...

Within marriage, there isn’t a problem with lust toward our spouses, since lust is a strong desire for something God hasn’t given us, and He HAS given us our spouse! In fact, I heard Linda Dillow (co-author of *Intimate Issues*) once suggest to wives that we pray for a “holy lust” for our husbands, which is a way of praying for greater sexual desire (a win-win for everybody).

Impurity is having thoughts and engaging in actions that are

directed toward the wrong person (i.e., someone other than one's spouse), such as thinking about being sexual with another person, or dressing in a way to be alluring to anyone other than one's husband.

The passion your husband has for you is God-designed and God-given. Men are visual creatures, and when you combine that with the testosterone that God created to flow through his body, it means he has a strong desire for sex—WITH YOU. When he directs that desire toward you and you alone, this is the safety net that marriage provides. God means for our sexuality to flow within the banks of marriage alone, and not overflow those banks into other relationships or a habit of physical masturbation (a temptation for men and a growing number of women) or emotional fantasy (a temptation for mainly women).

Speaking as one woman to another, we will probably never understand how strong a man's sex drive is, or the power of his attraction for us and our bodies, but that's the way God designed it, so you don't need to worry about it being lustful in a sinful way. Being desired is one of the great joys of life (think about the opposite: not being wanted!!), and may I suggest that you enjoy it as the gift that God intends for it to be.

I hope this helps!

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“How Can You Be Pro-Life and

For the Death Penalty? Isn't That Judging?"

In my college class, a girl asked the other day, "How can you be for the death penalty if you are pro-life?" She also said the Bible says don't judge, so how can you use the death penalty (because you would be judging). I was trying to find out the correct way to let her know that you can be pro-life and for the death penalty.

The point of being pro-life is that we put the same high value of all life that God does, from the earliest pre-born baby to the last breath of an elderly, dying person. We derive our high value of life from the fact that every human being is made in the image of God. Thus, when someone takes the life of another in murder, they are treating the person they murdered as less important and valuable than they are. God instituted the death penalty Himself after the flood when He said, "Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed, for in the image of God, He made man." (Gen. 9:6)

The reason the death penalty is pro-life is that it puts the highest possible value on the life of the person murdered by exacting the life of the person who violated that value by murdering. It's a strong way to say, "It is not OK for one human being to take the life of another. If you murder, you forfeit your own life because the person you killed is so valuable."

Concerning judging: yes, the Bible does say don't judge, but it also commands us to judge rightly. So you have to look at the context of commands such as "Judge not, lest ye be judged" (Matt. 7:1), which is about condemning others for doing the very same thing we do. Judging also means "be discerning" and "make a distinction between right and wrong." Jesus repeatedly taught men to judge rightly, insisting they "judge with

righteous judgment” (John 7:24). He praised a man who “rightly judged” (Luke 7:43). Jesus also said, “And if your brother sins, go and reprove him, and if he refuses to listen, tell it to the church” (Matt. 18:15,17). Obeying such a command is only possible by making a judgment on one who sins. Jesus’ apostle Paul later gave God’s command to the church: “Do you not judge those who are within the church? . . . Remove the wicked man from among yourselves” (1 Cor. 5:12,13).

Also, the Bible tells us that governments (which are the only entities entitled to carry out capital punishment) are instituted by God for maintaining order: “[F]or [government] is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil. (Rom 13:4)

Thus, I would argue that the Bible supports capital punishment, although it is extremely important to make absolutely sure that only the guilty are executed.

Hope this helps!

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“The Bible Has Been Changed and Corrupted Over Time”

You Bible-thumping Christians are so deluded and stupid. The Bible has been so changed and translated and mistranslated over time that it can’t be trusted. Didn’t you play the telephone game when you were a kid? Whatever the first person

whispered to the second person, is going to be very different from what the last person hears. Stop acting as if you have all the answers—your Bible is a book of myths.

You're in good company; a lot of people think that way because they simply don't know the facts about how trustworthy the Bible really is. When you find out the truth about how the Bible has been handed down from one generation to the next, your charge will have as much significance as proclaiming that courts have no basis for determining the constitutionality of issues since the Constitution was written so long ago we can't know what it originally said.

But we can go back to the original Constitution and check, right?

We don't have the original biblical documents, but we have the next best thing: thousands of copies of the original New Testament manuscripts, by which we can determine what was originally said. The Center for the Study of New Testament Manuscripts (www.csntm.org) tells me that the current number is about 5500 copies of just the Greek New Testament, and when we combine the Greek with all translations in the various languages before the printing press was invented, there are a staggering 15,000 copies of NT manuscripts in existence, with more being found every day!

Greg Koukl of Stand to Reason (www.str.org) helps illustrate how Bible scientists (the discipline of textual criticism) can assure us of the Bible's accuracy:

RECONSTRUCTING AUNT SALLY'S LETTER

Pretend your Aunt Sally learns in a dream the recipe for an elixir that preserves her youth. When she wakes up, she scribbles the directions on a scrap of paper, then runs to the kitchen to make up her first glass. In a few days Aunt Sally is transformed into a picture of radiant youth because of her daily dose of "Sally's Secret Sauce."

Aunt Sally is so excited she sends detailed, hand-written instructions on how to make the sauce to her three bridge partners (Aunt Sally is still in the technological dark ages—no photocopier or email). They, in turn, make copies for ten of their own friends.

All goes well until one day Aunt Sally's pet schnauzer eats the original copy of the recipe. In a panic she contacts her three friends who have mysteriously suffered similar mishaps, so the alarm goes out to the others in attempt to recover the original wording.

Sally rounds up all the surviving hand-written copies, twenty-six in all. When she spreads them out on the kitchen table, she immediately notices some differences. Twenty-three of the copies are exactly the same. Of the remaining three, however, one has misspelled words, another has two phrases inverted ("mix then chop" instead of "chop then mix") and one includes an ingredient none of the others has on its list.

Do you think Aunt Sally can accurately reconstruct her original recipe from this evidence? Of course she can. The misspellings are obvious errors. The single inverted phrase stands out and can easily be repaired. Sally would then strike the extra ingredient, reasoning it's more plausible one person would add an item in error than 25 people would accidentally omit it.

Even if the variations were more numerous or more diverse, the original could still be reconstructed with a high level of confidence if Sally had enough copies.

This, in simplified form, is how scholars do "textual criticism," an academic method used to test all documents of antiquity, not just religious texts. It's not a haphazard effort based on hopes and guesses; it's a careful linguistic process allowing an alert critic to determine the extent of

possible corruption of any work.{1}

When the thousands of copies of manuscripts (far more than for any other document of antiquity) are compared, we can know that the New Testament is 99.5% textually pure. In the entire text of 20,000 lines, only 40 lines are in doubt (about 400 words), and none affects any significant doctrine.{2}

Even if all the manuscripts in the whole world were to disappear, the New Testament is so comprehensively quoted by early church letters, essays and other extra-biblical sources that we could still reconstruct almost the entire testament.

We have a much fuller explanation of this in our article "Are the Biblical Documents Reliable?" at www.probe.org/are-the-biblical-documents-reliable

The historical evidence for the reliability of the biblical documents is so great that we can rest assured that the Bible we read today is the same Bible that God intended for us to have from the very beginning.

Wishing you well,

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Notes

1. Greg Koukl, *Solid Ground*, Jan/Feb 2005, Stand to Reason.
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“Should I Pray to God or Jesus? What About the Holy Spirit?”

When I pray, I pray to God and I pray in Jesus' name. Others I know pray solely to Jesus. Should I be praying to Jesus as well as God? Furthermore, should I also be praying to the Holy Spirit?

It's really not such a matter of “should,” but more like “get to.” There is only one God, but He consists in three Persons (which I'm sure you know). So, since there is only one God, no matter to which Person you address your prayers, the one God hears them.

Here's how I look at it: Sometimes I address the Father, for example thanking Him for sending Jesus to die for me and live in me. Sometimes I address the Son, inviting Him to be present in an event or a job I'm about to be engaged in. Or thanking Him and praising Him for dying for me and calling me to be His bride. Sometimes I address the Spirit, asking Him to impress His presence on the heart of someone hurting, or asking Him to call the heart of someone who is lost. Most of the time I just say “Lord”!! <smile>

I hope this helps.

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“Am I Committing Adultery?”

I got married right out of high school (34 years ago), and my husband committed adultery and divorced me a year later. Neither of us were Christians. I married someone else four years later, and two years into our marriage, my husband and I became Christians.

Is it considered “committing adultery” if:

–My previous husband had committed adultery while we were married?

–We weren’t Christians when we did all this?

Are we STILL committing adultery by remaining married?? A few years ago, we wanted to join a church, and they said we couldn’t because I had been married before. And they said we needed to separate because God did not recognize our marriage and we are still committing adultery by staying married. We have been happily married for 26 years now, with two wonderful children. What should we do??????

Dear friend,

I’m sitting here shaking my head at the insensitivity, not to mention the biblical misunderstanding, of the church that gave you such lousy counsel. It sounds to me like that was God’s way of saying, “This is not the place for you, beloved!”

Bottom line: neither you nor your husband are committing adultery.

God specifically says in His word that when one person commits adultery, the other is free to remarry without committing adultery. Your first husband broke your marriage covenant, giving you freedom to marry your present husband to the glory of God. (And it would appear that God is glorifying Himself through your present marriage!)

In Matt 5:32 and 19:9, Jesus says that if someone divorces a spouse for any reason other than adultery, they commit adultery when they remarry. This is because the divorce is illegitimate, and the second marriage is bigamy since the first marriage is still in force regardless of what the civil authorities say. But if the other spouse has committed adultery, then that act has broken the sacred covenant, and it is not bigamous (and thus not adulterous) for the sinned-against spouse to remarry.

That church may have been standing on the second part of Matt. 5:32, which says "whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery." It's important to understand the culture of that day. There was a popular movement in Jewish culture that said a man could divorce his wife for any reason at all, including burning the toast. (I am not kidding.) Such a wife, thus divorced, was single in the eyes of the culture, but still married in the eyes of God, so any man who married her committed adultery since she was still a married woman.

You did not fall in that category. When your first husband committed adultery, that dissolved the marriage in God's eyes (in a manner of speaking), and you were free to remarry. I am so sorry that church refused to check into the circumstances of your divorce. If Jesus made an exception for adultery, and then Paul, writing with the very words God gave him, made an additional exception for abandonment by an unbelieving spouse (1 Cor. 7:15), then the church needs to follow ALL of scripture and not just one verse.

You did not commit adultery when you married your present husband, and you are not committing adultery by remaining married to him, and the Lord bless you for staying together for 26 years! Way to go!!! <smile>

I wish you were in Dallas. I'd invite you to our church where you would be honored and affirmed.

I hope this helps!

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P.S. I do want to make a distinction here: adultery does not *mandate* divorce, but God does allow divorce as a consequence of adultery. It's even better for the unfaithful spouse to repent, for the violated spouse to forgive, and for them to forge a new, stronger relationship. This isn't always possible due to the hardness of some people's hearts, and God understands and allows for it.

“I Hurt So Bad Because I Miss My Boyfriend”

I have been going out with my boyfriend for a year now, I love him so much and there is no doubt he loves me. I always want to be with him but it's not possible at the moment because we are far from each other. I am at university in another country so we only communicate through the phone and emails. We are both devorted Christians, we love God and we comfort each other knowing that God has a purpose and plan for our relationship even as we long to be together.

My problem is I think about him a lot, I think about him sexually also. I long to be with him everyday and I tell him this. I dream of us being intimate, I pray about this and ask God for guidance. I love him so much and there is nothing in the world that I would want right now except to be with him. We are hoping to get married next year when I finish my studies but the thing is it's hard for me now, I just want to be with him. It hurts me worse when I see other people

spending time with their loved ones, it makes me feel so lonely and I start thinking of the warm feeling that he makes me feel when I am with him.

I completely understand! My husband just returned from a missions trip out of the country for two weeks and I missed him so much I could practically TASTE it!

What you have isn't so much a problem as it is a painful condition of being separated. Your longing to be with him in every possible way is part of love. I would like to suggest that you turn your emotional energies (and you have a LOT of those for him, right?) from painful feelings into constructive prayer. Every time you find yourself missing him and longing for him, pray for him. There are many scripture prayers you can pray, and I think you would find it very helpful to make a special prayer journal into which you copy scripture that you turn into prayer for him. For example, consider Eph.1:15-19—

15 For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you and your love for all the saints,

16 do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers;

17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.

18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.

You can turn it into a prayer:

“I do not cease giving thanks for _____, while making mention of him in my prayers; that You, Father, the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to him a spirit of

wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of You. I pray that the eyes of his heart may be enlightened, so that he will know what is the hope of Your calling, what are the riches of the glory of Your inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of Your power toward us who believe.”

You can use this time of separation to “log in” hundreds and hundreds of scripture prayers for your beloved, which you can read from your journal (even if it’s a collection of index cards) as prayers as you add to them.

Here is a web page to give you a head start on coming up with some great scripture prayers:

<http://www.believers.org/believe/bel117.htm>

I hope this helps!

Sue Bohlin

“So Are All Women Pastors Deceived and Going to Hell?”

Dear Sue,

I really have to write you this. I met you at the Mind Games conference in Fall 2004 at my university and asked about the role of women in the pastorate. You gave a convincing view from the Scriptures that women are not allowed in the office of pastor. Even when I asked when a husband and wife team found a church and the Husband serves as Senior Pastor and the Wife as Co-Pastor, you said without apprehension “They are well meaning people, but they are deceived.” Honestly I could just cry in my soul. “Deceived” meaning that Satan the deceiver purposely deceived these people to start a church to

carry on the mission of Jesus Christ and go out into the world and save those who are lost and edify the Church? I cannot fathom this is going on between Bible-believing Christians (or so they say) about saving souls and ministering to the Body of Christ. I do believe in the complementary natures of male and female, males serving as the primary heads of their families.

Maybe I come from another perspective, being raised where women did serve in ordained ministry. As I read on more of this, I read that various evangelical denominations (who do believe male and females are complementarily created, who oppose the ordination of homosexuals, same-sex marriages and abortions) for over a century have had women serve in ordained ministry.

What is the divine judgment of this: Will these “deceived” people inherit the kingdom of God or go to hell? Only “complementarians” will be saved? What? I don’t get it! Clear this up for me because souls depend on it!!

I am so sorry that my comments have caused you such grief. Had I known your question came from your heart and not just your head I’m sure I wouldn’t have responded so cavalierly.

I would gently suggest that you are making an unwarranted jump of logic here:

“Deceived” meaning that Satan the deceiver purposely deceived these people to start a church to carry on the mission of Jesus Christ and go out into the world and save those who are lost and edify the Church?

No, starting a church and saving the lost is not the same thing as installing a woman as pastor and leader in a church. “Deceived” meaning, convincing oneself that the end justifies the means. That even though God says in His word, “I do not permit a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man” (1 Tim 2:12), somehow it’s OK for a woman to be in pastoral

authority over men in the congregation. I believe that God calls people to start churches all the time, to carry on the mission of Jesus Christ and bring the gospel message to the lost and edify the church—but only within the limitations He has set up according to His design for men and women. I can see that God would call a couple to start a church, but there's a big difference between working as a team to plant a church with the wife supporting her husband and contributing her gifts to the church, and the wife being a co-pastor. (Unless her pastoring [shepherding] is limited to women and children.)

As I have thought about your e-mail, I was reminded of Sarah, who believed that God was going to fulfill His promise of a son, but decided to help God out by doing things HER way. . . and the world's been dealing with the complication of Ishmael ever since. She was right to believe God for a miracle son, but she was wrong to go about it in the flesh. Women pastors are right to believe that God wants to do wonderful, marvelous things to build His kingdom, but wrong to go against and beyond His restrictions in the Word.

I don't believe women being pastors is a salvation matter. It's an obedience issue. I know these women say, "But God called me to this position," and my response can only be, "God would not call you to something He has restricted to men in the Word." They are mistaken in how they walk out their calling. I know God calls women to shepherding ministry all the time; in fact, one of my spiritual gifts is pastor-teacher. But that means I am called to minister to women (and children would be OK too but that's not where God called me), not be in any kind of teaching position or authority position over men.

Does this help explain my position more?

Blessings,

Sue

P.S. Something God showed me last year about a big reason women are not to be pastors is Eph. 3:14-15

*For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its
name*

A much better translation of "family" is "the lineage descending from a common father" or "fatherhood." (The Greek word is *patria*, which is closely related to the word *pater* [father].) Male leadership and headship is an earthly manifestation of our heavenly Father's role of leader, protector, and provider toward all of us, and women pastors cannot reflect the fatherhood aspect of God. This is a minor, but nevertheless important, supporting reason for God's restriction on women from having positions of leadership over men. It's backwards.

Dear Sue,

I thank you for responding to the letter. It seems that "women CANNOT hold authority over men" sounds like a Universal Truth about women, therefore a bit contradictory. Why can women hold positions of civil authority and professional authority over men but not in the church. Doesn't the "order of creation" come to play in every facet of life on this side of glory? Women SHOULD not hold positions of authority over men in any shape form, or fashion if this is a UNIVERSAL TRUTH. For instance, a woman is president of a Fortune 500 company and "exercises authority" over five thousand men in her company. Why is that God, who in your position restricts pastoral authority to men, give Deborah, Huldah, Miriam, spiritual authority as prophetess. Yes, they were not in the priesthood which was restricted to men. But they were not called to be priests, but prophets. The old priesthood was done away with when Christ went to a cross. And how is that the gift of

PASTOR is separated from the office of PASTOR? God's Word is spirit and life (Jn 6:63). What difference is the sermon if it comes out of the mouth of a man or a woman if it is thus saith the Lord, not Rev. Billy or Rev. Joan? God's Words have no gender distinction. Please explain.

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Civil authority and professional authority are of the world; ecclesiastical authority is of the church. Two different realms.

Doesn't the "order of creation" come to play in every facet of life on this side of glory? Women SHOULD not hold positions of authority over men in any shape form, or fashion if this is a UNIVERSAL TRUTH. For instance, a women is president of a fortune five hundred company and "exercises authority" over five thousand men in her company.

I would respectfully suggest that things work better if women do not hold positions of authority over men, even in the world.

Why is that God, who in your position retracts pastoral authority to men, give Deborah, Huldah, Miriam, spiritual authority as prophetess.

To be a prophetess is to offer the words of God to His people, but there is no authority inherent in the position. There are many places for women to serve in the body of Christ, and prophetess was/is one of them. As webservant for Probe Ministries, I send out e-mails informing people of new files on our website, offering the words of Probe to people in effect, but I have no authority over anyone either.

Yes, they were not in the priesthood which was restricted to

men. But they were not called to be priests, but prophets. The old priesthood was done away with when Christ went to a cross. And how is that the gift of PASTOR is separated from the office of PASTOR?

Because all of God's people need to be shepherded. Women are excellent at shepherding other women and children (a VERY powerful position of service!!) and we are called to do exactly that in Titus 2. There is a distinction between the gift of shepherding and the office of shepherding because God's way is to put men in positions of spiritual authority, so only men should have the office of shepherding.

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God's Word DOES have a gender distinction when it comes to how things work in the church. We can't get around "I do not permit a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man." We can't get around the requirements for elder as being HUSBAND of one wife, which is a very definite gender distinction. We can't get around the fact that Jesus chose 12 men as His apostles and leaders of His church, even though there were women who traveled with them and ministered to them in a service capacity.

There is also a difference between a person standing up reading scripture, which I would argue is open to both genders in a worship service, and a person standing up preaching a sermon, which is far more than simply reading scripture ("Thus saith the Lord.") A preacher is making statements about God and about the meaning of His word from a position of authority. God says only men belong in that position.

I understand the sweetness and compassion of your heart that

wants women to have as much spiritual power and access to people as possible, and bless you for it, but what do you do with the Biblical restrictions of women in positions of spiritual authority? How do you deal with 1 Tim. 2:12-3:7?

Dear Sue,

God bless you for your wisdom and conviction!! I totally admire that!! I guess there will be these FIERY (hopefully loving and prayerful) discussions within the Body of Christ til our Master comes back for His children. And in that day He will not come back for complementarians or egalitarians, Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, or Pentecostal-Charismatics. He's coming back for us! And joyfully all of his children will be on one accord. Because in its totality, ministry of any form is not about our self-promotion, or egos. It's about Him. And the fact that we can agree to disagree on the hermeneutics of the Scriptures without bashing each other because we want to serve our God in our total capacities (however we may view them!) is really evident that we do care for our brothers and sisters in Christ, and how we don't want to marginalize them because some in Church History have abused their authority and opressed, repressed, and suppressed the voices of God's daughters for their own gain. And let just say that, you may not hold an OFFICE Mrs. Bohlin, you surely have a PASTOR's heart (for women anyway)!!!

May God Richly Bless You and Yours,

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The Proper Care and Feeding of Husbands: A Christian View

Sue Bohlin looks at this important book from a distinctly Christian perspective. Filtering the advice through a biblical worldview increases the purity and strength of the message on how to minister effectively to your husband.

Why We Need This Book

Talk show host Dr. Laura Schlessinger has written a book that is improving thousands of marriages: *The Proper Care and Feeding of Husbands*.^{1} We need this book because millions of wives either don't know how to love their husbands wisely and well, or they're too self-centered to see it as important. Dr. Laura credits this dismal condition to forty years of feminist philosophy, “with its condemnation of just about everything male as evil, stupid, and oppressive, and the denigration of female and male roles in families.”^{2} While the women's movement certainly had a hand to play in the disintegration of relationships and the family, I believe the core cause is our sinful self-centeredness, just as the Bible says.^{3}

Which is why we need help, and God instructs older women to train younger women to love their husband and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.[{4}](#) *The Proper Care and Feeding of Husbands* is a great resource for learning these important values and skills.

God gives us great power as women. Dr. Laura says, “Men are borne of women and spend the rest of their lives yearning for a woman’s acceptance and approval. . . . Men admittedly are putty in the hands of a woman they love. Give him direct communication, respect, appreciation, food and good lovin’, and he’ll do just about anything you wish—foolish or not.”[{5}](#)

We’ll be looking at these aspects of the proper care and feeding of husbands in this article, starting with a man’s need for *direct communication*.

- We can improve on communication by doing it less. God made us verbal creatures, which can frustrate men with the overwhelming amount of our words. Instead of expecting her husband to be a girlfriend (and men make wonderful husbands, but not girlfriends), the wise wife selects for true connecting value, gives the bottom line first, and chooses her timing well.
- Men make terrible mind readers, so be direct. Dropping subtle hints doesn’t work with most men, and it doesn’t mean a man is insensitive, uncaring, or oblivious.
- Spell out whether you want help and advice, or if you’re just venting. God made men to want to be our heroes, so understand you can frustrate him if he can’t fix what’s hurting you because all you want is someone to listen.
- And finally, take whatever he says at face value. Women tend to overanalyze men when they are just not that complicated.

Respect

A listener to Dr. Laura's radio show named Edgar wrote, "There are a few things that men want so bad they would do anything for it. I think a good number of men want respect more than love. They like to feel they have some power. I nearly cry when you tell a woman caller to respect her husband. There is so much selfishness in the world—in marriages. Prosperity has allowed women to be so independent, and thus so selfish. I always feel as though I come last—my feelings come last, my needs come last." [\[6\]](#)

"A good number of men want respect more than love." God knew this when He made us. His commands to husbands and wives in Ephesians 5:33 reflects each one's deepest needs: "Each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband." Dr. Emerson Eggerichs of LoveandRespect.com points out that this verse commands a husband to love his wife. Why? She needs love like she needs air to breathe. This same verse commands a wife to respect her husband. Why? He needs respect like he needs air to breathe. [\[7\]](#)

- Respect means treating someone in a way that builds him up and doesn't tear him down, never denigrating or attacking. [\[8\]](#)
- Respect means always treating the other person with the dignity they deserve as a person made in the image of God.
- Respect means grasping that a man's needs and wants are every bit as valid and important as a woman's needs and wants.
- Respect means not venting to others, *especially* the children. One woman wrote to Dr. Laura, "No emotional outlet is worth damaging my husband's reputation." [\[9\]](#)

There are three A's that men long for from their wives: attention, affection, and affirmation. Respect involves paying attention to what they do simply because they're the ones

doing it.

Respect means allowing the other person to be different and do things differently than you. One repentant wife told Dr. Laura, “And in the end, it doesn’t much matter that they eat PBJ sandwiches for breakfast, lunch and dinner for a day or that one tooth brushing gets overlooked or whatever little thing that used to set me off!”[{10}](#)

One way to give respect is to give grace instead of resenting the things he does that complicate your life (like leaving drinking glasses in the living room or clothing on a chair). Ask yourself, “Is he *intentionally* doing this to bug me? To make my life difficult? If he were to die tomorrow, what wouldn’t I give to have him back leaving these things out?”

Appreciation

Ask any woman what she wants, and near the top of her list she’ll tell you, “I want to be acknowledged and appreciated for the things I do.” Well, men want the same thing!

A man named Evan wrote to Dr. Laura: “My wife feels that if she doesn’t remind me again and again, something won’t get done. But the fact is, it makes me feel like her child and that Mommy needs to check up on me. It’s degrading. I want to be admired. I want to be acknowledged for being the breadwinner and making sure that we are all well taken care of. My greatest pleasure is when I feel like her hero. Like her ‘man.’ Not her boy.”[{11}](#)

It doesn’t matter what a husband’s primary love language is, every man wants to be shown appreciation for who he is and what he does.

I love to suggest to young wives and mothers, “Keep a gratitude journal to help you be on the lookout for the things your husband does that you appreciate. Every night, write down

three things you noticed. And then *tell him* the kinds of things that are in your book!”

- Thank him for going to work every morning even when he doesn’t feel like it.
- Thank him for being faithful to you.
- Thank him for loving you.
- Thank him for giving you children—or even desiring to.
- Thank him for taking out the garbage, and changing the oil in your car, and mowing the yard.
- Thank him for bringing home his paycheck and not spending it on gambling or booze or drugs or women.

And then there’s the opposite of appreciation. The universal complaint of men who e-mailed Dr. Laura about her book “was that their wives criticize, complain, nag, rarely compliment or express appreciation, are difficult to satisfy, and basically are not as nice to them as they’d be to a stranger ringing their doorbell at three A.M.!”[{12}](#) So allow me to make some suggestions:

- Request, don’t demand. Demanding is rude and disrespectful.
- Don’t nag. If you have to ask more than once, ask as if it were the first time you were making the request.
- Keep your mouth shut about things that don’t matter. Ask yourself, is this the hill you want to die on?
- Don’t be controlling—which is micromanaging. Dr. Laura wrote, “When women micromanage, their husbands give up trying to please them, and then the wives complain that their men don’t do anything for them.”[{13}](#)

Proverbs says, “Kind words are like honey—sweet to the soul and healthy for the body.”[{14}](#) (This is truer no place more than in marriage.) Let your words be kind and full of appreciation.

Support

A man named Roy wrote to Dr. Laura with some good advice for wives: “If you can’t accentuate the positive, at least acknowledge it. The world is full of messages to men that there are standards we don’t meet. There is always another man who is more handsome, more virile, or more athletic than we are. None of that matters if the most important person in our life looks up to us, accepts us as we are, and loves us even though we aren’t perfect. . . . All I know is that the husband who has a wife who supports him and praises him for the positive things he does is the envy of all the other men who have to live with criticism, sarcasm, and constant reminders of their failures.”[{15}](#)

Men desperately want and need the support of their wives. This is reflected in what God reveals in His Word when He says, “It is not good for man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”[{16}](#) And through the apostle Paul, God instructs wives to relate to their husbands in a way that meets this need when He says, “Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord.”[{17}](#)

Submission is basically giving support with a willing, cooperative heart.

A wife’s submission includes knowing her gifts and strengths, and using them to serve her husband and family.

Service has a bad name, but both husbands and wives are called to serve God first and then each other; husbands are called to sacrificially love and serve their wives with Jesus as their pattern.[{18}](#)

So what does support look like?

- Believing in him. Telling him, “You have what it takes.” Being his #1 fan.
- Cultivating a cooperative heart.
- Being generous and openhearted—willing to use your gifts and strengths to help him succeed.
- Understanding the importance of making him look good: never saying anything negative in public.
- Creating a home that’s a safe haven from the world.
- Having a warm heart with a positive, cheerful demeanor. Women set the temperature of the home; we are thermostats, not thermometers, of the family. (On the other hand, Proverbs says “A quarrelsome wife is like a constant dripping on a rainy day; restraining her is like restraining the wind or grasping oil with the hand.”[{19}](#))
- Being interested in him and his life.
- Showing thoughtfulness. What does he like? Do it.
- And though by no means exhaustive, it also means being a person of faithfulness and integrity. That means keeping your promises and being dependable. As Proverbs 31 puts it, “Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value.”[{20}](#)

Good Lovin’

Dr. Laura writes that men need to feel the approval, acceptance and attachment from their women that comes from physical intimacy.[{21}](#) For women, emotional intimacy leads to physical intimacy. For men, it’s the other way around; physical intimacy is the key to opening their hearts.

A man named Chris writes: "I don't understand why women don't understand that sex is a man's number one need for his wife. It's not just the act and sensation of pleasure, but it's the acceptance by a woman of her man. There's a communion that happens during intercourse that will bond a man to his woman, and he in turn will then begin to give of himself emotionally to her." [{22}](#)

Wives can discover that giving themselves sexually to their husbands with a warm, open-hearted, loving spirit, can be the most effective encouragement to getting their husbands to open up emotionally.

"What attracts men to women is their femininity, and femininity isn't only about appearance, it's also about behaviors. Looking womanly and behaving sweetly and flirtatiously are gifts wives give to their husbands." We see this modeled in the Song of Solomon, where the King's bride displays her feminine charms in a holy seduction of her husband, and the way she tells him what she loves about his body. [{23}](#)

Instead, our culture has things backward; many unmarried girls and women flaunt their bodies with a total lack of modesty or propriety. Once they marry, it's flannel nightgowns, wool socks, and no makeup.

Dr. Laura calls wives to give themselves sexually to their husbands, even when they don't feel like it, as an act of love. It's really no different, she points out, than the fact that they expect their husbands to go to work and earn money to support the family even on days they don't feel like it.

She's echoing what God said in 1 Corinthians 7 about husband and wife both fulfilling their marital duty to each other because each one's body belongs not just to themselves but to each other. He also said not to deprive each other for extended periods of time lest we be tempted.

Consider the wisdom of radio listener Herb: "Sex is to a husband what conversation is to a wife. When a wife deprives her husband of sex for days, even weeks on end, it is tantamount to his refusing to talk to her for days, even weeks. Think of it that way, wives, and realize what a deleterious impact enforced sexual abstinence has on a good man who is determined to remain faithful." {24}

I can't recommend *The Proper Care and Feeding of Husbands* highly enough. In fact, I gave a copy to my new daughter-in-law! Let me close with one more piece of wisdom from Dr. Laura: "[M]en are simple creatures who come from a woman, are nurtured and brought up by a woman, and yearn for the continued love, admiration and approval of a woman. . . Women need to better appreciate the magnitude of their power and influence over men, and not misuse or abuse it." {25} Amen!

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California	Kansas	Missouri	Pennsylvania	Washington
Colorado	Kentucky	Nebraska	South Carolina	West Virginia
Florida	Louisiana	New Mexico	South Dakota	Wisconsin

Georgia	Maryland	North Carolina	Tennessee	Wyoming
Australia				
Caribbean				

Alabama

City	Call Letters	Frequency	Time
Andalusia	WSTF	91.5	12:25 p.m. M-F
Anniston	WGRW	90.7	5:45 p.m. M-F
Atmore	WGYJ	1590 AM	
Carrollton	WALN WMBV	89.3 88.9	
Dixon Mills	WMBV	91.9	
Dothan	WVOB WLBF	89.5 90.3	12:25 p.m. M-F
Enterprise		90.5	
Eufala	WLBF	91.9	12:25 p.m. M-F
Montgomery	WLBF	89.1	12:25 p.m. M-F
Selma	WAQN WMBV	91.1 94.3	
Sheffield	WAKD	89.9	
Troy		91.1	
Tuscaloosa		88.9	

Alaska

City	Call Letters	Frequency	Time
Anchor Point		107.1	
Chignik Bay		91.9	

Homer		95.3	
Juneau		96.7	
Kachemak City		96.5	
Kenai		95.3	
Ketchikan		91.7	
Kodiak		107.1	
Soldotna		97.7	
Valdez		91.9	

Arizona

City	Call Letters	Frequency	Time
Bisbee	KWRB	90.9	4:31 p.m. M- F
Camp Verde	KFLR	103.9	
Cottonwood/ Sedona	KFLR	103.9	
Flagstaff	KFLR	103.1	
Fredonia		89.1	
Holbrook		90.3	
Mesa		89.1	
Mountain Home	KCMH	94.5	5:40 p.m. M- F
Parker	KWFH	90.1	
Payson	KFLR	106.7	
Phoenix	KFLR	90.3	
Prescott	KFLR	93.5	
Prescott Valley		103.9	
Quartzsite		88.3	

Tuba City	KTBA	1050 AM	
Tucson	KFLR KDOV KFLT	88.5 830 AM	10:55 a.m.
Winslow		91.3	

Arkansas

City	Call Letters	Frequency	Time
Arkadelphia		91.9	
Bentonville		88.1	
Blytheville		91.5	
Clarkesville		89.9	
Crossett		81.7	
El Dorado		91.9	
Fayetteville		90.1	
Forrest City		91.5	
Fort Smith	KAOW	88.9	
Harrison	KCMH	91.5	
Helena	KJIW KJIW	90.5 1600 AM	
Hot Springs	KSBC	90.9	
Jonesboro	KAOG	90.5	
Mena	KSBC	91.9	
Mountain Home	KCMH	91.5	5:45 p.m.
Pine Bluff	KSBC KANX	93.1 91.1	
Piggon		88.1	
Pocahantas		91.1	
Prescott		88.9	

Russellville	KSBC	88.7	
Waldron	KSBC	88.1	
Warren		91.3	

California

City	Call Letters	Frequency	Time
Alturus	KVIP	101.7	
Bonanza	KVIP	96.7	
Burney	KVIP	103.1	
Dunsmuir / Mt. Shasta		105.5	
Lakehead	KVIP	101.7	
Modesto	KCIV	99.9	
Nubieber / McArthur	KVIP	95.9	
Quincy	KNLF	97.9	
Redding	KVIP	98.1 540 AM	
Santa Cruz	KFER	89.9	
Susanville	KVIP	97.7	
Weaverville / Junction City	KVIP	107.1	
Weed	KVIP	92.7	
Yreka	KVIP	94.3	

Colorado

City	Call Letters	Frequency	Time
Trinidad		91.7	

Florida

City	Call Letters	Frequency	Time
Baker	WTJT	90.1	
Crystal River	WHIJ	90.9	
Ft. Walton Beach	WPSM	91.1	
Homestead	WPGC		
Leesburg	WHIJ	89.5	
Mariana	WJNF	91.1	
Miami	WMCU	89.7	
Pensacola	WVJT	610 AM	
Starke	WTLG	88.3	
West Palm Beach	WMCU	101.9	

Georgia

City	Call Letters	Frequency	Time
Augusta	WLPE	91.7	
	WLPT	88.3	
	WGPH	91.5	
Americus		90.3	
Atlanta	WMBW	100.5	
Atlanta	WAFS	920 AM	
	WMBW	100.5	
Byron	WPWB	90.5	
Cordele		90.3	
Cuthbert		89.3	
Decatur	WMBW	100.5	
Dublin		92.9	
Griffin	WMVV	90.7	
Harkers Island	WLGP	100.3	
Jesup	WLPT	88.3	

Macon	WPWB	90.5	
Marietta	WMBW	100.7	
Millen	WLPE	92.5	
Myrtle Beach		96.8	
Ocilla / Tifton	WLPF	98.5	
Waycross		91.9	
Prescott		88.9	
Vidalia	WGPH	91.5	
Warren		91.3	
Ft. Valley	WJTG	91.3	

Guam

City	Call Letters	Frequency	Time
Asan	KTWR-KTWG	AM	

Illinois

City	Call Letters	Frequency	Time
Bloomington	WBNH	100.7	5:45p M-F
Casey	WKZI	800 AM	
Champaign	WBGL WGNN	91.7 103.9	
Chicago	WMBI	90.1	8:55 p.m. M-F
Decatur	WBGL WLUJ	88.1 101.7	
East Moline	WDLM	89.3 FM 960 AM	10:20 a.m. 5:45 p.m.
Effingham		91.3	
Fisher	WGNN	102.5	
Flora		88.5	
Freeport		90.1	

Galena		89.7	
Kankakee		88.1	
Loves Park	WGSL	91.1	
McComb	WDLM	90.5	
Mattoon	WBGL	88.1	
Monee	WGNR	88.9	
Mt. Vernon	WAP0	90.5	
Ottawa	WWGN	88.9	
Para		88.5	
Pekin	WBNH WVEL	88.5 1140 AM	5:45p M-F
Petersburg	WLUJ	97.7	
Ramsey	WJLY	93.3	
Salem		91.3	
Springfield	WAOG	89.7	
White Hall		88.3	

Indiana

City	Call Letters	Frequency	Time
Anderson	WGNR	97.9	
Casey	WKZI	1800 AM	
Champaign	WCRT	88.5	
Ft. Wayne	WFCV	1090 AM	
Hammond	WYCA	92.3	
Indianapolis	WGNR	97.9	
Kokomo	WIWC	91.7	5:45 p.m. M-F

W. Lafayette/Lafayette	WHPL	89.9	During the 5:30-6:00 p.m. half-hour
Michigan City		88.5	
Mitchell		89.9	
Terre Haute		91.9	
Upland	WTUC	102.9	
Vincennes		89.9	

Iowa

City	Call Letters	Frequency	Time
Burlington	WDLM	90.1	
Fairfield	WDLM	102.3 88.7	
Ottumwa		88.1	
Waterloo	KNWS	101.9 1090 AM	3:30 p.m.

Kansas

City	Call Letters	Frequency	Time
Arkansas City		89.7	
Enterprise		88.7	
Great Bend		89.7	
Hays		89.7	
Independence	KARF	91.9	
Norton		91.5	
Ottowa	KRBW	90.5	
Overland Park	KCCV	760 AM	
Salina	KCVS	90.7	

Topeka	KJTY	88.1	
	KBUZ	90.3	
Wichita	KCFN	90.9	

Kentucky

City	Call Letters	Frequency	Time
Ashland		91.1	
Campbellsville	WAPD	91.7	
Mt. Sterling		88.1	
Hindman	WKCB	1340 AM	
Hazard	WKCB	99.5	
Hindman	WKCB	99.5	
Middlesboro	WMIK	92.7	
Pikeville	WJSO	90.1	
Whiteburg	WKCB	99.5	

Louisiana

City	Call Letters	Frequency	Time
Alexandria	KAPM	91.7	
Lafayette	KSJY	90.9	
Ruston	KAPI	88.3	
Jonesboro		89.7	
Jonesville		91.9	
Many		91.9	
Monroe		94.9	

Maryland

City	Call Letters	Frequency	Time
Williamsport	WCRH	90.5	12:21 p.m.
Cumberland	WCRH	103.9	12:21 p.m.
Frederick	WCRH	91.7	12:21 p.m.

Maine

City	Call Letters	Frequency	Time
Freeport	WMSJ	91.9	

Michigan

City	Call Letters	Frequency	Time
Gaylord	WPHN	90.5	
	WOLW	91.1	
Mason	WUNN	1100 AM	
Traverse City	WLJN	89.9	
Zeeland	WGNB	89.3	8:15 a.m. M- F 6:45 p.m. M- F

Minnesota

City	Call Letters	Frequency	Time
Glencoe	GRUE		
Hutchinson	KDUZ	1260 AM	
Little Falls	KTIG	95.9	
Montevideo		89.7	
Park Rapids	KTIG	95.9	
Pequot Lakes	KTIG	102.7	
St. Paul	KTIS	98.5	
Roseville	KTIS	900 AM	
Worthington		88.1	

Mississippi

City	Call Letters	Frequency	Time
Brookhaven		90.5	
Cleveland	WDFX	98.3	

Columbia		90.9	
Forest	WQST WMBU	92.5 89.1	
Hattiesburg		105.3	
McComb		90.5	
Meridian	WMBV	88.9	
Natchez		91.1	
Oxford		101.3	
Saucier	WAOY	91.7	
Starkville		88.9	
Tupelo	WAFR	88.3	
Vicksburg		93.3	
West Point		96.9	

Missouri

City	Call Letters	Frequency	Time
Brookfield		91.5	
Cuba	KGNN	90.3	
Kennett		91.5	
Kirksville	KHGN	90.7	
Memphis		91.5	
Mountain Grove	KELE	1360 AM	
Park Hills		91.1	
Springfield	KAKU	90.1	
St. Louis	KSIV	1320 AM	
Sunnyside		88.1	
Washington	KGNV	89.9	
West Plains	KMCH	92.7	5:45 p.m.

Nebraska

City	Call Letters	Frequency	Time
Chadron		89.3	
Columbus	KTLX	91.9	
Hastings		91.7	

New Mexico

City	Call Letters	Frequency	Time
Clovis	KAQF	91.1	
Farmington	KPCL	95.7	
Hobbs		91.5	
Las Cruces		89.7	
Las Vegas		90.3	
Raton		90.1	
Roswell	KWFL	99.5	
Ruidoso	KWFL	97.7	

North Carolina

City	Call Letters	Frequency	Time
Andrews	WMBW	90.3	
Beaufort		91.5	
Harkers Island	WLGP	100.3	
Mt. Airy		90.3	
Murphy	WMBW	90.3	
New Bern	WAAE	91.9	
Robbinsville	WMBW	90.3	
Sanford		88.7	

North Dakota

City	Call Letters	Frequency	Time
Fargo	KFNW	97.9	
Devil's Lake	KNFW	95.9	

Grand Forks	KNFW	104.9	
Jamestown		90.7	
Klum	KNFW	102.3	
Nash		90.5	
Oakes	KNFW	102.3	
West Fargo	KNFW	1200 AM	
Watford City		89.1	
Williston		91.7	
Grafton		90.5	

Ohio

City	Call Letters	Frequency	Time
Gallipolis		91.7	
Jackson	WJTD	1330 AM	
Mansfield	WVMC	90.7	
Martin's Ferry		91.1	
Shelby		89.9	
Steubenville		88.9	
Vinton	WJTD	1330 AM	

Oklahoma

City	Call Letters	Frequency	Time
Ada		88.7	
Ardmore		91.9	
Durant		89.3	
Elk City		91.9	
Enid	KBVV	91.1	
Idabel		91.9	
Norman		89.3	
Okmulgee	KOKL	1240 AM	
Perry	KBVV	107.1	

Poteau		91.7	
Stillwater		89.7	
Tahlequah		88.7	
Weatherford		90.5	

Oregon

City	Call Letters	Frequency	Time
Albany	KWIL	AM	
Baker City		90.7	
Klamath Falls	KVIP	103.9	
Lakeview	KVIP	105.5	

Pennsylvania

City	Call Letters	Frequency	Time
Allentown	KWIL - AM		
Bloomsburg	WGRC	107.7	
Jersey Shore	WJSA	1600 AM 96.3	9:40 a.m. 9:20 p.m.
Lancaster	WJTL	90.3	11:30 a.m.
Lewisberg	WGRC	89.9	
Mifflintown	WQJU	107.1	
Schuykill	WGRC	91.9	
State College	WTLR	89.9	7:30 a.m.
Wellsboro	WLIH	107.1	
Williamsport	WGRC	107.1	

South Carolina

City	Call Letters	Frequency	Time
Atlantic Beach	WLPG	98.9	
Beaufort	WAGP	88.7	6:45 p.m. M- F
Columbia	WMHK	89.7	
Florence	WLPG	91.9	

South Dakota

City	Call Letters	Frequency	Time
Aberdeen		90.1	
Gettysburg		90.7	
Sioux Falls	KNWC	1270 AM	

Tennessee

City	Call Letters	Frequency	Time
Alcoa	WBCR	1470 AM	
Bristol	WHCB	91.5 90.5	
Chattanooga	WMBW	88.9	
Columbia	WMRB	910 AM	
Crossville	WMKW	89.3	
Dyersburg	WMBW	91.5 89.7	
Elizabethton	WMBW	90.7	
Hohenwald		89.7	
Jackson	WAMP	88.1	
Knoxville	WMBW	106.1	
Lawrenceberg		89.9	
McMinnville	WMBW	91.7	
Memphis	WCRV	640 AM	

Milan		99.1	
Murpheesboro	WFCM	91.7	
Shelbyville		91.3	
Smithville	WMBW	91.7	
Smyrna/Nashville	WFCM	710 AM	
Sparta	WMBW	91.7	
Tullahoma		88.5	
Walling	WMBW	91.7	

Texas

City	Call Letters	Frequency	Time
Abilene		91.3	
Amarillo	KPAU	90.7	
Austin	KIXL JNRF	970 AM	
Big Spring		91.5	
Borger		91.5	
Breckenridge		90.7	
Brownfield		90.7	
Bryan	KAGC	1510 AM	
Crockett		91.9	
Dalhart		91.7	
Dallas	KTXG	90.5	1:30 p.m. M-F
Dallas/Greenville	KTXG	90.5	1:30 p.m. M-F
Del Rio		89.9	
Dumas		91.7	

Hereford		90.7	
Lamesa		91.3	
Levelland		91.9	
Lockhart		88.5	
Lubbock	KAMY KJAK	90.1 92.7	
Lufkin	KSWP	90.9	
Midland		89.5	
Odessa	KENT	90.5	
Pampa		90.9	
Pecos		91.3	
Plainview		90.7	
Stephenville		90.5	
Victoria		88.5	
Waco	KBBW	1010 AM	

Utah

City	Call Letters	Frequency	Time
St. George		88.7	
Castle Valley	KJOL	103.3	
Moab	KJOL	103.3	
Price	KEYP	91.9 FM	4:12 p.m. M-F 4:25 a.m. M-F 145 p.m. Sat

Provo	KEYY	1450 AM	4:12 p.m. M-F 4:25 a.m. M-F 1:45 p.m. Sat.
Richfield	KEYR	91.7 FM	4:12 p.m. M-F 4:25 a.m. M-F 1:45 p.m. Sat.
Vernal	KEYV	91.7 FM	4:12 p.m. M-F 4:25 a.m. M-F 1:45 p.m. Sat.
Vernal	KJOL	90.7	

Vermont

City	Call Letters	Frequency	Time
Barton	WCMD	96.5	
Barre	WCMD	89.9	
Bolton	WCMK	91.7	
Brattleboro		91.9	
Quechee	WCMD	96.3	
Rutland	WFTF	90.5	

Virginia

City	Call Letters	Frequency	Time
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Bristol		90.5	
Culpepper		91.5	
Winchester	WCHR	89.5	12:21 p.m.

Washington

City	Call Letters	Frequency	Time
College Place	KGTS	91.3	
Lewiston	KGTS	104.9	
Moses Lake	KGTS	99.5	
Wenatche	KGTS	89.9	
Pullman	KGTS	95.3	
Sunnyside		88.1	
Yakima	KBBO	1390 AM	

West Virginia

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Oak Hill	WAOY	860 AM	

Wisconsin

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Lancaster	WJTY	88.1	
Madison	WAWC WNWC	1190 AM	

Wyoming

City	Call Letters	Frequency	Time
Jackson		91.1	

Australia

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Ctr. Victoria	CVGR	88.7	

Caribbean

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St. Croix	WIVH	90.1 FM	6:45 p.m.

“What About the Person Who Never Heard of Jesus?”

I have a question. I have a Jewish person asking me “What about the guy who lives in a far off place and has never heard the name of Jesus proclaimed—is he going to hell?” My immediate answer is that God finds a way to speak to your heart. Now, the Jews of the times of Abraham and Moses who believed in one God—after the cross I would say that John 3:16 holds true—but to a Jewish person who never looked at The New Testament—is there a sensitive yet clear and concise way to answer this?

I agree with you about God finding a way to speak to your heart.

We are now hearing many stories of people coming to faith in Christ as the result of a dream or vision where He appears to them, inviting them to trust in Him. This is particularly happening in the Muslim world. Many people instantly know it's the Lord Jesus when He appears to them, but some do not. In some dreams and visions, He tells them who He is, and in others He does not—He just loves them and calls them to come to Him. After the dream/vision, the Lord provides someone to identify Him as they continue to seek Him. (We see something similar in the story of Cornelius in Acts 10.)

So, from what I understand, people are putting their trust in Christ, but some don't know anything more about Him than that He is God, He loves them and He invites them to trust in Him. Two recurrent invitations continue to appear in the dreams and

visions we are hearing about: 1) "I am the way, the truth and the life," and 2) "You belong to Me." As people are then able to get a copy of the Bible or talk to a Christian, their knowledge of Christ, the Cross, and the Christian life grows, as well as their faith and their understanding of who Jesus is and what He did.

For years, I have heard that God's only plan for evangelism is for us to share the gospel. But these stories show that sometimes, Jesus goes directly to a person. And, in Revelation 14:6, there is an angel who takes the gospel to men.

So what that means is that if a person has never heard of Jesus through the preaching of the gospel, that is no obstacle for God. He can, and testimony shows that He does, appear directly to—and call a person to—have faith in Him. We still need to diligently pursue the Great Commission and take the gospel to all nations, since evangelism through the changed lives of Christ-followers is still God's main plan. But God's hands are not tied by our inability (or laziness, or selfishness, or disobedience) to get the gospel to everyone He has chosen for eternal life.

Concerning your specific question about a Jewish person who never looked at the New Testament, it's possible he might be in the same category as people who never heard of Jesus. . . however, in today's Jewish culture, part of what defines a Jew is "not believing in Jesus." It's not a valid definition, and it's not true, but it's hard to imagine anyone growing up in a Jewish culture—particularly in North or South America—who wasn't aware of the Jesus of Christianity in the surrounding culture.

So, I think the bottom line is that God would judge a Jewish person by the same standard as anyone else: "What did you do with the light you received?"

Your Jewish friend asks an important question, and it gives

you the opportunity to talk about the character of God. I am grateful that our God is not only just, but loving, and I believe that He will allow the blood of Jesus to cover those who had no chance to reject Him, such as babies who die before or after birth, or the mentally impaired.

God promises that if we seek Him, we will find Him (Deut. 4:29). And since dead people cannot seek God and cannot choose life, that means that it's all God's grace allowing us to recognize our need for Him and seek Him in the first place! I would think that this same heart that longs for us to turn to Him, and gives us grace to turn to Him and seek Him, would also respond in love to the cry of a heart that says, "God, if you are there, here I am! I don't know you, but I want to! Reveal Yourself to me!"

I hope this makes sense.

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