

IX. MALE/FEMALE DIFFERENCES

1. HOW DIFFERENT ARE WE

A. Courteous consideration

1. In 1 Peter 3:6, the command is give for a husband live with his wife with understanding – that means it's possible to do so!

	Guys	Gals
Stability	Success	Security
Marital Satisfaction	Sex	Communication
	Acceptance (by wife)	Understanding (from husband)
	Getting admiration	Getting attention
	Being trusted	Being cared for
	Being respected	Being appreciated
Responses to Problems	Solve them	Say them
	Dismiss them	Discuss them
	Fix them	Get help
Weaknesses	Shield it	Share it
Intimacy	By sharing experience	By sharing emotions
	Is threatening	Strengthening
	Achieved by proximity	Conversation
Fantasy	Sex	Romance
	Sports	Attention
	Money	Shopping
Downtime	Solitary	Interactive
	Doing something	Saying something
Humor	Insulting	Uplifting
	Aimed at friends	Aimed at self
	Creates a bond	Simply entertains
	Offensive	Defensive (deflect)
Home	A place to unwind	A place to maintain
	A place to eat	A place to cook
	Where I live	Who I am
	Physical satisfaction	Emotional satisfaction

Restaurant		
	Taste	Atmosphere
	Cost	Desserts
	Volume	Service
	Speed	Time to visit
	Feel comfortable	Feel special

2. COMMUNICATION MATTERS

A. Methods of communication

1. Words. Experts say that 7% of the message received is from words that are used.
2. Tone of voice. Experts say that 38% of the message received is from tone that is used. Tone includes volume, pronunciation, inflection, speed, pitch and diction.
3. Non-verbal communication. Experts say that 55% of the message received is from non-verbal techniques being used, such as eye contact, eye movement, eyelids, eyebrows, lips, tongue, teeth, posture, space, cheek and jaws, body movement, touch, breathing, gestures, position of head, movement of head, etc.

B. Communication differences

	Guys	Gals
Subject	Facts, events & things	Feelings, atmosphere & people
Message	What is said	How it is said
Reason	To get to a point	Talking is the point
Objective	To get agreement	Understanding
Problems	Solve them	Share them
Bonding	Jokes – ridicule	Empathy, attention, and concern
Transition	One subject at a time	Freely roam among topics
Details	Exclude unnecessary details	Include all they can
Effect	Exhausts	Invigorates
Nonverbal	Overlook it	Magnify it
Surroundings	To control or influence	To enhance or enlighten
Emphasis	Increases his volume	Touch

