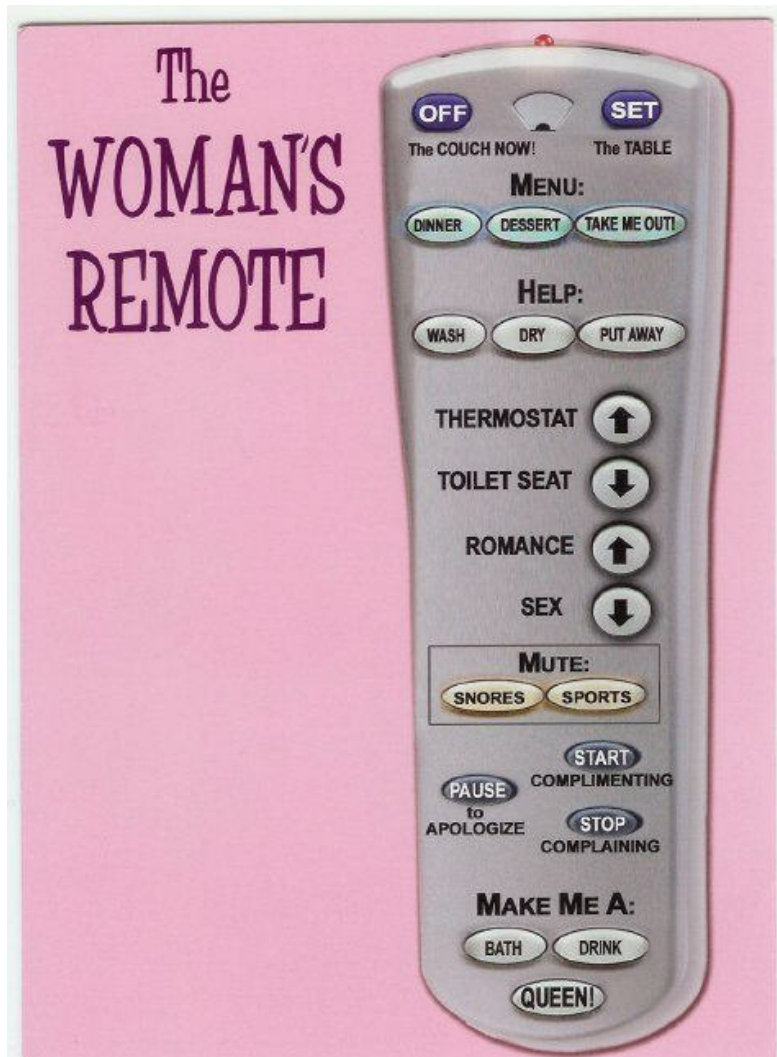


Love & RESPECT

Part 3

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Matt 19:4 *"Haven't you read, that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female?'"*

Matt 19:5 *For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'*

Eph 5:33 *However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.*

Prov 30:21,23 *"Under three things the earth trembles, under four it cannot bear up: 23 an unloved woman who is married,*

Evangelical Christians have a lower divorce rate than the general population, according to [a recent study from The Barna Group](#). A telephone survey of 3,792 adults found that 33 percent of those who had ever been married had experienced at least one divorce, while 26 percent of the evangelical group had been divorced. Glenn Stanton, director of global family formation studies at Focus on the Family, said this is good news. "What the results show is that faith has a positive impact on marital health and durability," he said. The survey could have gone even further, Stanton said, by asking respondents about their faith practices instead of simply their faith affiliation. Other research shows that evangelicals who are active in their churches report even lower divorce rates. "People who attend church every week, people who pray together regularly, people who seem to take a real seriousness in their faith rather than just a mere identification with a particular faith movement tend to have an even higher success in marital stability and health," he said. Stanton said the study also dispels the common misperception that divorce rates within the Church mirror those outside the Church. "That is true only if you look at just church affiliation," he said. "But if you look at church activity — how people really live out their faith — then that absolutely is not true because people who take their faith very seriously and have action to back that up have a significantly lower divorce rate than the general public."

James 2:14 *What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds?*

John 13:17 *Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.*

James 3:13 *Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.*

James 1:22 *But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. KJV*

Prov 12:4 *An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, But she who shames him is like rottenness in his bones. NASU*

Prov 21:9 *It is better to live alone in the corner of an attic than with a contentious wife in a lovely home. NLT*

Prov 21:19 *It is better to live alone in the desert than with a crabby, complaining wife. NLT*

Prov 27:15 *A nagging wife is as annoying as the constant dripping on a rainy day. NLT*

Prov 27:16 *restraining her is like restraining the wind or grasping oil with the hand.*

1 Corinthians 7:5

Do not deprive each other of sexual relations, unless you both agree to refrain from sexual intimacy for a limited time so you can give yourselves more completely to prayer. Afterward, you should come together again so that Satan won't be able to tempt you because of your lack of self-control. NLT