

# Men are From Dirt & Women are From Men

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## Respect

### Eph 5:33ff

<sup>31</sup> “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup> This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Respect is different for men and women



The Key > How does the “other” person need to be respected

Women’s respect is reflected environment surrounding their life.  
Hers grows outwardly  
Hers takes in to give out > it changes and grows allowing her to reflect where she is.

Men’s respect builds in a container



His grows inwardly  
His takes it in, and it stays in, defining who he is. His respect is brought into a location but does not change to reflect the situation. It is his identity.

### Film Clip

#### What?

- > What does respect look like for husbands?
- > What does respect look like for wives?
- > How can women better know the “respect” button for their husbands?
- > How can men better know the “sensitive” button for their wives?

### Disrespect Releases:

**Escalation:** When a negative is returned with a negative and it snowballs into destructive anger.

**Invalidation:** Subtly or directly putting down the thoughts, feelings, or character of another.

**Negative Interpretations:** Believing motives are more negative than is really the case.

**Withdrawal and Avoidance:** To avoid staying in disagreements or discussions you don’t like.

## Phil 4:8 RESPECT has a foundation

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. <sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

- > Our words and actions are based on the VALUE of the other person.
  - >The words and actions based on Phil 4:8 create a setting for expressing value to the other person> respect is anchored in that value.
  - > Without value there is not chance of giving or receiving respect.
- > Biblical truth is based on the value of a life in Christ...not what you think, but who you are as a child of God. His promises fulfilled through them!
- > His Value Her Value
  - His**> What he does, how he does it, and who he is as he does it.
  - Her**> How she thinks about it, what she thinks about it, and what it means when it is done.

**But how can we speak each others language?**



## Phil 4:12 God's plan for change.

I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. *I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation*, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

- >This is not about entitlement; it is about dying to self and serving one another. **Respect is born in service, not in self**
- > Jesus served, washed feet and was heard.
- > We are released from defending as we serve.

## 1 Peter 2: 12,16-18 It's Not About You!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

**AND**

<sup>16</sup>Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God. <sup>17</sup>Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king.

<sup>18</sup>Slaves, submit yourselves to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh.

- > Giving and receiving respect in a relationship extends value to each other and frees you to respect others as well... we pass it on.
- > We are freed to disperse God's love and grace to men and women as He directs us...even if we are married to them!
- > Servants respect God's creation as valuable> your husband, your wife.
- > You are the "respect" bridge that speaks to the heart of the unsaved too!

## Game On: Respect Increases As You Know Your Spouse.

1. **HIM** Listen to your wife's hopes and dreams. **Listen don't solve.** *Write them down!*
2. **HER** Ask him what his hopes and dreams are. **Listen don't talk** *Write them down!*