



TEN THINGS WOMEN NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MEN

1. I feel things more deeply than I show.
2. I still get confused about the future.
3. The strangest things make me afraid.
4. My memory is a lot better than I want it to be.
5. Impatience with you is usually frustration with me.
6. Talking is scary for me, but I want to.
7. I hate being selfish no matter how it appears.
8. My body surprises me as much as it surprises you.
9. I deeply already feel I will never be all you want me to be.
10. I can't make it by myself and I know it.

I love God a lot, even though it doesn't always look like it.

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“I used to believe that women get to the heart of things and are more honest than men. But I’ve come to realize that there is a remarkable untapped hunger in men to be honest about the deepest things. Ladies feel things as they come out, but men have to think about them, pray about them. Be patient with us! We will get there, we will get to the deeper things!”

Here then are five more things women need to know about men:

1. NO BEHAVIOR IS BEYOND ME.

I’m an odd combination of tremendous sensitivity and absolute stupid behavior. I’m not surprised by it anymore and it will help me if you’re not.

2. NO ONE UNDERSTANDS ME COMPLETELY.

We (men) evaluate the capacity to share what’s deeply in our heart by the capacity of those we’re sharing with. Can you really handle this if I share what I feel? Honestly, you are the one we misgauge the most. You have a deep capacity and desire and understanding and wish to hear the deep things of our heart and we misgauge that. We struggle to find the language and don’t let you help us to find it. We’re a walking bundle of contradictions that compliment yours.

3. I WANT MORE LOVE THAN I KNOW HOW TO ASK FOR.

Just because there are few words in a conversation doesn’t mean I’m not aware of my huge need. I was not born knowing how to ask for the love that is encouraging and affirming to me.

4. LONELINESS IS OFTEN MY COMPANION, BUT IT’S NEVER MY FRIEND.

I translate this practically as: “Please, please, don’t let us withdraw.” If God the Holy Spirit can use you to cast out demons and change nations, He can give you the grace and patience to help us in these moment when we feel like running. It’s okay to pull aside for awhile when we’re going through a change we can’t express, but we need to make sure you have our address to make sure we don’t live in that place forever. Please don’t let me withdraw.

5. JESUS DOESN’T FIX EVERY PART OF MY LIFE BY HIMSELF.

Like it or not, ladies, you’re our helpmates and in many cases our deliverers. The assignment may seem to be unfair at times, but if you’ll be patient and work at it, give us the language with which to ask for help, we’ll get there and we’ll be happy about it. We deeply love you and have the highest respect for you.

WE ARE NOT PERFECT!