

So She Wasn't Nagging After All!

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Proverbs 21:19 - It is better to live in a desert land than with a quarrelsome and fretful woman.

1.) _____ Procure _____ !

1 Peter 3:1-6 - 1Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, 2when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. 3Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. 4Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. 5For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves. They submitted themselves to their own husbands, 6like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

2.) _____ Procure _____ !

3.) _____ Procure _____ !

Primary Point: Successful communication is in the DETAILS!

Application questions:

How can I follow my husband's lead better?

How can I make my wife feel safer?

Name at least 3 deals that need to be struck between me and my spouse.

How to Strike a Deal!

“Deals” are all about *expectations*. The reason you experience frustration is because your expectation is not being met. But if you both have the *exact same* expectation, then frustration ends, and happily ever after we go!

So, let’s look at what a deal looks like over the proverbial “cat box”.

- 1.) **Wife communicates her “perfect world” in relation to the situation.**
 - *So, the wife says something like, “I would like you to go downstairs every day and clean the cat box.”*
- 2.) **The husband communicates his “perfect world” in relation to the situation.**
 - *So, he says something like, “I really only want to do that once a week.”*
- 3.) **They both come to the same conclusion thru selfless compromise or yielding.**
 - *So you may land on “Husband will clean the cat box on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays.”*
- 4.) **Hammer out every detail, that may cause friction in the future.**
 - For instance, don’t say I will do it “twice a week”. Or I will do it when it smells bad. Because the wife may have a different outlook on what “smells bad” means.
- 5.) **They both agree that the husband is committing to this task.**
 - *The partner has every right to say something guilt free if they didn’t do it when they agreed to.*
- 6.) **Deals can be revisited at any time, and new deals can be negotiated.**
 - *Sometimes a deal sounds great “on paper”, then reality hits, and somethings got to give.*

Deals may need to be struck on every chore of the house. You might be splitting up the different tasks of the chore, like dishes, loading and unloading laundry, etc. Deals may need to be struck on how we interact with friends, or amount of time on hobbies. It may even be that you strike deals on how to walk together down the street! Or when devotions are done as a family.

This will work with literally anything in your marriage where you experience frustration. So, communicate very clearly until you are both certain that you have the exact same expectations on the matter.

- Tip: How do you know you are both in complete agreement with identical expectations about a deal? – you both answer the “who, what, when, where, why, and how” the exact same way.