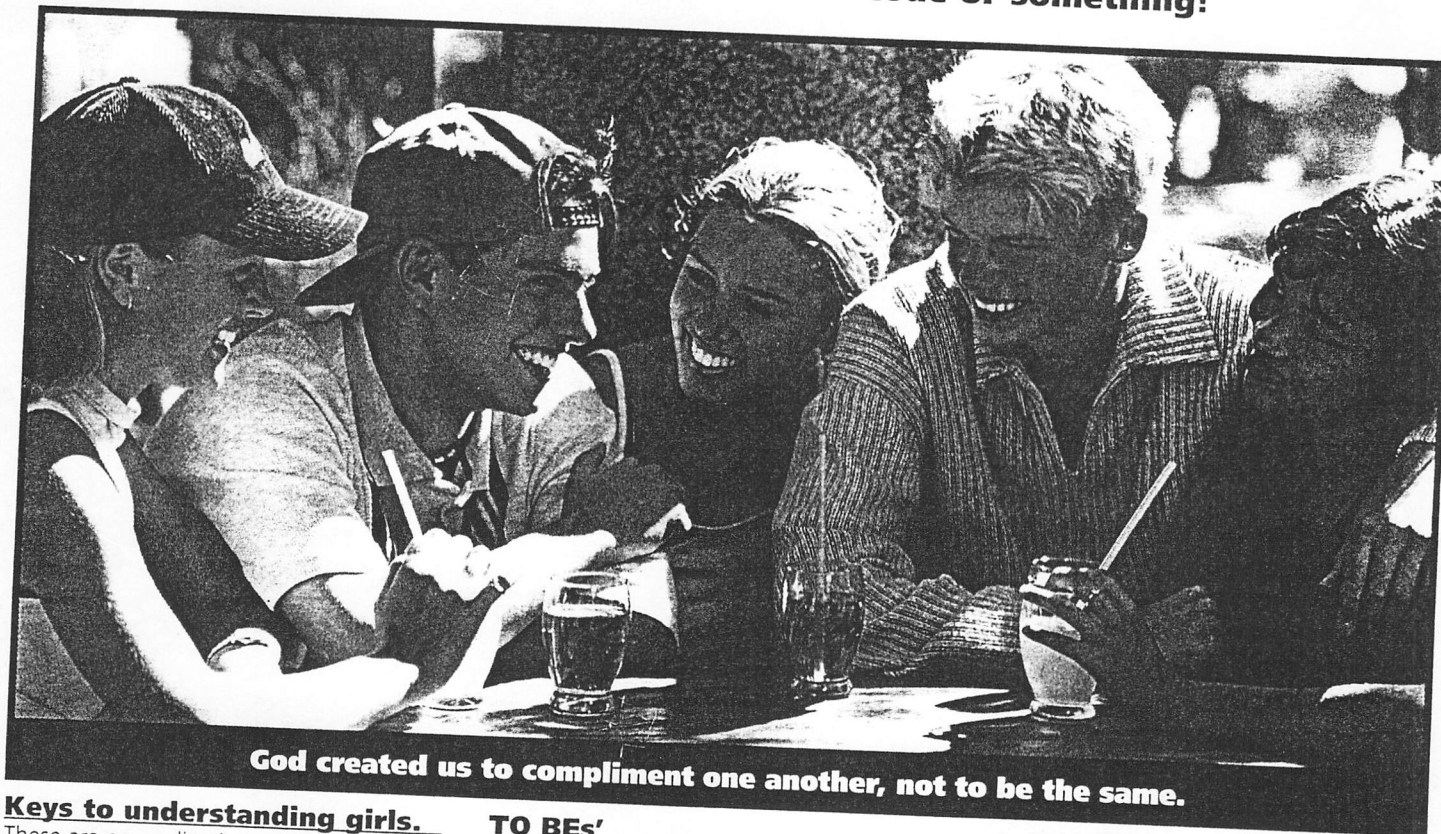


# What Guys NEED to Know About Chicks

Part I

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**T**his information is so key to your "girl-success" that we're sure we've broken some sort of honor code or something!



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## Keys to understanding girls.

These are generalizations of course, but, they are 99% true. And if you get this basic stuff, you will probably score some serious points with the ladies.

First of all, men and women are VERY different in almost every way. Look in the Bible, they're all different. But you'll also notice that God created us to compliment one another—not to be the same. So, don't always expect to understand girls (esp. the way they think), just respect and love them for the way they are and how they are different from you.

## Golden Gab on Girls

- Girls are sensitive, almost ALWAYS more so than guys (Meaning: they get love-dovee or get hurt easier than guys).
- Girls are emotional, analytical and complicated.
- Girls need reassurance, acceptance and security.

## What can you do

- COMMUNICATE, COMMUNICATE, COMMUNICATE

## TO BEs'

- **Be yourself.** Be truthful. Be who you are. Be "a guy."
- **Let girls be-girls.** Don't mock or put down girl-ness. After all, girls rule!
- **TALK to girls** and find out who they are. Ask them questions, be interested in getting to know who THEY are (their likes, dislikes—what and who is important—what are their morals, values, and beliefs).
- **Respect them, the whole girl:** mind, body, and soul. Don't think of girls as merely bodies or brains.
- **Honor them,** by opening doors, carrying something that is killer heavy, pulling out their chairs (but not out from under them), and offering your coat on a chilly night (only if you won't complain that you're freezing). This is a way to show that you're thinking of their feelings, that you respect and care for them. If a girl has a problem with this, tell her that you know she can do it herself, but you want to honor her (try believing this too, it will help your delivery).
- **Be PATIENT!** Don't get fed up with mood swings or waiting for them to get ready. If impatience is a problem for you, put yourself in girls' shoes for a day (not literally, you'll get hurt) and think of "girl" concerns. You'll wise up!

## NOT TO BEs

- **The Macho thing is not cool.** Remember, it's a "No go when you're macho."
- **Don't act like a geek in front of your friends to impress girls** (the only vote you'll get is a sympathy vote and this won't get you far)
- **Don't be afraid of rejection,** just approach girls!

If you're interested in someone who has got a hip personality and you think she's a babe—don't get emotionally and physically ahead of yourself. The following is very important. Only read on if you are mature enough to handle it—**BE FRIENDS FIRST!** Don't worry about dating, do group things, your buddies and hers. Go bowling or hiking, go for milkshakes or a movie. Because you are communicating with her, you'll know what she likes to do.

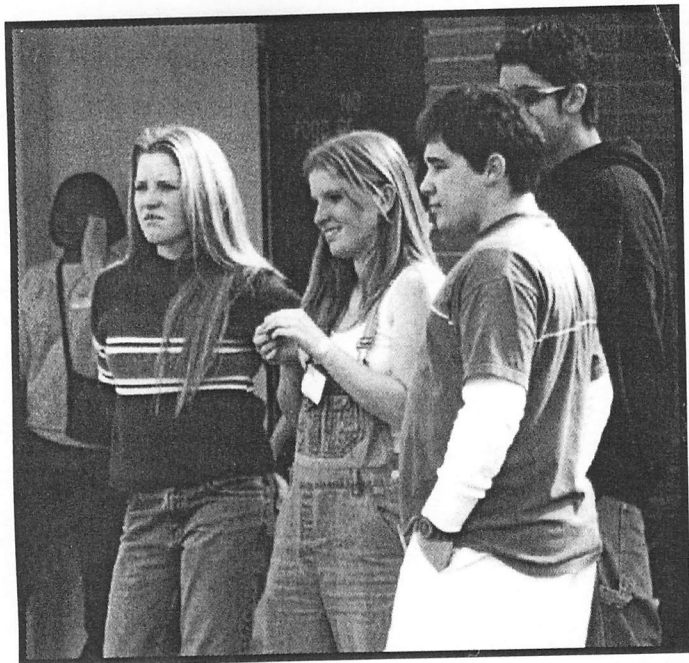
Now when all of this advice pays off and...

- 1) you've been friends
- 2) your Hamlet has turned into a Romeo (I like Shakespeare) and you want to go out....

**What should you do next? See the next issue, for part II.**

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If she picked Door #1, here are more inside tips for you. (These are generalizations, but helpful ones):

- **Girls are big talkers.** They verbalize how they feel and tell all in great detail.
- **Being analytical, girls will interpret what is said, done, how it's said, and what was left unsaid.** Then they'll talk on the phone with their friends, dissecting what happened—good or bad.

Treat your relationship with her like you would other friendships. And like all relationships, this one requires dual effort. So:

- Have fun and be creative.
- Be flexible while maintaining a healthy balance of freedom and individuality.
- Communicate. If you need more space, say so; if you want to spend more time together, say so. Be direct and say, "These are my feelings; how do you feel?"
- Surf, with grace, the ups and downs in the relationship. Neither of you is perfect, so accept imperfections (unless they are really serious). Allow yourself to be challenged to grow by being open to learning from her.
- Ask for the strength to conquer your pride and say, "I'm sorry," when you, like all human beings, goof up. But remember, also, to be forgiving in return.

After reading this, you may find that between the books, the football field, your pals, and work, there is no room for a lady. Or maybe it is more complicated than you anticipated. In either case, if you delay dating that's OK. A good woman is worth waiting for (Proverbs 31: 10-31).