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## Weird Families Work When There Is No “Them”

*(Why you'll never be happy as a self contained unit)*

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"And the Lord God said, 'It isn't good for man to be alone' . . . "  
(Gen 2:18)

"Blessings on all who reverence and trust the Lord--on all who obey him! Their reward shall be prosperity and happiness. Your wife shall be contented in your home. And look at all those children! There they sit around the dinner table as vigorous and healthy as young olive trees. That is God's reward to those who reverence and trust him. May the Lord continually bless you with heaven's blessings as well as with human joys. May you live to enjoy your grandchildren! And may God bless Israel!" (Psa 128)

### What's the problem with “them?”

Them-itis isolates **you.**

Them-itis perpetuates **powerlessness.**

Them-itis insulates you against **understanding.**

### 2 Things Men Wish Women Knew

I am a man so I **hide my hurts.**

"Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, 'Where are you?' He answered, 'I heard

you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.'" (Gen 3:8-10)

I am a man so I **live to work.**

"And God blessed them and told them, 'Multiply and fill the earth and subdue it; you are masters of the fish and birds and all the animals.'" (Gen 1:28)

### 2 Things Women Wish Men Knew

I am not **your property.**

"Marriage should be honored by all, and the **marriage bed** kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral." (Heb 13:4)

I want your **presence more than your presents.**

"The Girl: 'One night my lover was missing from my bed. I got up to look for him but couldn't find him. I went out into the streets of the city and the roads to seek him, but I searched in vain. The police stopped me, and I said to them, "Have you seen him anywhere, this one I love so much?" It was only a little while afterwards that I found him and held him and would not let him go' . . ." (Song 3:1-4)

### 3 Things Kids Wish Parents Knew

"And now a word to you parents. Don't keep on scolding and nagging your children, making them angry and resentful. Rather, bring them up with the loving discipline the Lord himself approves, with suggestions and godly advice." (Eph 6:4)

I need you to **love me.**

I need you to **limit me.**

I need you to **lead me.**