## UNDERSTANDING WOMEN

Have men ever really understood women or know what they like? A lot of men say they have never understood us and probably never will. I know there are things I like a man to do and generally speaking some guys may not have a clue what I am talking about.

Now, some women may find a guy who really understands them and knows their needs, so this column is in no way meant for them. To those I say, "Great and thank you in your quest to understand the female."

I am not speaking for all women, but sometimes do you feel that your boyfriend, husband, fiancé or significant other does not know things you like, want and need?

Could it be that men are backward, really don't know, don't care or takes his lady for granted? It is okay to be taken for granted sometimes, but it grows tiring after a while.

First of all, women like to be told they are liked, loved, pretty and desirable. Single men may dream about a certain woman, but if he doesn't let them know that he is interested, he may as well keep on dreaming.

Married men on the other hand may be sometimes lax in noticing their wife's new hair cut, how nice she looks in those jeans or what a delicious dinner she cooked. Personally, I like to be told and feel like I am appreciated for my efforts. Don't you?

Contrary to what some men may believe, very few women, single or married, actually want to be the initiator. We like to be pursued, so pursue us! Get a little frisky and let us know we are still desirable.

If we cook something you may not especially like, please don't say, "It's all right, but I wouldn't want to eat it everyday." Why not say, "I know you really went to a lot of trouble to cook that dinner, but I really didn't care for it."

Women like to be thought of in little ways. We like to know when you are thinking of us by perhaps a telephone call or a little note.

Men take some initiative and take care of things without us asking. Even if it is something as simple as taking out the trash, do it before we bring it up.

Notice the small things and pay attention to the things we like. Learn what our favorite flower is or how we drink our coffee. Show your lady you care enough to take notice.

It is always important to know the date of our birthday and anniversary. Even if you have to write it down, it is very important you know those dates.

Chivalry is not dead. Men who open the door for ladies still exist. Be one of them.

Understand that we need a girl's night out just as much as you need to spend time with the guys. I like to refer to this as "me time."

Tell us we're beautiful even when we aren't, wipe the tears from our eyes when we cry, bring us a cup of coffee or tea without asking if we want it, cuddle us, laugh with us, defend us and hold our hand.

I like decision makers. While I definitely want to be consulted in the process, I like a man to step up and finalize decisions.

Expect the unexpected. While this list is meant to help you understand us, understand that you will never completely understand us.

Do you think men will ever understand women? Does your other half do any of these things or remember any of them? Let me know and I'll give you a "Penny for Your Thoughts."