

# Just Thinkin'

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Just thinkin' about doing the dishes.

I am not *doing* the dishes, I am just thinking about it.

OK, I'm done.

My wife and I enjoy a fairly traditional relationship. She really likes her kitchen. She will occasionally allow me in to help out with the tending, but only if I meet certain qualifications. She does not invite my help; she tolerates it.

On the other hand, I really like my garage. Working on projects in the garage can be very relaxing for me. We have an agreement that I do not organize her kitchen and she does not organize my garage. The fact that she *really could* organize the garage better than me is not the point.

Early in our marriage, our responsibilities in the home had a tendency to overlap. We did not know where to draw the lines or why we even needed lines. But *every* relationship, marital or otherwise, needs lines. Don't build walls; just draw some lines. And understand that you will occasionally need to cross them.

Lines in a marriage are not drawn to confine, they are drawn to *define*. They are not drawn to limit, they are drawn to *protect*.

Give your spouse something in the home that is all theirs, allow them to develop it, and keep your thumbs and nose out of it.

No one has *ever* grown under somebody's thumb.

That's all I have time for today, I have to get this garage cleaned up before she gets home.

Have an awesome week!

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