

For And About You

By Harriett Muhammad

DEAR HARRIETT: I am a successful young business woman, but I'm having trouble with my husband, who seems determined to treat me like I am his daughter instead of his wife.

He takes my money and insists that anything I plan to purchase for the home should have his prior approval. I can't even buy a change of curtains by myself.

If I visit a friend, he embarrasses me by telephoning to "check" on me, and we always have to go to the movies and restaurants of his choice.

What is the matter with us? Is it his fault or mine? Please don't tell me to defy him because I'm scared of death of what he might do.

—SCARED

DEAR SCARED: It sounds like both of you need to examine yourselves.

You may feel he is treating you like a "daughter" because that's the way you respond to him. You don't have to "defy" him. Just reason with him — like a woman.

Suggest that he give you the chance to prove you can shop wisely. When he agrees,

shop at first to please his taste — then gradually to please yours, but always wisely.

Your husband sounds selfish, but perhaps it is an unconscious thing that could be straightened out if you bring it to his attention at the first opportunity. Ask him if he ever stopped to consider your plans long enough to let you put them into action. Be gentle, but firm. That is your inherited weapon.

You must learn what many women know — that a woman must make her husband think he's doing what he pleases when, in reality, he's doing what she pleases.

DEAR HARRIETT: I am a man 22 years old and I've lost two good jobs in the past year because of tardiness. Each time, though, I had a legitimate excuse.

The first time, my alarm clock didn't go off. The second time, I was involved in a minor accident, which, of course, took time to clear up.

Don't you agree with me that employers should be more understanding? I think I'll go into business for myself so I won't have to "catch it" because of such a small thing.—JOBLESS

DEAR JOBLESS: I agree that employers should be more understanding — and I think most of them will accept a good excuse on occasion.

There must be more to your problem than you have told me. Better check yourself carefully.

I am certain of one thing. You're headed for big trouble if you go into business with such an attitude. Being punctual and dependable are the keys to success, and shouldn't be thought of as "small" things.

When you get your next job, try getting up earlier to allow for any unforeseen event that may delay you.

Something on your mind? Write and tell me about it: Harriett Muhammad, 2819 W. Vernon Ave., Los Angeles, Calif., 90008.

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