

Comebacks to the Standard “Lines”

“Don’t you love me?”

“I love you enough to say no.”

“If you really loved me, you would.”

“If you really loved me, you wouldn’t ask. If you really love somebody, you don’t pressure them to do something they don’t want to do.”

“Everybody’s doing it.”

“Everybody but me.”

“Really, everybody’s doing it.”

“Then you shouldn’t have any trouble finding somebody else.”

“Don’t you find me attractive?”

“I find you very attractive. I like you a lot—that’s why I don’t want to wreck our relationship by getting to physical.”

“I’ll stop whenever you say.”

“How about right now?”

“I love you.”

“Then please prove it by respecting my values.”

“What are you waiting for?”

“I’m waiting for the person I’m going to marry.”

“Are you repressed or something?”

“No, I’m free—from the pressure to have sex before I get married.”

“Listen, sex is no big deal.”

“Yeah, well, it’s a big deal to me, a big deal to my future husband (wife), and a big deal to God—and I made a promise to wait.”

—Tom and Judy Lickona, *Sex, Love & You: Making the Right Decision* (www.Amazon.com)