

# A Letter From DAVID

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## A Sense of Humor Is Important

Hi!

Tell me you're not one of those drab, dreary girls with puckered lips that just never smile! I've been thinking a lot about that lately, and here's why:

The whole thing started when I got together with a friend of mine and we started rapping about what's important in a girlfriend. This is of great concern to me, you know, because I don't have a steady girlfriend and like any guy, I sort of want one!

Anyway, we were sitting around my living room, watching the fireplace and talking when my friend jumped up from the floor (we always sit on the floor) and started leaping around the room like a nut, shouting "I've got it! I've got it!"

This friend is a little mad anyway—I think I've told you before. I wasn't just quite sure what he had—or at least, what he was shouting about. For all I knew, he could have just got drafted or the mumps or anything.

Anyway, my friend could see I wasn't sure about his sanity so he dashed over in my direction and said, "No—hey—oh! See, I've got it! I've decided WHAT'S IMPORTANT IN A GIRLFRIEND!"

My ears perked up like a dog's, I think, because we'd just been trying to figure out the whole problem.

"Okay man, lay it on me," I said.

I won't tell you in my friend's exact language, because I probably couldn't get it right anyway, but here's what he said:

No matter how pretty or plain a girl is, no matter if she's rich or poor, bouncy or serious, smart or not-so-smart, the best kind of girl overall is one who's not afraid to laugh!

My friend's right, I decided. And that started me thinking. I've really got my head together on the subject, and I'm going to tell you about it.

I didn't used to think that laughing was so important. I used to date girls who were very pretty or if they weren't pretty, they were bouncy cheerleader types.

But since then, I've learned that beauty isn't important because every single girl in the entire world can be beautiful if she just learns about make-up and hair styles and stuff. And I've decided that I don't particularly want a bouncy, energetic cheerleader-type



because most of those girls take so much energy out of a guy just trying to feel exuberant enough to keep up.

Now what is important is simple: a sense of humor!

A girl who knows when and how to laugh—and I definitely don't mean giggle—is a real gem! She's the type of girl I dream about being stranded with on a desert island. Honest I do! I go out of my way to be with girls who can laugh. I guess maybe because there are so many sad things in the world today, this is extra important for me. But I don't think it would be any different if everything was rosey and fine.

A girl should learn to give out with a good, solid laugh. It's the best boy-bait I can think of. AND a girl shouldn't be afraid to learn a few good jokes too. It's awful when you find yourself in a crowd that's telling jokes and a girl just sits there like a lump with nothing to offer. And you know me well enough to understand that I'm not talking about off-color, nasty jokes either. Just funny jokes—everything from Marx Brothers to Pat Paulsen.

The longer I sit here writing this, the more I'm thinking about how I'd like to call a friend and just sit together and laugh about things. A girl who can do that makes the whole world sunshine for me. She takes away all my cloudy days, eliminates my dreary moods and lets me know that whatever happens, in the end everything will be alright.

If there's one thing you can develop, girl, make it a sense of humor. Even if it doesn't seem important to you right now, this very year, you'll be glad in times to come. After all, you want me and your Very Special Guy to always think of you with a smile on your face and sparkle in your eyes. And that's how it should be!

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