

SUGGESTED RESPONSES

We will speak the truth in love. —Ephesians 4:15 NLT

Following are frequent unwelcome comments and suggested responses. Non-satirical humor often defuses uncomfortable situations. Your goal isn't to offend or embarrass the person. The responses shouldn't be said sarcastically, defensively, or angrily. Use this as an opportunity to be a good witness.

1. “When are you two going to start a family?”

Response: What makes you think we're not trying?

2. “You just need to relax, take it easy, rest more, or take a vacation.”

Response: Then I might have two problems—no baby and no job!

3. “You aren't getting any younger!”

Response: Are you fishing for an invitation to my next birthday party?

4. “You're young—you have plenty of time.”

Response: Time is the one thing we have too much of now.

5. “You should take _____.” (They name some food, herb, or drug.)

Response: I'll check with my doctor about that.

6. “You should try _____.” (They suggest some sexual position.)

Response: You mean we're supposed to have *sex*?

7. “We need grandchildren.”

Response: We need to be parents first.

8. “That happens all the time.” (A couple adopts and then gets pregnant.)

Response: Actually, it doesn't. You just hear about it more when it does.

9. “There must be some hidden sin in your life.”

Response: Jesus forgave my sins when I became a Christian.

10. “You aren't praying hard enough.”

Response: Are you offering to pray for us?

11. “If God wanted you to have children, you would.”

Response: Ouch! *That* hurts.

12. “You need to have sex more often or less often.”

Response: That's pretty personal.