

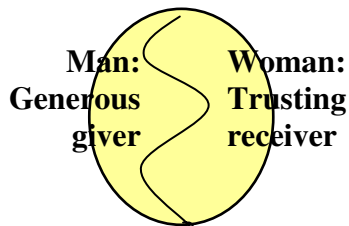
Intimacy: The Goal of Marriage

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1. Intimacy

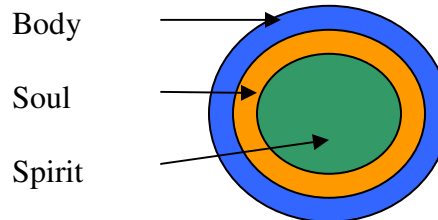
A. What is marriage?

1. The union of one woman and one man.
2. Created and sustained by God.
3. Equality of spiritual essence and difference of spiritual purpose.



B. The three intimacies

- a. Spiritual
- b. Emotional
- c. Physical



2. Spiritual Intimacy (spirit oneness)

- A. Your spouse is first and foremost your brother or sister in Christ.
Your marital relationship will end.

"In the resurrection, they neither marry nor are given in marriage.

Matthew 22:30

- B. The essentials of spiritual intimacy are given in Acts chapter 2.

Sharing the word

Worshipping together

Praying together

Serving together

- C. Reasons why we avoid spiritual intimacy

Lack of spiritual life

Fear

Ignorance

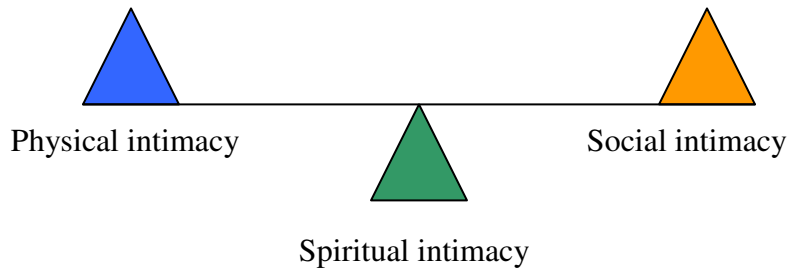
Hardened hearts

Carelessness

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D. Reasons why we should practice spiritual intimacy

1. It is foundational to intimacy in all areas of life



2. It is a requisite of spiritual care.
3. It is a means of spiritual power.
4. It is a spiritual checkpoint.
5. It expresses spiritual equality.

3. Soul Intimacy (soul oneness)

A. Mind

1. Nourish each other in mind.
2. Communicate clearly.

Three exercises to improve communication.

Set a time for talking.

A tangible object denotes the speaker.

Paraphrase your spouse's thought before replying.

3. Avoid negative communication.

B. Will

1. Seek God's will first.
2. Make decisions based on compromise and consensus.
3. If there is an impasse, the husband must bear responsibility for a choice.

C. Emotions

1. Seek emotional health from God.
2. Be understanding (empathetic).
3. Be sympathetic.

4. Physical Intimacy (body oneness)

- A. Practice dedicating sexual relationship to God.
- B. Recognize the principle of mutual ownership.
- C. Develop the art of lovemaking.
- D. Love is a commitment to give a blessing

The Five love languages

Touch

Words

Acts

Gifts

Quality time