

Christ's love makes the church whole. His words evoke her beauty. Everything he does and says is designed to bring the best out of her, dressing her in dazzling white silk, radiant with holiness. And that is how husbands ought to love their wives. They're really doing themselves a favor—since they're already "one" in marriage. Ephes. 5:26-28 (Msg)

P _____ Closeness

...God ...made ...a woman, and brought her to the man. "This is it!" Adam exclaimed. "She is part of my own bone and flesh! ...This explains why...two become one person. Now although the man and his wife were both naked, neither of them was embarrassed or ashamed. Genesis 2:21-25 (LB)

Why God Created Sex

To promote _____

..A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. Ephesians 5:31 NLT

To Provide _____

Let your wife be a fountain of blessing for you. Rejoice in the wife of your youth. She is a loving doe, a graceful deer. Let her breasts satisfy you always. May you always be captivated by her love. Proverbs 5:18-19 NLT

To Produce _____

God blessed them and told them, "Multiply and fill the earth and subdue it... Genesis 1:28 NLT

3 Keys To Enjoyment

The Right _____

Everything God created is good, and to be received with thanks. Nothing is to be sneered at and thrown out. 1 Timothy 4:4 (Msg)

...use every part of your body to give glory back to God because he owns it. 1 Corinthians 6:20 (LB)

The Right _____

I am trembling; you have made me as eager for love as a chariot driver is for battle. Song of Solomon 6:12 (TEV)

Song of Solomon (using a modern translation): privacy, 2:5; unhurried time, 5:1b; complimenting, 1:15-16; attractive attire, 4:9,11; affectionate touch, 2:6; special places, 7:12; fragrances, 1:12; intimate talk, 4:16; total commitment 8:6-7.

The Right _____

The marriage bed must be a place of mutuality—the husband seeking to satisfy his wife, the wife seeking to satisfy her husband. Marriage is not a place to "stand up for your rights." Marriage is a decision to serve the other, whether in bed or out. 1 Cor. 7:3-4 (Msg)

R _____ Closeness

God...richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 1 Timothy 6:17 (NRSV)

Enjoy life with your wife, whom you love... Ecclesiastes 9:9 (NIV)

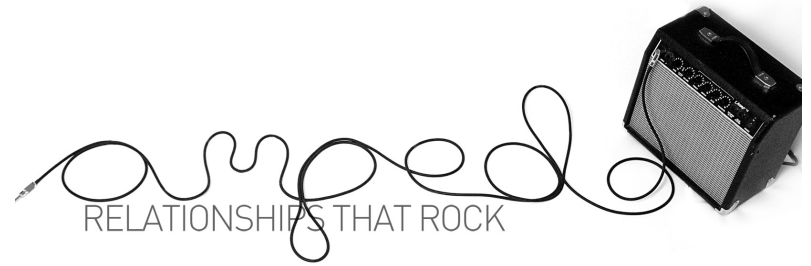
S _____ Closeness

But if we are living in the light of God's presence, just as Christ does, then we have wonderful fellowship and joy with each other... 1 John 1:7 (TLB)

How Do You Reach Spiritual Oneness?

_____ Together

_____ Together



Closeness

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...You don't love me or each other as you did at first! Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to me and do the works you did at first... Revelation 2:4-5a (NLT)

Recovering Closeness

M_____ Closeness

...Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends... And look out for one another's interests, not just for your own. Philip. 2:2,4 (Msg)(TEV)

E_____ Closeness

...encourage one another and build each other up... I Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)

...love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Romans 12:10 (NRSV)

Be good friends who love deeply; practice playing second fiddle. Romans 12:10 (MSG)