

How do you build intimacy?

Put Pleasure in its Proper Place

Put Effort into Intimacy

Homework:

1. Read John 14 and 15. How does Jesus build or demonstrate intimacy in this section of scripture? Discuss your observations with your spouse.
2. Revisit the principles of genuine love outlined in Rom 12:9ff and apply them to intimacy and sex. Discuss your observations with your spouse.
3. Ask your partner to rate the intimacy in your marriage on a scale from 1-10. Identify 3 things to work on or celebrate this week.
4. Ask your partner about their views on the frequency and quality of sex in your marriage. Identify 3 things to work on or celebrate this week.

One Flesh Lesson 7

Intimacy in Marriage

Intimacy: close familiarity or friendship; closeness

Where is your fascination? Where is your passion? Where is your conversation? Where is your private and secret communion? Press towards Christ, commune with him, and see what character is wrought in you dear one! CH Spurgeon

How do you understand intimacy?

Intimacy is part of God's design

- Our purpose
- Our identity

- Purpose of Marriage

A theology of Intimacy

- Eden hermeneutic

- New Heavens and Earth hermeneutic

- Poverty mindset vs Sober mindset

How do you understand sex?

Sex is part of God's design

- Sex can only be used in God honoring ways

- Sexlessness in marriage is ruled out

Case Study in Non-relational Sex:

Pornography