

ONENESS IN MARRIAGE, Part 1

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Experiencing Trinity and the Oneness They Share, part 2

Married couples face all kinds of tough decisions.

"We have found this coming-to-one-mind works beautifully in our marriages as well."— Terry Fullam

Oneness is **God's design**, and **his vision** of what marriage should be.

"Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh." **Matthew 19:4-6**

Physical-**sexual** oneness...

Uniting of two worlds under one roof...

Oneness is an event and it's a process.

Coming to One-Mind in Practice

Assumption: As we lay down our lives for the sake of oneness, **we become more of who God designed us to be, not less.** (Matthew 16:25)

1. **Acknowledge to the Lord that his thoughts are the BEST.**

"your kingdom come, your will be done" **Matthew 6:10**

2. **Pray together, we LAY DOWN all our feelings, fears, desires, opinions, agendas, positions, biases and personalities. AND, our need-to-be-right, our past histories and patterns, comparing ourselves with others and people-pleasing.**

3. **We begin a relaxed and easy CONVERSATION on the topic at hand.**

4. **We notice that some ideas start to SETTLE IN US.** They come together. We are finding one-mind—God's mind. (resistance subsides)

The Benefits Package

- We know God's will with **confidence**.
- Because of this, we can **endure** together.
- It completely obliterates "**I told you so!**"
- It **affirms** my wife's value as a person in our relationship—her intelligence, her capability, and her intuition. (Eph. 5:26-27)
- It **builds our oneness** as a couple.
- Our **character grows** as we lay down our lives for oneness.

What if we can't reach one-mind?

We have a "**no**"

We don't have God's **timing**