

- You are with her alone so you can focus on each other and laugh together.
- You go for a walk or jog...anything that results in togetherness.
- You seek her out...set up a date night...eat by candlelight.
- You go out of your way to do something for her, like run an errand.
- You make it a priority to spend time with her.
- You are aware of her as a person with a mind and opinions.... let her know you enjoy discussing things with her and getting her insights.
- You suggest the unexpected...get takeout and eat on the beach...take a walk to see the full moon....park on the bluff and watch the sunset.
- You pillow talk after making love...lie close with your arm around her and share feelings and intimate ideas....and never turn on Sports Center or Nightline.

—From Love & Respect by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs

**Conclusion:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Title: How to Love**—Closeness: She Wants You to Be Close

**EPHESIANS 5:33**

*Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.*

**PROVERBS 12:15**

*The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.*

**PSALMS 119:42**

*So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word.*

**PROVERBS 24:5**

*A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.*

**1 CORINTHIANS 6:9**

*Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind.*

**ECCLESIASTES 9:9**

*Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun.*

**Introduction:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Closeness

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### GENESIS 2:24

*Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.*

**DEFINITION:** When Scripture speaks of *cleaving*, the idea in the Hebrew is to cling, hold, or keep close.

### DEUTERONOMY 24:5

*When a man hath taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war, neither shall he be charged with any business: but he shall be free at home one year, and shall cheer up his wife which he hath taken.*

### PROVERBS 18:24

*A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.*

### Practical Tips

- Look at her when you speak to her.
- Think of things during the day you can share with her when you get home.

### SONG OF SOLOMON 3:4

*It was but a little that I passed from them, but I found him whom my soul loveth: I held him, and would not let him go, until I had brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me.*

- Involvement \_\_\_\_\_ Independence

## 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ with Closeness

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### 1 CORINTHIANS 11:11

*Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord.*

### Practical Tips

- Make time with her a priority and fun.
- Plan each week what you will do together and what you will do apart.
- Don't let anyone's opinion outweigh God's opinion.

## 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Closeness

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**QUOTE:** "Just as you want your spouse to treat you, treat your spouse in the same way."

### LUKE 6:31

*And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.*

### Your Wife Feels Close to You When:

- You hold her hand.
- You hug her.
- You are affectionate without sexual intentions.