

Christian Marriage

DWELLING TOGETHER WITH UNDERSTANDING

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UNDERSTANDING IS A WELLSPRING OF LIFE —Proverbs 16:22

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When we focus on Understanding our Spouse, The Marriage flows like a Well-spring! As we set the mind and affections on listening to hear and to understand each other's Heart, then we are drawn into deeper intimacy.

Yet the tendency is to become too familiar with, and assume we understand.

We listen with half an ear while 'Tuning-into' something else at the same time. We do not look into the eyes of our Spouse often enough when communicating, or listening. Sometimes we want to step away from each other, when we

need to step into the world of the one talking (attending). The better we get to know each other the more we Understand. Knowledge of each other leads us to Understanding each other.

'Parakolou' the Greek word for Understanding means "to follow alongside of".

It is the idea of Closeness in Sharing. Being 'in the know' the inner circle.

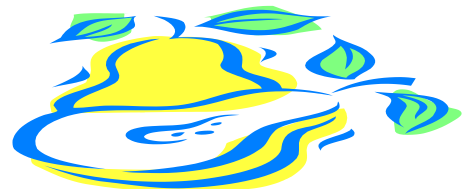
'Sunesis' another Greek word for Understanding, means "a sending together"

Walking Together in intel-

ligence on this Journey we call Marriage. Travelers together, getting to know each other as we walk Alongside, Listening to each other.

To be "without understanding" —where we are saying "I just can't understand my Wife or Husband" could lead to the pulling away from each other.

Wisdom is the Principal thing, therefore get wisdom. And with all thy getting, get Understanding! Proverbs 4:7.



Be of an Understanding Heart!

THE GOD OF ALL UNDERSTANDING

By His Understanding GOD stretched out the Heavens! —Jer 51:15. And the Apostle Paul prayed that the Eyes of Our Understanding would open. Our whole mind, intellect and Understanding Of GOD.



Eph 1:17-19 **"For I always**

beseech the GOD of our Lord JESUS Christ--the Father most glorious--to give you a spirit of wisdom and penetration through an intimate knowledge of Him, the eyes of your Understanding Being Enlight-

ened so that you may know what is the hope which His call to you inspires, what the wealth of the glory of His inheritance in GOD'S people, and what the transcendent greatness of His power in us believers as seen in the working of His Infinite Might." —(WNT).