

THIRTEEN KINDS of INTIMACY

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1. **MORAL INTIMACY**
(shared sense of what is right)
2. **EMOTIONAL INTIMACY**
(being tuned to each other's wavelength)
3. **INTELLECTUAL INTIMACY**
(closeness in the world of ideas)
4. **AESTHETIC INTIMACY**
(sharing experiences of beauty)
5. **CREATIVE INTIMACY**
(sharing in acts of creating together)
6. **RECREATIONAL INTIMACY**
(relating experiences of fun and play)
7. **WORK INTIMACY**
(the closeness of sharing common tasks)
8. **CRISIS INTIMACY**
(closeness in coping with problems and pain)
9. **CONFLICT INTIMACY**
(facing and struggling with differences)
10. **COMMITMENT INTIMACY**
(mutuality derived from common investment)
11. **SPIRITUALITY INTIMACY**
(the we-ness in sharing ultimate concerns)
12. **COMMUNICATION INTIMACY**
(the source of all types of true intimacy)
13. **GENITAL INTIMACY**
(erotic or orgasmic closeness)