

**One Is the Win
Uncomplicating Relationships
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The secret to a successful marriage is becoming one.

How Do We Become One?

Genesis 2:24 (NIV) That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Ephesians 5:31 (NIV) For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.

1 Corinthians 6:15-16 (NIV) Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶ Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh."

Becoming one flesh is not what makes a successful marriage. It is becoming one in spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:17 (NIV) But whoever is united with the Lord is one with Him in spirit.

Galatians 2:20 (NIV) I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

If you want to have a close relationship with the Lord, you must die to yourself every day. If you want to have a close relationship with your spouse, you must die to yourself every day.

Hebrews 9:16-17 (NASB) For where there is a covenant, there must of necessity be the death of the one who made it. ¹⁷ For a covenant is valid only when people are dead, for it is never in force while the one who made it lives.

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Malachi 2:13-16 (NASB) And this is another thing you do: you cover the altar of the Lord with tears, with weeping and sighing, because He no longer gives attention to the offering or accepts it with favor from your hand. ¹⁴ Yet you say, "For what reason?" Because the Lord has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously, though she is your marriage companion and your wife by covenant. ¹⁵ But not one has done so who has a remnant of the Spirit. And why the one? He was seeking a godly offspring. Be careful then about your spirit, and see that none of you deals treacherously against the wife of your youth. ¹⁶ "For I hate divorce," says the Lord, the God of Israel, "and him who covers his garment with violence," says the Lord of armies. "So be careful about your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously."

When we become one in marriage, the Kingdom impact is exponential.