

Deepening Intimacy with God and Others: Common Myths about Intimacy¹

Intimacy Definitions

- Dallas Willard: “Intimacy is a _____ experience” (6).
- John Ortberg: “Intimacy is made up of a thousand tiny, every-day moments of _____” (7).

Intimacy Myths

1. Intimacy should be _____ (1 Peter 4:8; 1 Corinthians 13:4–7).
2. Intimacy takes away your sense of _____.
3. Intimacy and _____ are the same thing.
4. Intimacy equals _____.
5. Everybody _____ to intimacy the same way.
6. Once you've achieved intimacy, it can't be _____ (Proverbs 18:24).
7. Intimacy gives us _____ to let our negative emotions run wild (Proverbs 29:11).
8. Intimacy is all about _____.
9. You can't experience genuine intimacy with someone you can't _____ or _____.

Applications

¹ Inspired by *I'd Like You More If You Were More Like Me: Getting Real about Getting Close* by John Ortberg.