

# Now We're Talking!

## Questions to Build Intimacy with Your Spouse

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### Helpful Hints for your Marriage

p. 10 "You should never stop chasing the person you marry." Cleave unto his wife means **to pursue hard**. "Too often after the knot is tied, the life in a relationship begins to die because a man and woman stop *pursuing* one another."

p. 30 How to interpret a spouse's comments:

#### When she says...

"We need ..."

"It's your decision."

"Do what you want."

"Nothing is wrong."

"I'll be ready in a minute."

"Am I fat?"

"You're certainly attentive tonight."

#### What she really means...

*I want ...*

*The correct decision should be obvious by now!*

*You'll pay for this later!*

*Everything is wrong.*

*Take off your shoes and find a game on TV.*

*Tell me I'm beautiful.*

*Is sex all you ever think about?*

#### When he says...

"You look nice tonight."

"Boy, am I hungry."

"It's too expensive."

"I have a surprise"

"Why don't you get a job?"

"Are you still awake?"

"Why don't you stop working?"

#### What he really means...

*I want to have sex.*

*Make me something to eat & serve it to me on the couch.*

*You could get a neat computer for that!*

*I bought something really stupid.*

*You bought something really stupid.*

*I want to have sex again.*

*You're always too tired for sex.*

p. 36 John Gray taught women:

- When men become uncaring or distant, usually they're afraid of something.
- Men are more naturally motivated to achieve goals than to absorb moments.
- Men fear nothing more than failure.
- Men are motivated by feeling significant.
- Men want to manage their own problems.
- Men want to "get to the bottom line."
- Men tend to report more than converse.