

The Words of Partnership,

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- ***Start-nership*** – The initial launch of a collaborative effort
- ***Partner-slip*** – Someone takes an initial step toward possible partnering, but then falters
- ***Fartner-ship*** – Lots of hot air (noise) about the importance of partnering, but very little action or substance
- ***Partner-whip*** – A time of frenzied partnering activity
- ***Bartner-ship*** – Buying people off
- ***Partner-hip*** – Someone who thinks partnering is just a fad
- ***Partner-flip*** – The John Kerry approach: support partnering, then not
- ***Partner-sip*** – The “toe in the water” approach. No real commitment to partner
- ***Partner-VIP*** – When CEOs of big ministries / churches decide to partner
- ***Partner-dip*** – When the partnering initiative hits a lull
- ***Partner-zip*** – Gaining the ability to fast track or short cut partnering
- ***Partner-equip*** – The training of how to do partnering
- ***Partner-tip*** – giving on-going coaching advice on partnering