

The Art and Science of Attraction

Song of Solomon 1-2:7

TEXT: Song of Solomon 1:1–17 (ESV)

¹ The Song of Songs, which is Solomon's.

1. Physical Attraction

² Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! For your love is better than wine; ³ your anointing oils are fragrant; your name is oil poured out; therefore virgins love you. ⁴ Draw me after you; let us run. The king has brought me into his chambers. We will exult and rejoice in you; we will extol your love more than wine; rightly do they love you. ⁵ I am very dark, but lovely, O daughters of Jerusalem, like the tents of Kedar, like the curtains of Solomon. ⁶ Do not gaze at me because I am dark, because the sun has looked upon me. My mother's sons were angry with me; they made me keeper of the vineyards, but my own vineyard I have not kept!

2. Intellectual Attraction

⁷ Tell me, you whom my soul loves, where you pasture your flock, where you make it lie down at noon; for why should I be like one who veils herself beside the flocks of your companions? ⁸ If you do not know, O most beautiful among women, follow in the tracks of the flock, and pasture your young goats beside the shepherds' tents.

3. Emotional Attraction

⁹ I compare you, my love, to a mare among Pharaoh's chariots. ¹⁰ Your cheeks are lovely with ornaments, your neck with strings of jewels. ¹¹ We will make for you ornaments of gold, studded with silver. ¹² While the king was on his couch, my nard gave forth its fragrance. ¹³ My beloved is to me a sachet of myrrh that lies between my breasts. ¹⁴ My beloved is to me a cluster of henna blossoms in the vineyards of Engedi. ¹⁵ Behold, you are beautiful, my love; behold, you are beautiful; your eyes are doves. ¹⁶ Behold, you are beautiful, my beloved, truly delightful. Our couch is green; ¹⁷ the beams of our house are cedar; our rafters are pine.

4. Spiritual Attraction

Song of Solomon 2:1–7 (ESV)

¹ I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys. ² As a lily among brambles, so is my love among the young women. ³ As an apple tree among the trees of the forest, so is my beloved among the young men. With great delight I sat in his shadow, and his fruit was

sweet to my taste. ⁴ He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love. ⁵ Sustain me with raisins; refresh me with apples, for I am sick with love. ⁶ His left hand is under my head, and his right hand embraces me! ⁷ I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles or the does of the field, that you not stir up or awaken love until it pleases.