



The SONG OF SOLOMON

Chapter 3

“United In Love!”

Go for God! > The Shulamite and Solomon are “UNITED IN LOVE” how? This chapter gives 7 steps to a love that is engaged, inseparable and with great anticipation! Let’s LEARN and let’s LOVE!

(v1) STEP #1 – UNITED LOVE IS A DREAMY LOVE! - The Shulamite (bride to be) is dreaming of the one she loves (Solomon), she misses him and desires to be with him; literally she is saying “night after night, I dream about him.” Which do you want to marry? The dreamy person or the nightmare person; what is your dream guy or girl? Write it down, Christian character is the key!

(v2-3) STEP #2 – UNITED LOVE IS A SEEKING LOVE! – The word “SEEK” is found 243 times in the Bible, interestingly enough God spoke to Israel telling them what not to *seek*; in Leviticus 19:31 - *'Give no regard to mediums and familiar spirits; do not seek after them, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God.* And the results of them not seeking God and in the latter days seeking God

- Deuteronomy 4:27-31 - *And the LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the LORD will drive you. And there you will serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell. But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul. When you are in distress, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, when you turn to the LORD your God and obey His voice (for the LORD your God is a merciful God), He will not forsake you.*

- Jeremiah 29:11-14 - *For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. JESUS said in Matthew 6:33 - *But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.**

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- Matthew 7:7-8 - *"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.*

(v4) **STEP #3 – UNITED LOVE IS A FAMILY LOVE!** – The bride to be in her dream brings her boyfriend / fiancé to her home to meet her mother for **HONOR and APPROVAL**. Every young couple should seek to honor their parents in singleness and marriage, follow this commandment given in Ephesians 6:1-3 - *Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."*

(v5) **STEP #4 – UNITED LOVE IS A PURE LOVE!** – “Do not stir up nor awaken love until it pleases” – Simply put, “Remain a virgin until **marriage!**” – Let’s read 1 Thessalonians chapter 4. (Matthew 25:1-13 – Parable of Ten Virgins)

(v6) **STEP #5 - UNITED LOVE IS A SACRIFICIAL LOVE!** - The Shulamite bride speaks about the arrival of Solomon’s entourage, observe her description: *Like pillars (reflect strength) of smoke (visible and breathtaking). Perfume with myrrh and frankincense* - These items were presented to Christ at His birth, Matthew 2:11 - *And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshipped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.* **Gold** was for royalty and represented Christ as King. **Frankincense** was costly, beautiful smelling incense that was used only for the most special of occasions, such as royal processions, weddings and the grain offering in the Temple. **Myrrh** was also a perfume, not so expensive as frankincense but nevertheless valuable. This represents Christ’s humanity and sacrifice; *myrrh* is used for the preparation of bodies for burial. Speaking of the “**SACRIFICIAL LOVE OF CHRIST!**” Treat each other like royalty, have your love for each other fragrant, and make sure your love for one another is sacrificial and not superficial. *With all the merchants of fragrant powders* - She is looking to be spoiled with a variety of fragrant powders. (The whole *Bed, Bath & Beyond Store* is coming to her.)

(v7-10) **STEP #6 – UNITED LOVE IS AN EXCITING LOVE!** - An officer of the King’s royal guard declares what is being seen: Solomon’s couch with sixty valiant men with swords for a nighttime journey (a wedding processional). Plus, Solomon made a *palanquin* - a portable enclosed chair; this is a wedding carriage. (Its description: silver, gold, purple, its *interior paved with love!*)

(v11) **STEP # 7 – UNITED LOVE IS A HAPPY LOVE!** - The daughters of Zion are to go ahead and see the King with his royal crown as he is prepared for the wedding.

– Paul encourages all believers in Romans 8:35-39 - *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written:*

*"For Your sake we are killed all day long;
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."*

*Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.
For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor
powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any
other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in
Christ Jesus our Lord.*