



Go for God!

THE SONG OF SOLOMON

Chapter 8

“My Beloved For Life!”

> **Let us embrace four keys to “My Beloved for Life!”**

> **Key #1 - (v1-4) MAKE YOUR LOVE LLIVELY!**

> **Key #2 - (v5-6) MAKE YOUR LOVE INSPIRING!**

> **Key #3 - (v7-12) MAKE YOUR LOVE FULFILLING!**

> **Key #4 - (v13-14) MAKE YOUR LOVE EXCITING!**

> **Key #1 - (v1-4) MAKE YOUR LOVE **L**LIVELY!**

(v1-3) She uses family relationships to express secure love and care for one another.

- In Proverbs 5:18-20 men / husbands are counseled -

*Let your fountain be blessed,
And rejoice with the wife of your youth.
As a loving deer and a graceful doe,
Let her breasts satisfy you at all times;
And always be enraptured with her love.*

*For why should you, my son, be enraptured by an immoral woman,
And be embraced in the arms of a seductress?*

(v4) She again yields admonition to the daughters of Jerusalem to wait for Mr. Right from the LORD - 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 - **Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers.** *For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said:*

*"I will dwell in them
And walk among them.
I will be their God,
And they shall be My people."
Therefore "Come out from among them
And be separate, says the Lord.
Do not touch what is unclean,
And I will receive you."
'I will be a Father to you,
And you shall be My sons and daughters,*

Says the Lord Almighty."

> **Key #2 (v5-6) MAKE YOUR LOVE INSPIRING!**

(v5b) Solomon shares that he had awakened his bride in the wilderness under the apple tree where she was born. She can lean upon him for trust and security.

- **INSPIRATION**: *Something that makes someone want to do something or that gives someone an idea about what to do or create: a force or influence that inspires someone. (Jesus and you!)*

(v6) Solomon requests that she set him as a “seal” upon her heart and arm. Watch out for jealousy, it is cruel and destructive. (Ephesians 5:18-33)

> **Key #3 - (v7-12) MAKE YOUR LOVE FULFILLING!**

- **FUFILL**: *to do what is required by (something, such as a promise or a contract); to succeed in doing or providing (something); to succeed in achieving (something): to make (something, such as a dream) true or real.*

(v7) The Bride speaks that waters and floods cannot quench love; and love cannot be purchased.

(v8-9) The Bride reflects upon what her brothers used to say about her when she was young; if she doesn't develop, we will make her beautiful, whereas, if she does develop, we will protect her.

(v10-12) Shulamite is a wall; she maintained her moral integrity until marriage. She is a grown woman, mature and fruitful for her husband. She wants to give him more pleasure than herself to receive, (1000 to 200).

- **Fulfilling love** - *Philippians 2:1-5 - Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.*

> **Key #4 - (v13-14) MAKE YOUR LOVE EXCITING!**

(v13-14) For all to hear! Make haste my beloved let us always be enraptured with our love for one another! (Love is so exciting! - 1 Peter 3:1-12)

**“LIFE IS WHAT YOU MAKE IT,
LOVE MAKES LIFE!”**

> REMINDERS FOR A REMARKABLE MARRIAGE:

- *Love God, talk to Jesus, read His Word, and walk in His ways!*
- *Say “I love you!” often!*
- *Confess your sins to one another, whether it be in word or deed or the lack thereof.*
- *Humble yourself and ask for forgiveness when you have done wrong.*
- *Develop excellent communication: Complement do not criticize!
Encourage do not discourage!
Edify do not destroy!
Be sweet not sour!
Listen – talk, listen – talk, listen – talk!*
- *Hug, hold hands, caress, kiss, romance!*
- *Go out on a date together often!*
- *Have fun, be joyful, be a peacemaker!*
- *Catch the bad attitude and change for Jesus’ sake!*
- *Organize, communicate, follow through (get a “to do” list and just do it)!*
- *Don’t hold a grudge, remove all bitterness through prayer, ask God to give you a new heart of love!*
- *Take care of yourself for one another, cleanliness, and appearance; practice good health habits (food and exercise).*
- *Do special things for one another even though it’s not an anniversary or a birthday (chocolates, special meals, flowers, surprise whatever)!*
- *Try to out bless one another and “GO4GOD!”*