

Song of Solomon 1:5-17  
“*There’s Attraction – Now What?*”

~ READ TEXT ~

AS YOU SETTLE IN...

- Turn to the book of (Song of Solomon 1:5-17).

~ LET’S PRAY ~

NOTE TAKERS...

- I’ve titled today’s message: “*There’s Attraction – Now What?*”

~ INTRO ~

LAST WEEK... WE ENDED OUR STUDY...

- With the qualities... that should be demonstrated...
  - Before pursuing any-level of attraction.

TONIGHT...

- We shift gears by taking the next step forward...
  - To explore dating options.

~ STUDY ~

NOW IN (v.4)...

- The Shulamite Woman had just said... “*You’re the man!*”
  - And immediately drops into how she saw herself in (v.5).

THE CONTRAST BETWEEN...

- His background as a King...
  - And her background as a working-class girl in a vineyard.

CAN THERE BE ANY CAPATIBILITY...

- Between these two?

(v.6)

SHE WAS SELF-CONSCIOUS ABOUT HER BODY!

- In this period-of-time... a TAN was not a good thing.
  - It was an earmark between social classes...
    - Blue-collar VS. White-collar.

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- This woman didn’t have time to care for her body...
  - The way she would like to...
    - And her insecurity about her body was real.

BUT NOTICE... DURING THE SEASON OF DATING...

- This woman went from...
  - (1:6) “*an un-kept vineyard*” TO (2:1) “*a rose*”
    - Because the man nurtured her.
      - Physically nothing changed...
        - But emotionally she blossomed!

IN MARRIAGE... (Eph. 5:29)...

- The husband is to bring his wife to maturity thru tender care!
  - (i.e. *Full-bloom*).

THAT’S KEY LADIES...

- Any worthwhile dating relationship...
  - Should build you up... NOT tear you down!
    - Your man should help you escape negative body image.

WHEN THAT HAPPENS...

- Look at the results...
  - She couldn’t get enough of him!

**POINT #1 – RECREATION:**

(vv.7-8)

THIS IS TIME SPENT TOGETHER...

- Enjoying each other’s company.

WHEN YOU DATE BEFORE MARRIAGE...

- Your testing character...
  - Discovering similar interests...
    - And developing courtesy for each other.

**QUESTION:**

- Once you’re married when do you stop dating your spouse?
  - NEVER!

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MARRIED COUPLES...

- Should continue in times of regular conversation (away from the kids)...
  - And instead of “discovery” it’s “supporting”
    - Instead of “testing character” it’s “sharpening character”
    - Instead “developing courtesy” you “strengthen courtesy”

HERE’S A RECOMMENDED BOOK...

- 7 Steps to a Successful Marriage – By Raul Ries

**POINT #2 – RESPECT:**

(vv.9-10) These verses speak about Solomon’s response.

LADIES...TAKE NOTE OF THREE THINGS:

- 1) Gentle = Compassionate & good-natured (not degrading).
- 2) Tender = Generous & warm toward her.
- 3) Kind = Friendly & affectionate & fond (all non-sexual touching).

(v.11)

WHEN THIS HAPPENS...

- Her girlfriends jumped onboard & tried to dress her up.

(vv.12-14) Notice the Shulamite’s (woman) response.

- (v.12) She had the hots for him!
  - This guy caused her temperature to rise (if you will)...
    - And her perfume began to permeate the air.
- (v.13) She expressed how near & dear to her heart Solomon was.
  - Bundles of myrrh hung on a necklaces between a woman breast.
- (v.14) The relationship should be life-giving & NOT draining!

NOW HERE’S AN EXAMPLE...

- Of the life that should freely flow forth (vv.15-16).

(v.15) The man leads...

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- With kind words & compliments.
  - In (v.10) the compliments were her *checks & neck*...
  - Here in (v.15) it’s her *eyes*.

THE POINT IS...

- All the comments were non-sexual & appropriate for dating!

NOW LADIES...

- Let’s talk for a moment.

BECAUSE... IN (v.16) She responds to him...

- “*Handsome & pleasant*”

THIS WORD *pleasant* DESCRIBES...

- His head to toe... physical stature!
  - She’s saying... he’s a hotty with a body!?!

(Proverbs 6:27)

*“Can a man take fire to his bosom and his clothes not be burned?”*

LADIES... YOU TOO ARE RESPONSIBLE...

- For NOT luring the man down a path of temptation!
  - It’s natural desire to give yourself to someone...
    - Whose nurturing AND caring... AND pouring into you.
      - However... keep it pure before marriage!

**POINT #3 – RESTRAINT:**

(v.17)

THE WOMAN’S LAST COMMENTS...

- Begin fueling sexual tension... that will carry into (chapter #2).

**~ HOWEVER... IN CLOSING ~**

I’M GOING TO LEAVE YOU WITH THIS...

- Sexual temptation in dating relationships...
  - WILL ALWAYS BE **restrained**...
    - If you spend time together in public places.

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ABOUT 10-15 YEARS AGO...

- Teenagers would talk about Christian sex...
  - As being everything but intercourse.
    - It’s NOT TRUE gang!!!

REMEMBER...

- Before marriage there should be NO:
  - Tasting / touching / or teasing.
    - These are things covered in (S.O.S. 2:6) & (1 Cor. 7:1).
      - I’ll explain them in detail next week.

SO... THE THINGS YOU WANT TO DO...

- During a dating relationship is:
  - 1) Test the character of the other person over time.
  - 2) Discovering similar & mutual interests.
  - 3) Develop courtesy toward each other.

\*NEVER go too far... too fast!

- Good relationships take time.

I HOPE THESE SIMPLE TOOLS WILL HELP YOU...

- Successfully navigate finding a spouse God’s way!

FOR THOSE THAT ARE MARRIED...

- I pray the embers of love are sparked into a fresh romance...
  - With your spouse!

~ LET’S PRAY ~