



THIS THING CALLED COURTING!?

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COURTSHIP:

"Meaning, 'the wooing of a woman, attention paid by a man to a woman with intention of winning her affection and ultimately her consent to marriage' is from 1590s. By 1830s it was used of a period during which a couple mutually develops a romantic relationship with a view to marriage."

(Online Etymology Dictionary)

COURTING:

"Flattering; attempting to gain by address; wooing; soliciting in marriage."

(Web., 1828)

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"In a general sense, to flatter; to endeavor to please by civilities and address; a use of the word derived from the manners of a court. 2. To woo; to solicit for marriage."

**"To woo; to solicit a
woman to marriage."**

***(Samuel Johnson's
Dictionary, 1755)***

Exodus 22:16 And if a man **entice** a maid that is not betrothed, and lie with her, he shall surely endow her to be his wife.

17 If her father utterly refuse to give her unto him, he shall pay money according to the dowry of virgins.

Deuteronomy 22:29 Then the man that lay with her shall give unto the damsel's father fifty shekels of silver, and she shall be his wife; because he hath humbled her, he may not put her away all his days.

Ephesians 5:3 But **fornication, and all uncleanness**, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;
5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor **unclean person**, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

Jude 1:7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, **giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.**

Genesis 24:2 And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had...

3 And I will make thee swear by the Lord, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell:

4 But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac.

Genesis 24:12 And he said, O LORD God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Abraham.

13 Behold, I stand here by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water:

14 And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master.

Genesis 26:34 And Esau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beerli the Hittite, and Bashemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite:

35 Which were a grief of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah.

Judges 14:1 And Samson went down to Timnath, and saw a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines.

2 And he came up, and told his father and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines: now therefore get her for me to wife.

3 Then his father and his mother said unto him, Is there never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well.

**Judges 16:4 And it came to
pass afterward, that he loved
a woman in the valley of
Sorek, whose name was
Delilah.**

Proverbs 18:22 Whoso
findeth a wife findeth a good
thing, and obtaineth favour
of the LORD.

John 4:16 Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.

17 The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband:

18 For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.

19 The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

1 Samuel 18:20 And **Michal Saul's daughter loved David**: and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him.

21 And Saul said, I will give him her, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him...

1 Samuel 16:21 And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armourbearer.

22 And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found favour in my sight.

1 Samuel 18:1 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, **that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.**

2 And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house.

3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.

5 And David went out whithersoever Saul sent him, and behaved himself wisely: and Saul set him over the men of war, and **he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants.**

18:20 And Michal Saul's daughter loved David: and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him.

28 And Saul saw and knew that the Lord was with David, and that Michal Saul's daughter loved him.

"So the next time he comes, he finds her at her old work, a-making of things for the poor...so he forbore to come to her again...*Mercy*: 'I might have had husbands before now...but they were such as did not like my conditions...if nobody will have me I will die a maid...I had a sister named Bountiful, married to one of these churls: but he and she could never agree...her husband first cried her down...and then turned her out of his doors...'"

(John Bunyan, *The Pilgrim's Progress*, 1678)

**Amos 3:3 Can two walk
together, except they be
agreed?**

"Unhappy marriages are often occasioned from the headstrong motives of ungoverned passions...Thus [later] come to their senses, and the mask thrown off, they look at one another like utter strangers...love, with no other support, will ever be short-lived and fleeting. It is a fire soon extinguished; and where there is no solid esteem and well-cemented friendship to blow it up, it rarely lights again...a blind, a sudden and intoxication passion, has a natural tendency...to occasion unhappy marriages...Let reason and thought be summoned before..."

(Benjamin Franklin, *Reflections on Courtship and Marriage*, 1759)

"Courtship...permits man and woman not only to become acquainted with the mere forms and features, but with the mental and moral qualifications of each other, before entering upon the most important contract of human society."

(Robert Morris, *Courtship and Matrimony*, 1858)

**"No sensible young lady will marry a man on three days' or three months' acquaintance, and in no case, secretly."
(Charles H. Kent, *A Manual for Young Ladies, With Hints on Love, Courtship, Marriage, and the True Objects of Life*, 1881)**

"The right way is to canvas the qualifications before falling in love...Having found her, let him go to work to win her...why throw aside reason...?..."

(Geo. W. Hudson, *Marriage Guide for Young Men, Manual of Courtship and Marriage*, 1883)

-Annie S. Swan,
Courtship and Marriage,
1894:

"Where the acquaintance has been an old one...the circumstances of the case are entirely changed. There is then, but little to learn. It is in those cases where a previous knowledge of each other has not been obtained - where the habits and principles are but little understood, that caution is so much required."

(A Manual of the Etiquette of Love, Courtship and Marriage, 1853)

**Song of Solomon 8:8 We have a little sister,
and she hath no breasts: what shall we do
for our sister in the day when she shall be
spoken for?**

**9 If she be a wall, we will build upon her a
palace of silver: and if she be a door, we will
inclose her with boards of cedar.**

**Proverbs 7:4 Say unto wisdom,
Thou art **my sister**; and call
understanding **thy kinswoman**:
5 That **they may keep thee** from the
strange woman, from the stranger
which flattereth with her words.**