

III. LOOK AT CONTROL

“I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, By the gazelles or by the does of the field, Do not stir up nor awaken love Until it pleases.” Song Of Solomon 2:7

“3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; 4 that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,” I Thessalonians 4:3-4

“Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.” Hebrews 13:4

“But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.” Romans 13:14

*“27 Can a man take fire to his bosom, And his clothes not be burned?
28 Can one walk on hot coals, And his feet not be seared?
29 So is he who goes in to his neighbor’s wife; Whoever touches her shall not be innocent.”* Proverbs 6:27-29

While Looking For A Spouse Keep Looking At Jesus!

11 Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content:

12 I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:11-13

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GOD, ROMANCE, AND MARRIAGE

Boy Meets Girl
Pastor Steve Reynolds

INTRODUCTION

- A.** Are you single and looking for love? Are you married and wanting to improve your love? Romantic relationships affect everyone! Whether you are single or married, young or old, how you handle romantic relationships will change you – for better or for worse.
- B.** The Bible book called the Song Of Solomon is a roadmap to romance. It is a love song written by Solomon, *“The song of songs, which is Solomon’s”* (1:1). It tells the story of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon. In the Song Of Solomon, God has given us a divine manual on romantic relationships, taking us from the initial attraction between a couple through courtship, marriage, honeymoon, sex, conflict and deepening intimacy. The key verse says, *“My beloved is mine, and I am his....”* (2:16a).
- C.** In this series we are going to focus on the following topics:
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| TODAY | Boy Meets Girl (Attraction) |
| Feb 28 | Tying The Knot (Marriage) |
| Mar 6 | Sex (Intimacy) |
| Mar 13 | Conflict *!@#! (Resolution) |
| Mar 20 | Making Love Last (Commitment) |
- Come and hear these messages and discover how to have emotionally satisfying relationships and marriage.
- D. TEXT:** Song Of Solomon 1:1-2:7 (Pew Bible/Pg. 659/Old Testament)

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A SPOUSE

I. LOOK AT **CHARACTER**

“Because of the fragrance of your good ointments, Your name is ointment poured forth; Therefore the virgins love you.”
Song Of Solomon 1:3

“A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,...”
Proverbs 22:1a

“A good name is better than precious ointment,...”
Ecclesiastes 7:1a

“Do not look upon me, because I am dark, Because the sun has tanned me. My mother’s sons were angry with me; They made me the keeper of the vineyards, But my own vineyard I have not kept.”
Song Of Solomon 1:6

*“3 Do not let your adornment be merely outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel—
4 rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.”*
I Peter 3:3-4

Ways to examine character...

- Is this person a **Christian**?
- What do **others** say about this person?
- How does this person **treat** others?
- How does this person act under **stress**?

II. LOOK AT **COMMUNICATION**

“Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.”
Ephesians 4:29

“Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.”
Ephesians 5:33

A. Does **he** communicate **love**?

“I have compared you, my love, To my filly among Pharaoh’s chariots.”
Song Of Solomon 1:9

“Behold, you are fair, my love! Behold, you are fair! You have dove’s eyes.”
Song Of Solomon 1:15

“Like a lily among thorns, So is my love among the daughters.”
Song Of Solomon 2:2

B. Does **she** communicate **respect**?

*“13 A bundle of myrrh is my beloved to me, That lies all night between my breasts.
14 My beloved is to me a cluster of henna blooms In the vineyards of En Gedi.”*
Song Of Solomon 1:13-14

“Behold, you are handsome, my beloved! Yes, pleasant! Also our bed is green.”
Song Of Solomon 1:16

*“3 Like an apple tree among the trees of the woods, So is my beloved among the sons. I sat down in his shade with great delight, And his fruit was sweet to my taste.
4 He brought me to the banqueting house, And his banner over me was love.”*
Song Of Solomon 2:3-4