

## LOVE SEEKS TO PLEASE!

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**TEXT: Song of Solomon 2:7 I** charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up, nor awake my love, till he please.

- 2 Timothy 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.
- 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves...
- **3 Without natural affection...**
- 4...lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

## **Recent Headlines:**

"Mum moves on from divorce by marrying herself: 'I highly recommend it'..."

"We had been together for five years and had completely opposite schedules...I still love him, but realized I love myself more."

"I will never divorce": a model marries herself to celebrate 'self-love'..."

"I was married for 13 years with 3 young children... I fell in love with myself and I'm doing things I never dreamed I could do."

**Romans 15:1 We then that** are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

Romans 15:2 Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification. **3 For even Christ pleased** not himself...

"Not to seek to secure for him indulgence in those things which would be injurious to him, but in all these things which his welfare would be promoted." (Barne's Notes)

"...we should not strive to please them any further than will be for the glory of God, and their highest benefit." (Family Bible Notes)

"...not indeed for his mere gratification, but for his good - with a view to his edification." **(JFB Commentary)** 

"There is a pleasing of men which is sinful, and there is a pleasing of men which is lawful..." (Poole)

"This, of course, does not mean that we are to compromise with any evil our neighbor may be doing, by having fellowship with him in a worldly path in order to 'win' him." (Newell)

Proverbs 30:14 There is a generation, whose teeth are as swords, and their jaw teeth as knives... 15 The horseleach hath two daughters, crying, Give, give...

"21 March 2022 was a historic moment for children and their rights in Wales. From this day on, physically punishing children became illegal in Wales...There are lots of types of physical punishment...It isn't possible to give a set list of what makes up physical punishment because it can be anything where a child is punished using physical force..." (https://gov.wales/)

Philippians 1:9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment;

Proverbs 13:24 He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes. Song of Solomon 5:2 I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night. 3 I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them? 6 I opened to my beloved; but my beloved had withdrawn himself, and was gone: my soul failed when he spake: I sought him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he gave me no answer.

7 The watchmen that went about the city found me, they smote me, they wounded me...

Galatians 1:10...do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

1 John 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

1 Corinthians 7:33 But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife. 34...she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband.

"But the married careth for the things of the world - And it in his duty so to do, so far as becomes a Christian. How he may please his wife - And provide all things needful for her and his family." (Wesley)

"It is wise to marry when we can marry wisely, and then, the sooner the better...I fear that in many cases love is blind, and makes a very blind choice...[But] as they make their bed, they must lie on it..." (Spurgeon, John Ploughman's Pictures, 1881)

Proverbs 30:21 For three things the earth is disquieted...

- 22 For a servant when he reigneth; and a fool when he is filled with
- meat;
- 23 For an odious woman when she is married...

**"Strong Women Should Never Do These** Things For a Man - or Anyone Else...Ladies, don't ever do the following five things for a man - or for anyone. 1. Change your appearance...2. Compromise your passions...Absolutely no one should get in the way of your goals...3. Wait for his approval...

# "A strong woman plays by her rules and doesn't sit around for instructions...Don't change who you are for anyone but yourself..."

"This could be retitled - How Not to Get Married. Feminism is dedicated to making women unhappy..." (Dennis Prager)

#### Spurgeon:

"Sometimes we have seen a model marriage, founded on pure love...She finds sweetest content and solace in his company, his fellowship...At any time, she would gladly lay aside her own pleasure...His honor is reflected upon her, and she rejoices in it. She would defend his name with her dying breath..." "...The domestic circle is her kingdom; that she may there create happiness and comfort, is her lifework...Even in her dress, she thinks of him; without contraint she consults his taste and considers nothing beautiful which is distasteful to him."

"It was the ever settled purpose of my married life that I should never hinder him in his work for the Lord...I thank God, now, that He enabled me to carry out this determination." (Mrs. Spurgeon)

Esther 2:15 Now when the turn of Esther...was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther obtained favour in the sight of all them that looked upon her.

# "Esther let Hegai dress her as he would." (*Barne's Notes*)

"She therefore left her decorations to his judgment alone, and went in that dress and in those ornaments which he deemed most suitable." (Clarke)

Jeremiah 2:2 Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the Lord; remember thee, the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals...