

Applying Wisdom to Attraction

Song of Solomon 1

Introduction: Song of Solomon is the greatest of all of Solomon's songs. The book highlights God's gift of marital love and provides wisdom for marriage, relationships, communication, and sex.

To apply wisdom towards someone you are attracted to...

1. _____ their character (vs. 1-6)

- A. We learn of Solomon's character that his "name was perfume poured out (vs. 3)." His name referred to his reputation and character.
- B. We also learn of the Shulammitte's character as she was someone that worked hard in the fields as a keeper of the vineyards (vs. 6).
- C. What do people speak about the person you are attracted to? What reputation and character do they have?

2. _____ to spend time together (vs. 7-8)

- A. The Shulammitte asks where Solomon pastures his flock so that she can come and spend time with him.
- B. She makes a reference to purity in verse 7, separating herself from prostitutes. "To wear a veil as she wandered among the other flocks and shepherds would be embarrassing. It could, in that day, give the impression that she was a prostitute or possibly in mourning." - Danny Akin
- C. Quality time with someone you are interested in will help you to comprehend their character and establish the good foundations of trust, and communication.

3. _____ their appearance (vs. 9-17)

- A. Solomon compares the Shulammitte woman to one of Pharaoh's horses. While not recommended to use today in complimenting a woman, in Solomon's day, the horses of Pharaoh were strong, noble, and decorated with dazzling jewelry.
- B. The Shulammitte calls Solomon a "cluster of henna blossoms in the vineyards of Engedi." Henna blossoms create a wonderful rose smell in the middle of the desert, and the vineyards of Engedi is an oasis on the western shore of the Dead Sea.
- C. Careful compliments timely given are important in building a strong romantic relationship.