

## **Maturing in the Marriage**

### Song of Solomon 7

**Context** - The reconciliation of the couple in chapter 6 continues into chapter 7 - where now the couple deepens in the maturity of marriage.

**Main Idea** - Marriage is meant to mature like a fine wine - it should improve as it matures.

### **As you mature in your marriage...**

#### **1. \_\_\_\_\_ a healthy bedroom (vs. 7:1-8)**

- A. Solomon and the Shulammitte resume their marital relationship and he returns to praise her for her beauty. Just like in 4:1-7 - lovemaking follows the praise.
- B. 1 Corinthians 7:5 (CSB) Do not deprive one another—except when you agree for a time, to devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again; otherwise, Satan may tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

#### **2. \_\_\_\_\_ each other from the heart (vs. 7:9-10)**

- A. After a wonderful reconciliation and time of intimacy, the Shulammitte affirmed her complete security in Solomon's love.
- B. Here, the word "desire" refers to the man's proper desire for her, emphasizing the mutuality of their longing for each other and the new peace that they have found in each other." Iain M. Duguid, Song of Songs, 133.

#### **3. \_\_\_\_\_ new things (vs. 7:11-13)**

- A. Solomon and the Shulammitte were keeping the romance alive in their marriage. In verse 13, the Shulammitte had some pleasures for Solomon both "new and old."
- B. As Christian couples, we must seek for fresh and new adventures to keep the fires in the marriage burning.