

# Principles of Right-Man/Right-Woman



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# Introduction

There are four principles of freedom which the Lord has given the human race to keep the human race from destroying itself. If these four principles are violated, the nation will destroy itself from within. We have a history of this concept. The great nations of the past have all fallen because of rejecting the principles of freedom in that they rejected the Divine Viewpoint of life.

The four principles of freedom are free will, marriage, family, and the national entity. We still have these four principles operating in our country today, but they are slowly disappearing from the scene. **We have free will to accept Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour if we so desire, and we have the freedom to reject Him.** We have freedom to marry anyone we want to, which is the second most important decision anyone can make in life in the pursuit of happiness. We also have the freedom to raise our children as we please, and we have freedom to support our nation, and be nationalists and not internationalists.

The multiplication of divorces in our country, plus the communal living, the “roommate” concept, tells us that the country is declining. **The most important decision a young lady has to make is first to accept Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour, so that He can be the Shepherd of her soul during her single years. The second most important decision she has to make is to recognize and choose the “Right-Man” that the Lord, in GRACE, has provided for her.**

God has provided for everyone eternal life in Christ Jesus, but He has also provided for every detail in life and marriage as a GRACE provision from the Lord. God has a “Right-Man” perfectly designed for every woman, so that the young ladies of today will be able to recognize their own husbands, and have God’s happiness for themselves in marriage and provide the framework for families, and a stabilized nation.

**Many times in our lives we may not know what the Lord’s will is for our lives, but we almost always know what it is not.** A young lady, when courting some man, will know without a shadow of a doubt that it is **not** so-’n-so. The principles that we have listed in this book are taken from the Song of Solomon. In this section of the Bible, Solomon is the Wrong-Man trying to woo the Shulamite Woman, but without success. The Shulamite Woman will not fall for Solomon’s line. She will not fall for his offer of position, prosperity, or status, as he is king and she would be queen. The Shulamite Woman is protected by her Right-Man, her Shepherd-Lover, and she is fulfilled by him. He protects her from the attraction of the world, the flesh, and the devil, which is the manifestation of Solomon’s appeal to her.

Solomon throughout this book constantly puts pressure on her, by complimenting her, by using flattering words which express themselves only about her physical beauty and never once ever makes reference to her soul. But the Shulamite Woman always refers to her Shepherd-Lover when Solomon puts the pressure on her by saying that he “is a banner of love” over her, indicating protection, love, fulfillment, and satisfaction with God’s plan for her life in marriage.

The Bible must be interpreted in accordance with the time in which it was written, taking into consideration the original languages of the Scriptures, plus the customs and idioms of the ancient world.

Solomon, in our study, is the villain and he is under discipline from God. He is involved with 1,000 women as king, but he never got his Right-Woman. So actually **this story is how Solomon was jilted.** And how he was disciplined by God, resulting in Solomon not being able to have the most beautiful woman of that day. The Song of Solomon can be applied today to those of us who are living in the 20th century.

The Song of Solomon is a part of the Word of God. It is the Divine Viewpoint of life. It is provided for us by God the Holy Spirit so that we can read it and understand it and so that we can apply it in our own lives. **Our generation needs the truths that are found in the Song of Solomon.**

Some of our young people have already destroyed God's design for them in marriage. There is only one way out. **If you are an unbeliever, you should first of all accept Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. If you are a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, you need to take in the Word of God daily and apply it to your own life.**

The characters in this drama of the Song of Solomon are Solomon as the king and the villain. He represents the temptation from the world, the flesh, and the devil. It is the temptation which is designed to try to forget this Right-Man, Right-Woman principle and simply go in for what is called a "good time."

The Shulamite Woman, in this drama, is the Right-Woman. She is the heroine. As a very beautiful woman, she is tested by Solomon, but she remains true to her Right-Man, the Shepherd-Lover. She remains occupied with her Shepherd-Lover even while he is absent from her and she is delivered from this temptation.

The Shepherd-Lover, in this drama, is the Right-Man. He is absent most of the time during the drama. All of these people, Solomon, the Shulamite Woman, the Shepherd-Lover, are historical people. They really did live.

We also have in this drama the "daughters of Jerusalem," who are a part of Solomon's harem. These women are the ones who sew, cook, and take care of the domestic duties around Solomon's palace. They are virgins.

The "queens" and "concubines" are a part of the 1,000 which make up Solomon's wives. And then there is the "Jealous Queen," who appears at the end of the drama.

# Theodore Roosevelt and Alice Hataway Lee

There are many historical records which agree with the principles of Right-Man, Right-Woman found in the Scriptures. One of the most classic examples of this design is found in the life of our 26th president of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, and his Right-Woman, Alice Hataway Lee.

Alice Hataway Lee, was just 17 when Theodore Roosevelt first saw her, on October 18, 1878. He wrote the following after that meeting: "As long as I live I shall never forget how sweetly she looked, and how prettily she greeted me."

With his photographic memory, he no doubt carried that first vision of her to his grave. Alice, blushing, must indeed have been an unforgettable sight, and not only to the eyes as worshipful as Theodore's, but testimony to her beauty was unanimous in praise of her charms, and her contemporaries made the following remarks about her: "An enchanting creature," or "singular loveliness," or "quick intelligence," "endearing character," "unfailing sunny temperament." She was, "gay and exceptionally bright," and the "life of the party."

Images of sunshine and light recur so often in descriptions of her that one can understand how quickly she bedazzled Theodore Roosevelt, as indeed she bedazzled everybody.

The imagination, stimulated by such universal praise, delights to picture Alice Lee, coming through the garden gate a hundred years ago, an exquisite willowy blonde, smiling shyly, moving with a "long, firm step of a natural athlete." She wears a dress of white brocade that glows in the late afternoon light. Through Theodore Roosevelt's spectacles, as it were, we see as she draws nearer, that she is tall, five feet seven, only an inch shorter than he, yet holds herself proudly erect. Her hair, drawn up to expose a graceful neck, is honey colored. But when the sun strikes the water-curls that cling to her temples, or the thick rope piled high on her head, unexpected highlights of gold shimmer in it. Her eyes are similarly chromatic, at times they seem a very pale blue, at other times, a pearly gray. Heavy lashes, when she glances down demurely, brush cheeks whose pinkness, blending into an irresistible poicet of shadow in the corner of her mouth, make her quite outrageously kissable. She is, in short, as ravishing a beauty as ever walked across a Boston lawn, or through the pages of any Victorian novel.

Theodore Roosevelt, drinking her in at every pore, fell in love with her there and then. Just two more meetings were enough to convince him. He said, "That win her I would, if it were possible." And he affirmed that, "I had never before cared a snap of my finger for any girl."

Given her extreme youth, and the protective aura of wealth and privilege that had always surrounded her, Alice, not surprisingly, proved to be as elusive a prize as Theodore had ever hunted. His ardor was so violent in courtship as in everything else, that he periodically frightened her away, like a nervous doe. Then he would have to restrain himself, and with soft words and soothing gestures coax her near again.

She found him by no means a romantic attraction. The slight stench of arsenic that emanated from his clothes, the tickly whiskers and glittering glasses, the manic bursts of energy which left him white and sick with exhaustion, his geyser-like garulousness, choked by stammers which would inevitably explode under pressure of more words boiling up inside him, his exuberant hopping on the dance floor, so perilous to lace pantaloons, the blood-curdling stories of wolves and bears, the black eyes from boxing, the nervous diarrhea, the alarming hiss of asthma in his lungs. These were not the things that a girl of polite background dreamed about, except perhaps in nightmares.

Yet Alice could not help being intrigued by him, and flattered by his adoration. How different he was from those boring young Boston Brahmins and so far as she knew, from everybody else in the human race. How side-splitting he could be when he told jokes in the curious falsetto of his. Her quick mind rejoiced in his intelligence, and her body, when they skated together, to the mascu-

line hardness of his arms. Even as she sprang away from him, she took care not to spring too far, not that there was any risk of him abandoning the chase.

Theodore Roosevelt, like his father before him, almost always got what he wanted. But sorrow came sooner than he expected. Early in November, Alice's resistance to his advances, hitherto always softened with a hint of future compliance, began to show signs of permanent hardening. Theodore was immediately plunged into a state of sleeplessness, aching frustration, and he stated this: "Oh, the changeableness of the female mind." He further stated, "I did not think I could win her, and I went crazy at the mere thought of losing her."

Theodore Roosevelt was a guest at a party and he decided sourly that he, too, would not go the social rounds. His despair was such that he could no longer conceal it from his friends. "See that girl?" he exclaimed at a Hasty Pudding function, pointing across the room at Alice. "I am going to marry her. She won't have me, but I am going to have her."

As winter settled in, and the long evenings dragged out, Theodore felt the loneliness of unrequited love weigh heavily upon him. Unable to find solace in reading books, he began to write one, entitled "*The Naval War of 1812*." His insomnia worsened to the point that for night after night he did not even go to bed, and wandered endlessly through frozen woods around Cambridge.

He did not see Alice at all during the two weeks prior to his Christmas vacation. Returning to New York on December 22, he threw himself determinedly into the usual family festivities. On Christmas Eve he called on at least ten "very pretty girls," as if to erase from his mind the picture of his beloved. Edith Carow was among them, and he commented this about her, "She is the most cultivated, and best read girl I know."

All at once, on the day after Christmas, the word "Alice" joyously reappears in his diary. That young coquette had decided to visit New York for a week, accompanied by a retinue of "Chestnut Hillers." Graciously accepting Theodore's invitation to stay, she permitted him to squire her around town, and his delight knew no bounds. They had, as he said, "an uproariously jolly time," and adding in a more reflective moment, that her presence at 6 West Fifty Seventh Street seemed "so natural."

New Year's Day 1880 dawned calm and sunny, matching Theodore's mood. He drove his guest out to Jerome Park for lunch and an afternoon of dancing. Alice bobbed and swayed enchantingly in his arms, and he sensed that this long agony would soon be over.

Sunday, January 25, "at last everything is settled. But it seems impossible to realize it. I am so happy that I dare not trust in my own happiness. I drove over to the Lee's, determined to make an end of things at last. It was nearly eight months since I had first proposed to her, and I had been nearly crazy during the past year. And after much pleading, my own, sweet, pretty darling consented to be my wife. How bewitchingly pretty she looked. If loving her with my whole heart and soul can make her happy, she shall be happy. A year ago Thanksgiving, I made a vow that win her I would, if it were possible, and now that I have done so, the aim of my whole life shall be to make her happy, and to shield her and guard her from every trial, and, oh, how I shall cherish my sweet queen. How she, so pure and sweet and beautiful, can think of marrying me I cannot understand, but I praise and thank God it is so."

"I still feel as if it would not turn out, as it so often has before, and that Alice would repent. But she did not." Now that her defenses were down, he could kiss and cuddle her as often as he wished.

Now that Alice was his, Theodore's natural exuberance, so long bottled up, burst out like champagne. His letters and diaries for the month following are awash with adoration.

"My sweet, pretty, pure queen. My laughing little love. How bewitchingly pretty she is. I can't help petting her and caressing her all the time, and she is such a perfect little sunshine. I do not believe any man ever loved a woman more than I love her."

Although February weather was snowy, he drove constantly to Chestnut Hill, the horse plunging to his belly in great drifts, impatient to be in the arms of the "purest, truest, and sweetest of all women." When his family arrived in Boston later that month for a round of festive luncheons and dinner parties, Theodore worked himself up to such a pitch of excitement that he went for 40 hours without sleep. For all this joy, there came now and again, cold as ice in his stomach, a reminder that he had very nearly failed. "The little witch led me a dance before she surrendered, I can tell

you,” he confided to his cousin John, “and the last six months have been perfect agony. Even now it makes me shudder to think of some of the nights I have passed.”

He remained insecure about Alice long after the Lee’s agreed, in early March, to a fall wedding. Roosevelt seemed constantly afraid, recalled Alice’s cousin, “that someone would run off with her, and threatened duels and everything else. On one occasion he actually sent abroad for a set of French duelling pistols.”

“How I love her. She seems like a star of heaven, she is so far above other girls, my pearl, my pure flower. **When I hold her in my arms there is nothing on earth left to wish for**, and how infinitely blessed is my lot, oh my darling, my own best-loved little queen.”

At midnight he would be twenty-two, and twelve hours later he would be married. Tomorrow there would be another person in his bed. **“My happiness is so great it makes me almost afraid.”**

The young couple took their departure around four o’clock and traveled to Springfield, where Theodore had reserved a suite of rooms at the old Massasoit House. Later that evening he noted tersely in his diary: “Our intense happiness is too sacred to be written about.” A sense of delicious privacy, of port after stormy seas, possessed Theodore as he settled into the domestic routine which he would always consider the height of human bliss.

“I am living in dreamland,” he told himself. “At breakfast Alice prettily presided over the tea things, in the daintiest little pink and gray morning dress, while I, in my silk jacket and slippers, sit at the other end of the table.”

Later she proved herself his equal on the tennis court, and kept pace with him on long fast walks through the countryside. There up the slopes of Theodore’s favorite hill, Alice was persuaded to approve the purchase, for \$10,000, of an initial 60 acres overlooking the bay. Together they devoured the newspaper (“our only intercourse with the outside world”) and “endlessly discussed everything from politics to poetry.”

They took afternoon buggy rides over the hills, evening rows across the bay, and feasted on woodcock and partridge. After dinner Alice would curl up in front of a roaring wood fire while Theodore read aloud from the novels of Scott and Dickens.

All through the night her long soft body lay beside his.

“How I wish it could last forever.”

“Let me not to the marriage of true minds  
Admit impediments. Love is not love which  
alters when it alteration finds, or bends  
with the remover to remove:  
O no; it is an ever-fixed mark,  
That looks on tempests, and is never shaken:  
It is the star to every wandering bark,  
Whose worth’s unknown, although his height be taken.  
Love’s not time’s fool, though rosy lips and cheeks  
within his bending sickle’s compass come:  
Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks,  
But bears it out even to the edge of doom.  
If there be error, and upon me prov’d,  
I never writ, nor no man ever lov’d.”

**Shakespeare**

# Principles of Right-Man, Right-Woman found in Song of Solomon

The Song of Solomon gives us the account of Solomon failing to win the most beautiful woman in the land at that time, and leads us to the principles of courtship and marriage for our young people, which are not available anywhere else but in the Word of God.

The Song of Solomon is a drama with five acts.

## Song of Solomon chapter one, verse one through chapter three, verse five

## Act 1

In this first act, the drama opens up with the Shulamite Woman working in the vineyards because her brothers did not approve of her romance with her Right-Man, her Shepherd-Lover. They try to break up this relationship, and she is sent up north by them.

While visiting in the north country, the king, Solomon, sees her working in the vineyard. He decides to get her into his harem. He sends “the virgins,” who are the “daughters of Jerusalem,” to investigate this young woman. They come back with a very favorable report. As a result of that report, she comes into Solomon’s harem. Once in the harem, the Shulamite Woman finds herself in a very difficult situation. She thought she would be working in the palace as one of the “daughters of Jerusalem,” and doing some of the domestic duties, but Solomon has other ideas for her. He wants to make her one of his queens, actually number 1,001.

She actually accepted a place in Solomon’s harem to get away from the vineyard and her brothers, eventually to get back to her Shepherd-Lover. So she is trapped. The book opens with the Shulamite Woman telling the “daughters of Jerusalem” that she is engaged to her Shepherd-Lover, and would never consider Solomon’s proposal.

The following are the principles of marriage found in this first act.

The recognition of the soul is first, since before marriage the relationship of the body is prohibited. The Bible prohibits sex before marriage, but your Right-Man will see the symmetry of your body, as no other man will, and he will be completely happy with you.

**So, with this principle in mind, you can relax and accept yourself as you are, because God has taken everything into consideration.** If you don’t think you are attractive or maybe you think you are too heavy or too thin, it just might be a form of protection for you so that you won’t mess up your life as so many of the so-called “model types” do. The same thing applies to young men. There is not a double standard with God.

S.O.S. 1:5, 6, “I am black, but comely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, as the tents of Kedar, as the curtains of Solomon. Look not upon me, because I am black, because the sun hath looked upon me; My mother’s children were angry with me. They made me the keeper of the vineyards, but mine own vineyard have I not kept.”

In this passage, the Shulamite Woman has been forced by her brothers to work in the vineyard. Consequently her physical appearance is not as good as she would like it to be. She has

*Every man is designed differently, but God has designed a Right-Man for you.*

*Because of knowing your Right-Man, you, as a woman, will want to please him.*

been working out of doors, and the sun has darkened her face. In the ancient world this was not considered pretty or attractive. The expression “my mother’s children” refers to her brothers.

Our principle from this passage of Scripture tells us that the woman will be concerned about her personal appearance. This will make her appear very feminine. A woman with her Right-Man is always feminine. So good grooming is brought out here and it is also brought out in other sections of the Word of God, especially in 1 Peter 3:1-8. Good grooming is part of the Right-Woman concept and **bad grooming manifests that something is wrong with the emotional pattern of the soul of that person.**

The so-called “free thinkers” of today, who shout for “free love,” which is very costly, destroy their own souls by permissiveness and it results in a lack of femininity. So, because you know your Right-Man, or know that God has a Right-Man for you, you as a woman, will want to please him by your grooming and femininity.

*The relationship between Right-Man and Right-Woman is a soulful relationship.*

S.O.S. 1:7, “Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth.”

Your soul will respond only to one man, your Right-Man. Love is located in the soul, the mentality of the soul. The soul is where we have capacity for love. The Shulamite Woman, over five different times in this book, refers to her Right-Man as the **“one whom my soul loveth.”**

*Soul love must always precede sex love.*

Sex love is one of the many expressions of soul love. Here the Shulamite Woman gives us the Divine Viewpoint on love and marriage. This principle is repeated throughout this book in 1:7, 3:1, 2, 3, 4.

Falling in love is not always rational. People often marry when judgement is null and void. **Therefore, it is important before anyone decides to marry, to absorb some principles of marriage found in the Word of God, so that you can apply them before you become emotionally involved.** If you become emotionally involved, you cannot make any bonafide decisions. Your emotions begin to dictate to your mentality. So the best thing to do is to get some information before your emotions take over.

*Your Right-Man will be a responsible person.*

**He will have a sense of responsibility in his work, and he will have a sense of responsibility to you, his Right-Woman.**

S.O.S. 1:7, “Where thou feedest, where thou makest thy flock to rest ...”

In this passage the Shulamite’s Right-Man is a shepherd. He has a responsibility as a shepherd to his sheep and that is why his flock is mentioned here.

The principle is obvious. Your Right-Man will be a conscientious provider. He will be able to hold down a job and maintain a stable home. An unstable man will often change jobs, causing money problems, conflicts, and anguish in the home due to his instability. He will not fulfill the principle of **“he that provideth not for his house is worse than an infidel.”** Your Right-Man will be stable. He will provide a living for you. He will be steady. He will not “job-hop,” or not work, or not want to.

The first thing we are prohibited, as far as Christians are concerned, is to marry an unbeliever (2 Corinthians 6:14-18). Now, if you do marry an unbeliever, don’t come to that principle and say, “Well, I made a mistake. Now I am getting a divorce.” After you have made that mistake, get back into fellowship as per 1 John 1:9, and start taking in the Word of God. Maybe by your manner of life that person may become a believer, so that you both can grow in GRACE by the knowledge of our Saviour Jesus Christ. **The principle is don’t make the first mistake by marrying an unbeliever.**

**The next thing you want to avoid is marrying when you are immature.** Immaturity doesn’t mean a particular age. But it does mean while you are too young. When you are a teenager, you are definitely too immature. The person that you want to marry at that time probably won’t be the person you will want later on in life. So don’t marry when you are too young.

S.O.S. 1:7, 8, “For why should I be as one that turneth aside by the flocks of thy companions? Go thy way forth by the footsteps of the flock, and feed thy kids beside the shepherd’s tents.”

*The Right-Woman will not be pushy or pursue any man.*

In this passage, she is receiving advice, bad advice, from the “daughters of Jerusalem” to push herself on her Shepherd-Lover by going to where he is tending the sheep so that he can see her. It’s like she just happens to be there where he is while he is working. That is being pushy and is very bad advice.

**The Right-Woman will never conduct the “big search.”** The woman does not have to go out and try to find her Right-Man. You don’t have to be constantly dating to try to find your Right-Man. You just simply know that your Right-Man is a provision from the Lord, and you just simply “wait on the Lord,” and keep taking in His Word. **The Lord, your Shepherd, will protect you until you meet your Right-Man, your Shepherd-Lover.** So do not take the human viewpoint and begin to search for Mr. Right. You don’t have to go where the boys are.

Now there are two other passages, other than the one in the Song of Solomon, that discuss this principle. They are: Genesis 2:2, “and God brought Eve to the man,” and secondly, 1 Corinthians 7:27, “Are you unmarried? Seek not a wife.”

Neither the man nor the woman are to go on the “big search” looking for the right person to marry. **The Lord will provide in the right time.**

So do not marry as a result of the “big search.” If you are too young, this “big search” may be just a wave of libido. **Libido is not love.** Libido is not the burning of the Right-Man and Right-Woman. Don’t marry to fulfill sexual desires. **Sex is not love.** It is only one of the many manifestations of love. Love is a mental attitude, which is the Greek word AGAPE. Out of this type of love comes another love, which is the Greek word PHILOS, which is a rapport type of love. **So first you begin with a mental attitude love and then, as a result, you get into another category of love, PHILOS, or total soul rapport. As a result of that soul rapport, sex is one of the expressions.** There are many expressions of this: conversation, compatibility, all kinds of things. So don’t marry to fulfill sexual desires. Sex is not love.

When you magnify sex out of its proper perspective, then you ignore different things. You ignore spiritual compatibility. If you are emphasizing sex, then you have no spiritual connotation. There are certain situations that come up in your life, like economy, for example, and you will have some basis for compatibility and agreement as to how you handle the financial things at home. There is also recreational compatibility and mental compatibility. So there are many things that you have to know before you get married.

This entire book, the Song of Solomon, shows how the Shulamite Woman was protected from Solomon, the wolf, the Wrong-Man, by the Word of God. One thing that will protect you from the Wrong One, is knowing that there is a Right One for you, and you don’t have to settle for anyone less. If you are dating in your teens, you are probably not dating your Right-Man, and he is not dating his Right-Woman. **Therefore, both of you have to protect each other for the one that the Lord has for each of you.** If your date cannot, then you must do it yourself. Because if you get involved in pre-marital sex, you will destroy your capacity for your Right-Man, and he for his Right-Woman (Proverbs 6:32).

*If you will take in the Word of God daily, the Lord will protect you with His Word while you wait for your Right-Man.*

**Don’t marry because of social pressure.** In other words, some people think, “Well, I am never going to have another chance. I am 25 years old, consequently life has passed by me”. **Don’t marry because of social pressures** like because you are pregnant. Now that is two mistakes. Adding one mistake to another.

**Don’t get married to solve your problems, whatever your problem happens to be. Don’t marry, for example, a wrongfully-divorced person. Don’t marry to acquire a status symbol, or to improve economic situations in life. Don’t marry with the idea that if things don’t work out, you can get out of it easily.** In other words, marriage is a Divine Institution and you just can’t get out of it. Don’t marry because someone is sympathetic towards you. Some people are sympathetic in a stress period and people marry because of it.

*A true test of whether or not the man is right for you is that if you are serious about him and still think about other men, you either do not have the right person or you are too young to settle down.*

S.O.S. 1:7, “Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth ...”

Tell me, “O thou ...” The Shulamite Woman can only be occupied with one person. She has no room in her soul for anyone else. He fulfills her.

Now you may be too young to settle down, and too young may be any age, teenager, 20, or 25. It is according to your spiritual maturity. You are either a baby believer, or a sophomore, or a mature person in the Lord. **It calls for spiritual maturity in order to recognize God’s design for you in a Right-Man.** Having found your Right-Man, he will so fulfill your soul that every other man will be inconsequential to you. **There will be no room in your soul for anyone else.** This principle is found also in 2:16.

**Don’t marry a jealous person.** Some people are jealous all the time. Scripture says, “Jealousy is as cruel as the grave.” No relationship at all with anyone who is jealous.

**Don’t marry an alcoholic. Don’t marry an egotist,** which would not make a good mate.

**Women should not get married until they understand the principle that when they marry someone, they are losing their freedom.** A woman must be careful to surrender her free will to a man who will cherish it and not abuse it. You have to know that much about your man. The woman must realize she is surrendering both her soul and her body to one man, but it has to be the Right-One. She has to do this as long as they are both alive. **A man, on his part, must be willing to assume responsibility and must be careful to find a woman with the proper mental attitude.**

*When your Right-Man compliments you, you will love him for it.*

If the Wrong-Man compliments you, it will make you sick.

S.O.S. 2:5, 4:16, “Stay me with flagons, comfort me with apples; for I am sick with love.”

“Flagons” refers to brandy and “apples,” in this passage, taken as they were used in the ancient world, were like smelling salts, to revive someone who has fainted or someone who has become sick.

Now when your Right-Man compliments you, this is one of the highest compliments you can ever receive. When a Wrong-Man compliments you, it is nothing more than mere conversation. Solomon is trying to woo the Shulamite Woman with words, flattery, and describes her body only. He never makes mention of her soul. He simply doesn’t know it (“whom my soul loveth”).

So here we have inner beauty emphasized and it is the basis for outer beauty. **There is no capacity or stability in outer beauty only.** Solomon has no character at this point. **He is under Divine Discipline.** 1 Peter 3:1-8 also brings out this inner beauty of the soul.

*The Wrong-Man often emphasizes the body to the exclusion of the soul.*

Solomon is a king, and Solomon is a believer, but Solomon is out of fellowship with the Lord. At this time he is wooing the Wrong-Woman for him. He always emphasizes the female body and never the soul. **The soul is actually where the beauty resides,** but by being out of fellowship, he was only interested in the body. Soul beauty and the protection of the body in courtship are sufficient to satisfy rapport. **There must always be a relationship in the soul before it can be expressed in the body.**

S.O.S. 1:9, “I have compared thee, O my love, to a company of horses in Pharaoh’s chariots.” S.O.S. 1:10, “Thy cheeks are comely with rows of jewels, thy neck with chains of gold.” S.O.S. 1:11, “We will make thee borders of gold with studs of silver.” S.O.S. 1:12, “While the king sitteth at his table, my spikenard sendeth forth the smell thereof.”

Solomon says she is as beautiful overtly as a company of horses, which to him, was splendid to see. He mentions her cheeks and her neck and the clothes he will provide, and perfume. See, everything is external. Not a thing about her soul.

Marriage is one of four Divine Institutions which existed before man’s sinfulness. In Genesis 2:21-25, we have a principle that marriage was the order of the day and was a Divine Institution before Adam went negative to God’s Word. **Also, sexual relationships were an expression of marriage in the age of innocence in the garden,** Genesis 2:24.

When it says that they should be “one flesh,” that is talking about sexual relationships. So, **the primary purpose of sex is an expression of love.** Sex existed before sin did. **Whatever sins may**

be involved in sex, sex is not sinful. Some people think that sex in itself is sinful, but it is **not sinful within the confines of marriage.**

The secondary purpose of sex is the propagation of the human race and this came into the picture after the fall of man. After the fall, the woman no longer had sex just for pleasure, but it had another purpose, bearing children. And with bearing children, pain was connected with it.

The old sin nature, which came with the fall, introduced things which sometimes destroy and distort sex. That is the lust pattern of the old sin nature. **Sex lust takes sex out of its proper place and makes it love itself.** On the other hand, asceticism says sex is only for perpetuation of the human race. In other words, there are two types of people in the world. One, those only interested in the lust pattern sex, and the other people who say sex is only for having children. That is both ends of the pendulum and **both of them are wrong.**

Sex, remember, is an act of personal free will. Mentally desirous sex is an act which is only meaningful when there is a true love, the principle of Right-Man and Right-Woman. **Mental attitude love precedes sex love, or it becomes mechanical and animalistic.** Sexual relationships are also for procreation. But love happiness must always precede sex happiness. It is always "whom my soul loveth."

Sex merges a man and woman and makes them one. **There is no such thing as superiority in sexual relationships.** Man loses his sovereignty in sexual relationships and at the same time, the woman gains from and receives from the man, and in doing so, she actually gives. It's a mutual thing. So marriage is the boundary for sex. It is described in the Word of God in 1 Corinthians 7:1-5. See, **without boundaries people would be hurt and the nation would destroy itself from within.**

That is one of the protections. **Marrying simply for sexual experiences is dangerous ground upon which to base a happy marriage.** In other words, just for sexual experience is not the criteria.

S.O.S. 2:4, "He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love."

While Solomon constantly fed her a line, she was constantly withstanding his pursuit. She was protected by remembering her Shepherd-Lover. **She was occupied with her Right-Man at the time of Solomon's quest.**

The principle in this for single girls is, **when a young lady is occupied with the Lord Jesus Christ, her Shepherd-Lover, she will be protected by the Lord from all the wolves that come to the door.** The married woman will also be protected by her Shepherd-Lover, her husband, her Right-Man, from the selfsame wolves.

"His banner over me was love." This principle is also found in 1 Peter 2:25 with 1 Peter 3:1-8. **The Lord is the Bishop and Shepherd of the believer's soul, which means provision and protection.** So is the husband the bishop and shepherd of the soul. A pastor who communicates this information provides the same protection (Hebrews 13:7, 17). **The Word states that the bride has three bishops of the soul, three overseers, three sources of protection.**

S.O.S. 1:16, "Behold, thou art fair, my beloved, yea, pleasant..."

When all things are taken into consideration, your Right-Man will have a disposition that will be, as the Shulamite Woman said here in this verse, pleasant. Even perhaps having compatibility in your old sin natures, having the same areas of weakness and the same areas of strength and possibly the same lust patterns. "Pleasant" refers not only to compatibility, but the fact of being totally relaxed about each other. **If a woman is not relaxed about her husband, then there is no way she can receive anything from him.**

S.O.S. 1:16, "... our bed is green."

This Hebrew idiom means that the marriage has not been consummated. The bed is green, meaning having not been used, the concept of green being that of not ripe yet. In the ancient world, the marriage was consummated by sexual relationship, and in context we have something taken from

*The Right-Woman will be protected from the pursuit of the Wrong-Man by her fragrance of memories with her Shepherd-Lover.*

*Your Right-Man will have a disposition compatible with yours.*

*Sexual relationship before marriage is prohibited.*

the ancient world. It states quite clearly the marriage was not consummated before the proper time. That means there was no sex until the marriage was consummated. There are other verses for this same principle: Proverbs 6:32, 1 Corinthians 7:1, Hebrews 13:4, and many others.

A husband is commanded in Ephesians 5:25 “to love his wife as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for it.” **Love is a mental attitude.** Love is what you think. Sex is again only one of the many expressions of the mental attitude. **A woman must respond to a man mentally before she can respond to him sexually or in any other way.** It has to be mental first. Otherwise, it is no more than animal activity. If a woman is not responding to her husband mentally, she will say, “Honey, I have a headache,” or “I am tired,” or make up some other excuse.

Love happiness is a moment by moment rapport in the soul and always must precede sex happiness. Any man who fulfills Ephesians 5:25 will receive the proper response from his wife, as the believer responds to the Lord Jesus Christ freely. **The husband’s love should be predominantly aggressive and protective. The wife’s love should be responsive and receptive,** and actually from the standpoint of the human anatomy, the Bible is verified. Man gives and woman receives. **The principle is that man initiates love, both mentally and sexually, and the woman responds to it.** The body of one partner rightfully belongs to the other (1 Corinthians 7:4). **Therefore, any selfish motivation or action is ruled out.** The beauty of the sexual concept is that there is a response and a counter response. The man becomes complete because the woman completes him.

*The Right-Woman will be GRACE-oriented, and will not have any illusions about herself.*

S.O.S. 2:1, “I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys.”

The Shulamite, Right-Woman, will not take flattery nor compliments seriously from the Wrong-Man, Solomon. She will not fall for a fast line, **knowing she is what she is because of the Lord and His GRACE, and not because of how great she is, her beauty, or her brains, etc.**

“I am a rose ... and lily ...” This translation is poor. The rose is actually a crocus. The point of the crocus or lily, is that she is not anything beautiful or special. In the ancient world around Jerusalem, the crocus and lilies were common flowers, much like our dandelions. This is one of the Biblical principles that is important as far as interpretation is concerned. You must study the Bible in the time in which the Bible was written.

**The Right-Woman will be a mature person and she will not waste her beauty or her time on the Wrong-Man,** as in the case of Solomon. She is not proud. She is gracious in her thinking and she has no illusions about herself, a very relaxed, feminine woman.

God separated something from the man, the rib, and now this is returned to him in the form of a mate. The woman complements the man, thus emphasizing her complete femininity. **Man does not get love by demanding love. He can only get love by giving love.** No man has the right to demand relationships with his wife. **A husband must give from the ultimate source of his mental attitude and he can only get by giving of himself.** A woman is a responder and a husband cannot subject his wife to abuse and maltreatment and expect her to respond to his advances when he is ready to make love. Most men abuse their wives either physically or mentally, and then they say, “Honey, let’s go.” There is no way in the world that can happen.

Since God has ordained the man and the woman for each other, **the sexual relationship should not be denied to each other,** except under certain conditions of true worship and spiritual activity (1 Corinthians 7:5).

Sex minus love equals a lifetime of misery. Sex plus love equals happiness. **True love is a mental attitude.** Therefore, it is positive and not possessive. **Since marriage is founded on the mental attitude of love, the older you become, the more wonderful the marriage can be.** However, those who look at life from the human viewpoint will consider the body only as an instrument in expression of sex, and because of this improper emphasis on the body as a sex symbol, the marriage of such a person can only get worse as the body deteriorates with age and loses some of its symmetry and human attractiveness.

In other words, **as you get older, from the Divine Viewpoint, the relationship gets better.** From the human viewpoint, your body begins to spring leaks, wrinkles, bags under your eyes, fat stomach, varicose veins, and there it goes down the drain.

**How can the Lord overcome this? “Whom my soul loveth.”**

It progresses as your body deteriorates. When mental attitude love prevails, and precedes the sexual relationship, then sex becomes a beautiful expression and a tapestry of blending of two factors of life into one. “Co-heirs of the GRACE of life.” “And they shall be one.”

Sexual compatibility without mental capability can destroy a marriage. **Mental attitude compatibility and sexuality with spirituality can make an exceedingly happy marriage.** Marriage cannot survive on the basis of sex alone. **It takes something greater than that because sex decreases and mental attitude, spirituality and compatibility increase.**

S.O.S. 2:2, “As the lily among thorns, so is my love among the daughters.”

The Shulamite Woman knows her Right-Man. She is able to distinguish him from amongst the others. She won't fall for “this is the love of the century,” or “we are meant for each other,” or “the Lord told me that you are my Right-Woman.” **The Lord does not deal with us indirectly through others. Your relationship with Him is private and personal.** You will know your Right-Man when the Lord places him in front of you. **Your man won't have to persuade you that you are his. It will be a decision based on your own free will using the Divine Viewpoint as your criterion.** The Lord will be as clear to you in marriage as He was when it came to your salvation. **It is His responsibility to make it clear to you so that you don't make a mistake in marriage, which is the second most important decision you have to make in life, after having accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour.**

*The Right-Woman will be aware of the guys with the big lines, the big pitch and she will disregard their attempts to compromise her as if it was love at first sight.*

S.O.S. 2:3, “As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among the sons. I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.”

You can almost sense this verse, this soul compatibility. So that during the courtship, people who fight and abuse each other, and run each other down, really have very little chance for a happy marriage. **If you need something else, or someone else other than your Right-Man or Right-Woman to enhance your relationship, such as drinks and drugs, you will further destroy your chance for ever having any real happiness in marriage.** “I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.”

*Your Right-Man will enjoy your company to the exclusion of all other women and you will enjoy his company to the exclusion of all other suitors.*

When Jesus Christ looked at Adam before the woman was built for him, He said, “It is not good that man should be alone.” “Not good” is LO TOBH. So the Lord Jesus Christ provided a Right-Woman for Adam, a partner for the first Adam. **GRACE took care of his loneliness and aloneness, and a GRACE gift was provided.** The Right-Woman cancelled out LO TOBH, the “not good.”

Now it is not good that Jesus Christ should be alone on the cross. But just as man had to be alone after he was created so that the GRACE gifts could come, **so the Last Adam had to be alone so that the gift of salvation could come to the human race. Remember Jesus Christ was alone on the cross, because while bearing our sins on the cross, the Father and the Holy Spirit forsook Him (Matthew 27:46).**

When Jesus Christ came out from the grave, He was alone in His resurrection body. Today Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father, alone. **He is waiting for His Bride, His Right-Woman.**

As Christ gave Adam a Right-Woman, so the Father will give the Son a Right-Woman, the Church Age believers, the Bride of Christ, which is being prepared during this current Church Age. It is called a “Body” because it is being built (Ephesians 4:16).

Adam's rib is comparable to our position, our union with Christ. As the rib was in Adam, and the rib was violently pulled out to be made into a bride for Adam, so, at the rapture of the Church, the Church will be caught up from the Earth, snatched up, and the Body will become the Bride of Christ. The Father will then present the Bride to the Bridegroom, His Son, the Last Adam, just as Jesus Christ brought the woman to the first Adam. **The Father always gives the bride away.**

Everything we have as believers is based on our relationship with the Lord. There are many illustrations in the Word of God concerning our relationship with Him which are taken from the principles of Right-Man, Right-Woman. This is brought out every time the Church is described as

the Bride, with Jesus Christ as the Bridegroom. In our relationship with Him, He is our Right-Man, and we, as believers, are His Right-Woman (Ephesians 5:22, 23). We have walked into a permanent love relationship with the Godhead. There never was a time when They did not have a perfect capacity for each other.

Jesus Christ took on the form of a man so that we could have that perfect relationship with the Godhead. He provided eternal salvation. He provided the capacity to love Him. He provided everything that would bring benefit and blessing in our lives. **But the realization of these blessings comes only through the knowledge of the Word of God. Jesus Christ, as your Right-Man, initiates and expresses His love for you in His Word. Will you respond to Him?** He first loved us. Will you love Him? Job 23:12 says, “Neither have I gone back from the commandment of His lips; I have esteemed the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.”

*Your Right-Man will protect you from all others.*

S.O.S. 2:4, “... and his banner over me was love.”

The Shulamite Woman expressed it perfectly when she said of her Right-Man, her Shepherd-Lover, “and his banner over me was love.” Her Shepherd-Lover protected her from the wrong suitors, and in this case, it was Solomon. In Ephesians 5:23 it says that Christ protected the Bride, which is the Church, and in turn the husband is the protector of the body of his wife. **Here again is a double protection for the woman, the Lord Jesus Christ, and her lord, her Right-Man, her husband, a canopy of love over her.** This is the principle of the protection of Right-Man and Right-Woman. The man is protective of his Right-Woman under both conditions, when he is absent and when he is present.

The word “banner” is a standard of protection. It is a military standard. The Right-Man always protects his Right-Woman. When he is with her he is her standard. So he is not only her lord, but he is her standard, her protector. But this is also true when he is absent, which is found in several passages in this book.

S.O.S. 1:13, “A bundle of myrrh is my well-beloved unto me;” “He shall lay all night betwixt my breasts.”

Myrrh had a very excellent and very wonderful aroma in the ancient world. It went around the neck and down at the end was the scent bag containing the myrrh. A woman would wear this all night because of the bathing facilities and other things that were not as good as they are today. Consequently, to have a good aroma in the morning, a woman would wear a scent bag all night. Literally this verse says in the Hebrew language, “it shall lay all night betwixt my breasts.” Notice the phrase, “all night,” which means that she is sleeping, or that she is in bed, and it is nighttime, dark.

**The Right-Man is in the soul of his Right-Woman.** If he is not there, he is not present, he still acts as her guardian, the bishop of her soul, and her protector, “banner of love over me.” He is the sweet aroma, the fragrance of memories in her soul. So she is protected during his absence, by this fragrance of memories in her soul. He is not there physically, but he is there spiritually, in her soul. See, again, the principle of “whom my soul loveth.”

**It means when you have your Right-Man, and he is in your soul, you can go anywhere in the world, and he is your protection.** You actually carry him with you. You carry the fragrance of memories, which are in the mind, within your memory center. These are the experiences you have with your Right-Man, precious memories. **So your Right-Man will be someone you will have not only in your soul, but there will also be fragrance of memories there.**

*When confronted by persistent Wrong-Men, you must stop them verbally.*

S.O.S. 2:5, “Stay me with flagons, comfort me with apples; for I am love sick.”

When you stop them verbally, you put them in their place and the Shulamite Woman expressed this clearly to the Wrong-Man, Solomon. She said that he was actually making her sick with his lines, and she was not going to fall for it. **Compared to her Shepherd-Lover, and her occupation with him through her fragrance of memories, there was no room in her soul for anyone else.** The idiom, “Stay me with flagons, comfort me with apples,” is taken from the time in which this was written. What she was actually saying is that this guy is making me sick. Bring me the smelling salts. Brandy and apples were used in the ancient world for reviving a fainting person. The Bible must be interpreted in the time in which it was written.

Some men have a lascivious trend and others have an ascetic trend.

S.O.S. 2:7, “I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem ... that ye stir not up, nor awake my love, till he please.” Literally, “till love pleases.”

The principle here is very clear. The word “please” or “pleases” indicates free will, volition.

**True love, Right-Man, Right-Woman love, always involves the free will and the greatest operation of volition.** When the woman is under the thumb of some guy that she is married to, or somebody whom she is going with, and he is seeking to coerce her volition, and destroy her volition, he is the Wrong-Man. **Because the Right-Man recognizes that what isn't freely given isn't worth having.** The Right-Man also recognizes that if the Right-Woman is going to love him, it must come from her own free will. It can't be bought. You can't bribe it. You can't coerce it. You can't force it.

Some men will never know what true love is all about, because to them their wife or their woman, is just a slot machine. Over one slot you have the word “sex.” You just put a coin in and push it and you get sex. Now there is no volition involved there. There is no free will involved.

I know that this may be a very deep point with men, but women do have free will and volition. That is an important principle. So here we have the answer to this. **All true love comes from free will. It can't be forced.**

The same thing is stated again in Song of Solomon 3:5, “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 she, my love pleases.” The word “please” is a verb of volition, free will. So love must come from your own free will. A woman must have freedom to love her Right-Man. It must be her choice. **Therefore, your Right-Man will not do anything to stifle your volition.** A woman is a responder, freely responding, and she must do it of her own free will. This principle is also found in 1 Peter 3:1.

Solomon tried to force the Shulamite Woman into a relationship. He tried to coerce her with things and flattery, but she would not go for it. She exercised her own free will by saying “NO.” Free will is a Divine Institution, which is the basis for all freedom in the human race. **When you do not have free will when it comes to marriage, you lose your freedom.**

S.O.S. 2:8, 9, “Behold, he cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping along the hills. My beloved is like a roe or a young hart ...”

The very fact that you are his Right-Woman will spark him and will make him aggressive. He will want to initiate love to you. **He will want to be the fulfiller of your soul.**

This rules out “Sadie Hawkins Day.” This rules out girls taking boys out to lunch, dinner, or to a show, **which makes the boy a taker instead of a giver.**

The woman is called an “empty vessel” and needs to be fulfilled by her Right-Man, as she cannot fulfill herself. **Aggressiveness in marriage is the responsibility of the husband.** “Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for it.” “We loved Him (Christ), because He first loved us.” The man is the aggressor and the woman is the responder, and counter-aggressor, but not the initiator of aggression. Here, in our passage, the man is depicted as leaping, skipping ... like a roe, or a young deer ... masculine, aggressive, not passive.

*Love must come from your own personal free will.*

*Your Right-Man will be aggressive, masculine, and not effeminate.*

### An Empty Vessel

Woman is a responder, an empty vessel to be filled,  
 As all who respond to God and by His Word are thrilled.  
 We know there is no substitute for this teaching love and GRACE,  
 So a woman must “hold hands” with Christ and wait in trust and faith.  
 Until her Right-Man comes along and God introduces them,  
 And she feels that total completeness that can only come with him.  
 For as an empty vessel she knows she’ll overflow,  
 With whatever she is being filled and produce an outer show.  
 So if God and her man are not enough to keep her life content,  
 In vain and empty pastimes, her hours will be spent,  
 Trying to fill the void she feels, nothing ever quite doing the job,  
 Of providing the happiness of “Right-Man” and inner peace of God.

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*Right-Man and  
 Right-Woman will desire to  
 be together.*

S.O.S. 2:10-13, “My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.”

They will want to be together to share thoughts, to share conversation, to enjoy life together.

**The main reason for divorce in the human race is lack of communication, but Right-Man and Right-Woman will communicate with each other and have a desire to do so.** One of the greatest enemies of love is infatuation. This is the type of person who is in love with love. **The love of two individuals, which is a rapport of the souls, must come from being together often enough to know each other in the soul.** The Lord, in creation, built in the desire that man has for his woman, and He said to the woman, “Your desire will be to your own husband and he shall rule over thee.” The desire to be together is built in by the Lord, so it is only natural that the ones designed for each other will want to be together frequently.

*When you are absent from  
 your husband, you will miss  
 him and he will miss you.*

S.O.S. 2:14, “O my dove, that are in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance comely.”

The Shulamite Woman is expressing the fact that she misses her Shepherd-Lover, and that she wants to see him, she wants to hear his voice, to be in his presence. Absence does make the heart grow fonder for the Right-Man and his Right-Woman. **If it is not Right-Man, Right-Woman, then absence will make the heart to wander. There will always be a longing, and a joyful anticipation of being together again, which will keep you protected in his absence.** This anticipation is analogous to the anticipation of seeing the Lord Jesus Christ, our Shepherd-Lover, face-to-face and being forever with Him (2 Corinthians 5:8).

There is also a principle here in this verse when it says, “... Let me hear thy voice ... for sweet is thy voice.” **The point is that love is tone oriented.** It is something that is actually very important in this Right-Man, Right-Woman love. A Right-Man can always tell the mood, the status, the condition of his Right-Woman, and he will get her to talk, to say something. It may only take one sentence, and the Right-Man can tell the condition of his Right-Woman.

One of the easiest ways is to talk to the person on the phone, where you can’t see them, and it will make it easier to tell the mood by the tone of the voice. You can sometimes tell more about a person on the phone than you can by looking them in the eye, especially if they keep a straight face. But you can’t keep a straight face, as it were, over the phone.

Now you may be a man, and say, well I talk to a lot of women, but I don’t know what they are thinking. Yes, that is true. But somewhere God designed for you a woman, and you will tune in with your ear, and when you find out exactly what she is thinking, from her tone, you have your Right-Woman. And you might not like what she is thinking, but you have your Right-Woman.

S.O.S. 2:15, “Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vine; for our vines have tender grapes.”

Friends or relatives may try to tell you it isn't right for you, and they may be opposed to your choice. **But the Lord will reveal it to you and your man, and the Lord will not go through friends or relatives.** Here in our passage, the Shulamite's brothers, and the daughters of Jerusalem, tried to break up her relationship with her Right-Man. But she did not listen to them. She also did not get bitter or out of fellowship because of their objection. She just stayed objective and continued the relationship honorably.

**Parents have jurisdiction over their sons and daughters, and the good common sense of parents should be followed.** It could be the Right Person for you, but you may be too young to control the physical part of the relationship. **In the case of a Wrong-Man, the parents must attempt to break it up, or else you will have heartache and a great deal of misery. So be objective.** Don't get bitter with your parents. If the relationship is right and honorable, and if it is of the Lord, what “the Lord has joined together let no man put asunder.”

In our passages, the brothers of the Shulamite Woman try to get her away from her Shepherd-Lover by telling her the foxes are destroying the vineyard. They sent her away to take care of the vines and the foxes, just so she will be out of the geographical location of her Right-Man.

S.O.S. 2:16, 17, “... My beloved is mine, and I am his; he feedeth among the lilies. Until the day break, and the shadows flee away, turn, my beloved, and be thou like a roe or a young hart upon the mountains of Bethel.”

**Absence will not destroy the relationship, absence will enhance it.** If it is the Wrong-Man, absence will cause you to date others, thereby manifesting the fact that he was not your Right-Man. If it is right, distance can't destroy the relationship that you have in your soul. Your man doesn't have to be present in order to maintain the relationship because it is soulish. **Nothing can destroy what the Lord has provided for us in marriage.** The Lord Himself is absent from us today, in the Church Age, but we still have a real relationship with Him, and it is eternal.

**Time and distance do not destroy the relationship which exists between Right-Man and Right-Woman.** Sometimes separation during courtship means that one or the other party in the relationship needs some more maturing, and the time is not right, even though the couple is right. Marriage is not a totally geographical or physical relationship. It has no boundaries. “Nothing can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” During most of this book of Song of Solomon, the Shulamite's Right-Man, the Shepherd-Lover, is absent, and it causes no problem to the relationship. **You do not have to confine either the man or the woman to the house.** He will be yours, in your home, at the office, or with the boys. **He has been given to you by the Lord as a gift. So he is perfect for you** (S.O.S. 2:17).

The marriage is not held together by the physical relationship. Their relationship exists not only when he is present but also when he is not present. When her Right-Man is absent, she will not fall for anyone who comes along with a fast line, because she has, in her soul, a fragrance of memories about her husband. We love the Lord, but the Lord is in the Third Heaven. We can't see Him. But we still have a relationship with Him, and it is in the soul, and it is eternal. The soul is saved, not the body. But we do anticipate seeing Him. We will go to be with the Lord, or He will come for us. So shall we ever be with the Lord. **But the relationship we have with the Lord is soulish, first; then physical, later. We are awaiting that now.** The Body of Christ, soulish, will become the Bride of Christ, physically. And the Lord said, “Do this in remembrance of Me, till I come” (S.O.S. 2:17).

*When courting your Right-Man, people may try to break it up with human viewpoint.*

*If there is a separation during the courtship of your Right-Man, it is often a good test of Right-Man, Right-Woman.*

*When Right-Man and Right-Woman are absent from each other, they both have perfect trust and confidence in each other, although separated by many miles.*

*The soul relationship of Right-Man protects the Right-Woman when he is not present.*

*The very first principle in marriage is faith in the principle of Right-Man, Right-Woman.*

S.O.S. 2:16, 17, "My beloved is mine and I am my beloved's ... I am his ..."

You must know, first of all, that the Lord has provided a Right Person for you and you don't have to worry about meeting him, or miss meeting him. **You must put your faith in God's provision of Right-Man and trust Him for it.** As you put your faith in any other promise from the Word of God, so you must trust the Lord for your happiness in marriage. **You must continue to take in the Word of God, which will sustain you while you are still in single bliss and keep you from the temptations of this present life: drugs, booze, sexual experiences, free love, etc.** "The justified ones shall live by faith." "Without faith it is impossible to please the Lord." **You simply put your faith in the fact that the Lord has provided a Right Person for you, and trust Him.**

*When the Right-Man comes along, it is more than being "turned on," as they say today.*

S.O.S. 3:1, "By night on my bed I sought him whom my soul loveth. I sought him, but I found him not."

Notice again, it is "whom my soul loveth." It is more than libido, more than being turned on. **It is a soul rapport, which is only possible through the principle of Right-Man, Right-Woman.** Biological urges are not indicative of the Right-Man relationship. They are just desires of boys and girls, a wave of libido. This is merely boys and girls being physically developed and aroused, and on a wave of libido and sexual desire, which is not true love.

**There is a right time and there is a wrong time to marry the Right Person.** A marriage can be messed up by wrong timing. **But God's timing is perfect. So wait on the Lord, wait for His provision. It will be worth waiting for.**

In this passage before us, the Shulamite Woman desires her Shepherd-Lover. This verse states that she desires him when she is alone, and the reason is because this is her Right-Man. But he is absent at this time and she says, "By night on my bed I sought him," with the emphasis, "whom my soul loveth." He is not there in person, but he is in her soul. He is in her soul to stay. He is not there but she still responds to him. The verse continues, "I sought him, but I found him not." That is because he wasn't there. So whether he is present or not, there is always the soul rapport.

*The marriage of Right-Man and Right-Woman is more than legalized sex.*

S.O.S. 3:1, "... whom my soul loveth."

**Sex is one of the many expressions of love, but it is not love in itself.** The Shulamite Woman constantly stated, "whom my soul loveth," so that sex in marriage is an expression of soul love. When two people reach the age of being incapable of having sexual relationships, they still can have a good marriage because it is based on the soul relationship. The promise in the Word of God was given to Abraham and Sarah after they were past the age of having children. Before they could produce the child of the promise, Isaac, they had to have soul love first. They didn't have it for a long while, but Sarah finally recognized Abraham as her Right-Man, and it was a soul recognition first and she called him "lord." Then the promise of Isaac was fulfilled through a physical relationship. **Marriage is the framework of sexual relationships, but without the rapport in the soul, it is legalized sex. God's plan for you is much greater than that.** S.O.S. 3:1, "... whom my soul loveth."

*When Right-Man and Right-Woman marry, there will be the natural instincts of love.*

S.O.S. 3:4, "It was but a little that I passed from them, but I found him whom my soul loveth. I held him, and would not let him go..."

**You will instinctively know what will please your mate, and you will be extremely sensitive to him.** In your courtship there will be physical contact, but it will not get out of hand. You will protect one another, particularly the man, as he is the bishop of the woman's soul. **The Right-Man will protect his Right-Woman during the courtship so as not to destroy her responses to him.** You will not have to have any sexual experiences. You won't have to be experienced in love-making. There will be a natural instinct of love for your Right-Man. You will learn to know just what pleases one another.

S.O.S. 3:4, “...until I had brought him into my mother’s house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me.”

**Your relationship, which the Lord has provided, of Right-Man, Right-Woman will always be above board.** There will be nothing to hide and you won’t have to sneak around. It will always be honorable.

The Shulamite Woman, in this passage, took her Shepherd-Lover to meet her mother, even though her brothers did not think they were right for each other. They tried to break it up by sending her up north to work in the vineyards. **So it is always a good idea to introduce your date to your parents. If it is right, it will be honorable and of the Lord, and there will be nothing to be ashamed of.** The Lord is omniscient and He knows your thoughts and your intentions. So you and your date can court each other and marry and this whole relationship can be honoring unto the Lord.

**You really should pay attention to your parents’ evaluation of your dates.** Find out from them if they approve or disapprove. Don’t get all out of sorts with them. Talk it over with them, because a tremendous amount of bitterness and emotional reaction takes place between parents and their children during the dating game. **It affects the stability of the family, which is Divine Institution #3, which is one of the basic principles for freedom.** Stay in fellowship with the Lord. Examine yourself before the Lord, and be totally objective. If it is of the Lord, it will stand. If it is not of the Lord, it will never stand (S.O.S. 3:4).

S.O.S. 3:5, “I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, ... that ye stir not up, nor awake love, till he please.”

**When you love, you must be able to express your love without any guilt-complex, without sneaking it, with full expression of your love, without hiding in a corner to do it.** You only say “yes” to your Right-Man, and that within the confines of marriage. **Fathers should provide taxi money for their daughters, and the daughter ought to call in sometime during the evening. Young ladies should know and have enough sense not to go out with some guy who smokes pot, or drinks, or uses drugs.** Many of the so-called slumber parties end up as all night dating sprees, because some parents have left town and leave their teenagers alone in the house. **A young lady should not allow herself to be picked up at a ball game, or on the corner, or meet a date at a girlfriend’s house, where she allegedly is going to spend the night. Don’t accept a date without introducing him to your parents. There is nothing to hide if it is right.**

In this passage before us, the “daughters of Jerusalem” are trying to help the Shulamite Woman by trying to get her Shepherd-Lover to get with it, as it were, to stir him up, sort of wake him up. But she recognizes his free will, and recognizes the principle of right timing, and waiting on the Lord.

*In your courtship, others may not understand and may not think that you are right for each other. But you will know that you are. So your relationship will be passionate, but it will always be honorable.*

*Parents have a right to express their opinions concerning your dates.*

*A young girl must learn to protect herself by saying, “NO.”*

## Summary of Principles From Act One, Song of Solomon 1:1-3:5

1. Every man is designed differently, but God has a Right-Man for you. (S.O.S.)
2. Because of knowing your Right-Man, you, as a woman, will want to please him. (S.O.S. 1:5, 6)
3. The relationship between Right-Man, Right-Woman is a soulish relationship. (S.O.S. 1:7)
4. Soul love must always precede sex love (S.O.S. 1:7)
5. Your Right-Man will be a responsible person. (S.O.S. 1:7)
6. The Right-Woman will not be pushy or pursue any man. (S.O.S. 1:7, 8)
7. If you will take in the Word of God daily, the Lord will protect you with His Word while you wait for your Right-Man. (S.O.S.)
8. A true test of Right-Man is, do you think of other men. (S.O.S. 1:7)
9. Your Right-Man compliments you and you will love him for it. (S.O.S. 2:5)
10. The Wrong-Man emphasizes the body to the exclusion of the soul. (S.O.S. 1:9-11)
11. The Right-Woman will be protected by her fragrance of memories. (S.O.S. 2:4)
12. Your Right-Man will have a disposition compatible to yours. (S.O.S. 1:16)
13. Sexual relationship before marriage is prohibited in Right-Man, Right-Woman. (S.O.S. 1:16)
14. The Right-Woman will be GRACE oriented. (S.O.S. 2:1)
15. The Right-Woman recognizes the guys with the fast lines. (S.O.S. 2:2)
16. Your Right-Man will enjoy your company to the exclusion of all others. (S.O.S. 2:3)
17. Your Right-Man will protect you from all other men. (S.O.S. 2:4)
18. When confronted by persistent Wrong-Men, you will stop them verbally. (S.O.S. 2:5)
19. Love must come from your own personal free will. (S.O.S. 2:7)
20. The Right-Man will be aggressive and masculine. (S.O.S. 2:8, 9)
21. Right-Man and Right-Woman will desire to be together. (S.O.S. 2:10-13)
22. When absent from each other, you will miss each other. (S.O.S. 2:14)
23. People may try to break up this Right Relationship with human viewpoint. (S.O.S. 2:15)
24. A good test for Right-Man, Right-Woman is often separation from each other. (S.O.S. 2:16, 17)
25. When absent from each other, both parties have trust and confidence in each other. (S.O.S. 2:17)
26. The soul relationship protects when absent from one another. (S.O.S. 2:17)
27. The principle of faith in the principle of Right-Man, Right-Woman is foremost. (S.O.S. 2:16, 17)
28. When Right-Man comes along it is more than being “turned on.” (S.O.S. 3:1)
29. The marriage of Right-Man, Right-Woman is more than legalized sex. (S.O.S. 3:1)
30. Right-Man and Right-Woman have the natural instincts of love. (S.O.S. 3:4)
31. Your relationship will be passionate but honorable. (S.O.S. 3:4)
32. Parents have a right to express their opinions about your dates. (S.O.S. 3:4)
33. A young lady must learn to protect herself by saying “NO.” (S.O.S. 3:5)

Some glory in their birth, some in their skill,  
Some in their wealth, some in their soul's force;  
Some in their garments, though new-fangled ill,  
Some in their hawks and hounds, some in their horse;  
And every humour hath his adjunct pleasure,  
Wherein it finds a joy above all the rest;  
But these particulars are not my measure,  
All these I better in one general best.  
Thy love is better than high birth to me,  
Richer than wealth, prouder than garments cost,  
Of more delight than hawks and horses be;  
And having thee, of all men's pride I boast.  
Wretched in this alone, that thou mayest take  
All this away, and me most wretched make.

**Shakespeare**

**Act 2 Song of Solomon Chapter three, verses six through eleven**

This is a short act in which Solomon, the king, returns from his visit to the north with his whole party, including the Shulamite Woman and his harem. In this scene we have described for us Solomon's procession moving through the streets of Jerusalem, and it is portrayed as being very glamorous.

The Shulamite Woman has already rejected the many advances of King Solomon in our first act up north, but Solomon is persistent, and he will continue his wooing in this second act in his palace in Jerusalem.

The following principles of courtship and marriage are found in Act Two.

*Glamour is not the basis for choosing your Right-Man.*

S.O.S. 3:6, "Who is this that cometh out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, with all powders of the merchant?"

**You should never marry someone just for the details of life, such as money, position, security, or status.** Solomon, the king, has everything to offer the Shulamite Woman, and he tries to win her with his wealth, his position, his possessions, his popularity. He tries to bribe her, but she refuses him. She refused him on the basis of what the Word of God declares, because of the fact that she knew the Lord had provided a Right-Man for her. Solomon is trying to tempt her and tries to lure her. He is the epitome of the so-called "attraction of the world," the temptation of human viewpoint and of the flesh and of the devil. **Do not ever marry for details. Use the Word of God as your true scale of values and your criterion.**

In this passage the perfumed myrrh and frankincense and all powders of the merchant represent the fact from the ancient world that Solomon was very wealthy. This is an idiom for ancient world wealth.

*Never get married unless you have mastered the details of life.*

**If you are impressed with things, with riches, with the glamour of the world, the frills, you have not mastered the details of life.** You are not "content with such things as you have." The Shulamite Woman was not impressed with the fine appearance of Solomon, his line, his wealth, or what he had to offer her. In this verse, Solomon's bed, and 60 valiant men around it, depict from the ancient world, prosperity, details, etc. But the Shulamite Woman had the Divine Viewpoint of life, and she knew that the girl who is impressed with the details of life can never find happiness in marriage. Just because your boyfriend has a Cadillac, or a van, or a pick-up truck, or a Trans-Am, or a Corvette, or is an athlete, it is not a Biblical motive for marriage. **Until you have mastered the details of life, you are a slave to them. When you are under material slavery you cannot have a full capacity for love or life. Details are a cruel master but a good servant.** Any man who tries to impress a young lady with details and tries to snow her with glamour is foolish. **If a man needs details of life to conquer a woman, it is evident there is nothing in his soul and HE IS VOID OF CHARACTER.**

*The Right-Woman will never be attracted by the things a man may have.*

S.O.S. "Behold his bed, which is Solomon's; threescore valiant men are about it, of the valiant of Israel."

The man must never flash a big bankroll to win a fair lady. **If he succeeds, she is not worth having.** The whole attraction and relationship will be based on things. **When you have them then you think you are happy, and if you don't have them, you lose them, then you are miserable. Depending upon details for a relationship in marriage destroys the principle of soul love.**

The Shulamite's declaration of love was, "whom my soul loveth." **So it is up to the individual whether or not he or she wants to think and live and be happy under the Divine Viewpoint or whether or not to live under the human viewpoint of life and have a frantic search for happiness.** That is the whole subject of the book of Ecclesiastes, which is also about Solomon and his frantic search for happiness apart from fellowship with God. The Scripture encourages the believer to "know how to be abased and to know how to abound." **We are not to depend upon the details of life for happiness, but depend upon fellowship with the Lord for happiness, which over-**

**flows into marriage.** The challenge is to “Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and all these things will be added unto you.”

### **Summary of Principles From Act Two, Song of Solomon 3:6-11**

1. Glamour is not the basis for choosing your Right-Man. (S.O.S. 3:6)
2. Never get married unless you have mastered the details of life. (S.O.S. 3:7)
3. The Right-Woman will never be attracted by the things a man may have. (S.O.S. 3:7)

## Act Three Song of Solomon chapter four verse one through chapter seven verse nine

Act Three covers much more ground than the second act, which was very short. In this scene we are in the royal palace in Jerusalem, and here Solomon once again tries to win the Shulamite Woman. He wants her to marry him, and she still refuses his proposals as she continues to be occupied with her Right-Man, her Shepherd-Lover. Whereupon Solomon proceeds to put a great deal of pressure on her.

The following principles are found in Act Three.

*The Right-Woman will be beautiful to her Right-Man and the Right-Man will be handsome to his Right-Woman.*

S.O.S. 4:1, "Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair. Thou hast dove's eyes within thy locks; thy hair is a flock of goats, that appear from Mount Gilead."

**If you are not totally interested in someone** who you are thinking about as your Right-Man, and he is not handsome to you, then **you can be sure that he is not your Right-Man.** He is not right for you.

Now he may be ugly, and you may be ugly, as far as the so-called beauty standards go, but he will not be so to you, nor will you be to him. Everyone else may say, "I don't see what she sees in him." Well, they are not supposed to see anything in him. He is yours and only you see it. He will think you are beautiful, like no one else he has ever seen. He will please you in his looks also. **Why? Because he has been perfectly designed for you, with you in mind, by the Lord. He is a gift from God for you.**

Our passage here in Song of Solomon, mentions "dove's eyes and hair like a flock of goats that appear in Mount Gilead." I would not suggest that you use these terms today because they may not be taken as compliments. But in the ancient world, in the time when this was written, "dove's eyes" and "goats from Gilead" were expressions of extreme beauty. The Bible again must be interpreted in the time in which it is written.

*Your Right-Man will not be dull and boring. He will be interesting and exciting to you.*

S.O.S. 4:3, "Thy lips are like a thread of scarlet, and thy speech is comely;"

If you wait for the Lord to supply your man, and keep on taking in the Word of God daily, and your man is doing the same thing, if both of you are waiting for the Lord's timing, **you will both be growing in the Lord.** Your man will be intelligent. **He will be able to converse intelligently.** He will be able to express thoughts such as literature, history, etc. He will be knowledgeable on many subjects and you will have a **great rapport in your souls. There will be no lack of communication between you and your man. The primary cause for divorce today is lack of communication, which will not be the case with Right-Man and Right-Woman.**

This passage before us brings this out, with the above expression... "and thy speech is comely."

*The woman must be of marriageable age and be able to make decisions for herself. She must be responsible for her own decisions, especially about marriage.*

S.O.S. 4:1-5 "Thy two breasts are like two young roes that are twins, ..."

From principles found in the Bible, **she must be confident that the man she is going to marry is right for her.** This is expressed here in this section where the Shulamite describes her Right-Man very confidently. **The woman must know that her decision has been made because of the Lord's guidance. She must not be swayed by what others think or say.**

**Now, marriageable age is not as a teenager.** Teenagers do not have the maturity to make the proper important decision about the one to marry for life. Teenagers are too unstable, and as they mature, **they will find that their norms and standards change.** If they marry too young, they may wake up and find that they have married the Wrong-Man, simply because they made a very important decision when they were too young. In the ancient world they did not have too many records of how old young ladies were and so in this passage their standard for a young lady to be of marriageable age was expressed by this verse, which is not pornography, but the Word of God and the Divine Viewpoint of life.

S.O.S. 4:5 "Thy two breast are like ..."

In the ancient world, this is the way they described maturity. This is the way they recognized a young lady being responsible for recognizing the Lord's provision for her in her Right-Man.

S.O.S. 4:5, “Thy two breasts are like young roes that are twins, which feed among the lilies.”

Solomon, when trying to win the Shulamite Woman, kept on mentioning her **body to the exclusion of the real woman, the soul**. He obviously only has her body in mind. Which means that **you cannot have a soul relationship with a man who has nothing but premarital sex on his mind**, as Solomon did.

The Shulamite Woman paid no attention to him. She is not interested in his wooing. She is occupied, fulfilled in her soul, with her Shepherd-Lover, the “one whom my soul loveth.” Her Shepherd-Lover is not present at this moment and Solomon is trying to take advantage of her in his absence. But he cannot take advantage of her, **because her lord, her Shepherd-Lover, her Right-Man, has fully possessed her soul with a quality love that could never entertain any thought of the Wrong-Man.**

Again, this verse is not pornography, nor is it emphasis of the physical body. It is just saying “marriageable age.”

S.O.S. 4:7-15, “Thou art fair, my love; Come with me, ... my spouse; thou hast ravished my heart ... my spouse ... How fair is thy love, my spouse ... Thy lips, O my spouse ... A garden enclosed is my spouse ...”

Here again in this section Solomon is emphasizing only the body. It is solely body worship, because he doesn't know anything about her soul. It is infatuation along the order of “I feel I have known you all of my life,” and perhaps has only dated her once. Or like, “Will you marry me?” after he maybe dated you twice, which is ridiculous considering **it takes time to really get to know the character of the person and what they are really like in their soul**. Here Solomon figures, like so many others, that after he has finished his pitch to this Shulamite Woman, she will fall down and say, “Oh yes.” Well, **this is mental ego on Solomon's part**. Solomon at this time had a beautiful castle on the top of a mountain and suggests that this is where they will spend their honeymoon. Notice in this section he keeps calling her “my spouse,” before he even knows her. Positive that she will accept, but she doesn't. ... **Don't you either!**

Proverbs 6:32, “He that committeth adultery with a woman destroyeth his own soul.” Hebrews 12:6 “Whom the Lord loveth, He chasteneth ...” S.O.S. 6:8 “There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and virgins without number.”

**Solomon had 700 wives and 300 concubines, and to him the Shulamite Woman would be just another notch on his belt.** He is like the jet set or the sex athletes of today who also **have no capacity for any woman**. This type of a man often short-circuits himself by ending up being **impotent**. Solomon could not, in his soul, distinguish one woman from another, and an additional woman at this time, would not be special or unique to him. **It should be if it is a GRACE provision from the Lord.** The Lord is not the author of confusion and He would not join together any woman with a man like this. Solomon has lost all capacity for love for his Right-Woman at this time. He has nullified the Divine Design for him. **He is in a frantic pursuit for happiness, but it can never be found in promiscuity.**

“What God has joined together, let no man put asunder.” That is the principle of Right-Man, Right-Woman. What God has joined together, no one can put asunder. But God joins some things together and man joins some together. There is a big difference. **So wait on the Lord for the provision of your Right-Man.**

S.O.S. 4:6, 2:16, “Until the day break, and the shadows flee away, I will get me to the mountain of myrrh, and to the hill of frankincense.”

If you have your Right Partner, and you happen to be separated from him, **you never have to worry about his being unfaithful.** Nor does he have to worry about you being unfaithful to him. He will not have to chain you to a tree when he is gone, or stand guard over you, or be jealous when you talk to another man. Your memories of him during his absence will protect you when the wolves gather at your door.

*An evil mind destroys the capacity for the love of Right-Man, Right-Woman.*

*A young woman must stay away from the man who mentally marries you before he even knows you.*

*The man who has many women, like Solomon (1,000) is being disciplined by the Lord at this time. He can never, at this point in his life, have his Right-Woman, or even recognize his Right-Woman.*

*The wife never has to worry about her husband being untrue to her.*

Here, in this passage, the Shulamite Woman expresses this when she says, “I will get me to the mountain of myrrh, and to the hill of frankincense.” Myrrh and frankincense are the fragrance of memories that she has of him while he is absent from her.

**Our trust in the Lord and what He has provided is perfect, because the Lord is perfect. Marriage is a part of His matchless GRACE provision.** Solomon at this time is a howling wolf, but the Shulamite Woman does not respond to him. Her response is only to her own Right-Man.

So, if your man has to serve in the military, the young lady or wife does not have to worry about getting a “Dear Joan” letter. **The “Dear John” letters simply mean that you are not really right for each other.** The letter just demonstrates that fact. “They went out from us, because they were not of us.”

*Young girls, when dating, must be awake to the man who takes too much credit to himself.*

S.O.S. 4:7-15, “Come with me...my spouse...How fair is thy love, my spouse! How much better is thy love than wine! ... honey and milk are under thy tongue ... A garden enclosed is ... my spouse ... A fountain of gardens, a well of living waters ...”

Now it is one thing to have confidence in the fact that the Lord has provided the Right Person for you, but Solomon, in this section, thinks that he is God’s gift to all women. He thinks he is irresistible to all women. **This inflated ego is truly a sign that he is not right for you, or anyone else at this time.** Some men think that all they have to do is smile at you, and you will fall down and worship them. That type of a male feels that he can’t lose.

But in this case, Solomon feels he has already persuaded the Shulamite Woman. He keeps calling her “his spouse,” as though they are already married. Well, he is wrong, but he is fat-headed, and he mentally regards himself as being related to her. **He doesn’t think in his pride that it is possible for any woman to resist him.** So his speech pattern here is far ahead of his own overt activity with her. **This constitutes mental attitudes sins, which are the worst, which destroy any relationship in life.**

*Your husband, who is provided by the Lord, will have character.*

S.O.S. 4:7-15 ...

**His character will back up his word. A man’s word is only as good as his character.** Solomon, in this passage, said a lot of things to the Shulamite Woman, but he had no character to back them up. When someone like Solomon says, “I love you,” what does it mean? Well, **it means to run. What is he going to love you with? His castle, his chariots, his position, his money? That is all that he has. He has nothing in his soul to love you with. He is not honorable in his soul.** Your Right-Man will have character. You will respect him. **When you can’t respect anyone, you cannot receive anything worthwhile from them.** Sometimes the best way to escape from a man like Solomon who says, “I love you,” is a good pair of shoes and a four-lane highway. “God will provide a way for you to escape that you may be able to bear it.”

*When you arrive at the marriage altar as a virgin, it will be priceless.*

S.O.S. 4:12, “A garden enclosed is my sister, my spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed.”

**Virginity at the time of marriage is a symbol of having found your Right-Man and the confidence that you have in the Lord that He has provided something really great for you. It signifies character. It signifies stability. It signifies maturity. Now this of course applies to the man also.** There is again no double standard in the Word of God. The Lord said, “Thou shalt not commit adultery,” and **That Was Not to Keep You From Having a Good Time, But to Prevent You From Spoiling the Fantastic Relationship That the Lord Has Provided for You.** And to keep you from destroying yourself for your Right-Man.

This passage before us says, “A garden enclosed is my sister, a spring shut up, a fountain sealed.” These are Hebrew idioms for virginity at the time of marriage. All the “thou shalt nots,” the Ten Commandments, **are for your freedom, your protection, and for your total happiness. It is not that God doesn’t want you to have fun, or a good time. He wants to protect you for a fantastic time with your Right-Man.**

S.O.S. 4:12, "A garden enclosed, a spring shut up, a fountain sealed."

You will not have to have any experience to prepare you for your life with him. **He is programmed for you by the Lord. If you or he have "X" number of affairs, it will destroy the programming of God's whole system for his initiation and for your responses of love.** There is a lot of ridicule today about purity and virginity and the pressure on young girls is fantastic. **But a young lady does not need a crutch for her social life.** God has provided friends. God has provided for your spiritual life. And God can surely take care of your social life also. If you have trusted Him as your Saviour, you can surely trust Him for your friends, your social life, and the man that He has already prepared for you in eternity past, before you were ever born.

"A garden enclosed, a spring shut up, a fountain sealed." This is what the Word of God has to say about young ladies approaching marriage using the customs and language of the ancient world. Under the economy of the ancient world agriculture was their way of life. So a garden, a spring, and a fountain have more meaning to them in those days than it does to us in our day. It meant their life, their livelihood, their economic prosperity. So this verse had a great deal of impact upon them, as it should also upon us, even though we are now in a different age, and most of us, probably under a different way of life and economy.

S.O.S. 5:1, "I am come into my garden, my sister, my spouse. I have gathered my myrrh with my spice; I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk. Eat, O friends. Drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved."

There are some men who will put so much pressure on you to marry them or to date them that they will even go with you to church, or even stop drinking, or say they will give up pot, or whatever you don't like about them. **But this type of male will say or do anything temporarily, to get you to go along with him. He will even change his habits or his character for you, which actually means he is unstable.** You will find that he will swing right back to his habits and to his weak character after he gets what he wants. **He will promise you anything, but there is nothing in his soul to fulfill his promises to you. He is void of stability.**

Solomon, at the beginning of this chapter, just keeps right on coming on to the Shulamite Woman after she has repeatedly denied him. But he just disregards her rejection of him. He just disregards her freedom of choice not to go with him and to stay with her Shepherd-Lover. **He is indifferent and insensitive to her feelings.** That is not your Right-Man.

S.O.S. 5:1, "my spouse ... O beloved ..."

Solomon is proud and in his pride he appeals to the Shulamite Woman again and recalls all his past experiences with other women, and is proud of his accomplishments. He can't possibly love her when he is so proud. **He is too in love with himself, so that there is no room for anyone else.** He will not allow any competition in that area.

**Pride is the original sin, it was the pride of Satan.** Pride is the pattern of life of the unbeliever and the believer also when he is out of fellowship. **It is Satan's platform for the human race. Pride is also at the top of the list of the worst sins in the Bible** listed in Proverbs 6:16, 17, "These doth the Lord hate, yea, seven are an abomination unto Him. A proud look ..." "Pride goeth before a fall."

Now this type of a man, like Solomon, should be avoided. **He is so proud that he cannot love anybody but himself.** And yet, the Bible says, "Love esteems the other over self."

S.O.S. 5:1, "I have drunk my wine ... eat, O friends, drink, yea ..."

**Alcohol is a depressant and destroys the norms and standards in the soul, and along with drugs, will make any young lady a target for the "bird-dogs."** Along the line somewhere every girl will be influenced to try a drink, and it is usually by some fellow. Consequently, some nice sweet girl's life will be turned around just because she shared a "joint" or a "six-pack" with some nice guy in a van or a pick-up truck. So at the time you feel good, you are feeling high, **but in the morning you will be terribly low and you will have a guilt complex** a mile long.

*The man the Lord has provided for you is a complete provision.*

*Beware of the determined, persistent suitor who does not take your feelings into consideration, who will not stop at anything in order to date or to marry you.*

*Mental attitude sins are the worst sins and they destroy any capacity for love.*

*A strict young moral lady must be careful not to let down a little and start sampling liquor, pot, or drugs.*

The Shulamite Woman was offered, in this passage, “the king’s wine” by Solomon, but she refused it. Solomon was trying to destroy her norms and standards and tried to “turn her on” with his “royal wine” and it did not work. She again rejects his offers, and keeps on responding to her fragrance of memories of her Shepherd-Lover, which provide the protection that she needs from Solomon, the Wrong-Man.

*Your Right-Man will never take advantage of you, the one he loves, during the courtship.*

S.O.S. 5:2-5, “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 ... My beloved put his hand to the hole of the door ... I rose up to open to my beloved ...”

In this passage the Shulamite’s Shepherd-Lover comes to her during the night and he calls on her. She is in bed and she gets up to let him in, but he thinks better of the situation and leaves before she comes to the door to let him in.

**He is the bishop of her soul. He is shepherd of her soul, and he protects her even from himself, as well as protecting her from others.** He wanted to see her. He misses her. She wanted to see him, but she had already gone to bed. So he wisely changed his mind the more he thought about it because he did not want to cause her or himself any problems in their relationship. He protected her. He did not exploit her. He did not take advantage of her and their relationship remained honorable before the Lord. **The relationship will be passionate, but it will be honorable.** He is her bishop. He is her overseer. He is her Right-Man.

*When you are dating your Right-Man there will be a terrific temptation to want to go all the way.*

S.O.S. 5:2-5, “My beloved put his hand to the hole of the door, and my bowels were moved for him. I rose up to open to my beloved; and my hands dropped with myrrh, and my finger with sweet smelling myrrh, upon the handles of the lock.”

If you are out of fellowship with the Lord and operating on your emotions, it may even seem logical to “go all the way.” **Emotions always throw all caution to the wind, and cloud the thinking processes of the soul.** Emotions are designed to respond to the mentality of the soul, and to appreciate the decisions that are made with the mind. They are not to dictate to the mind.

In this case, in our passage, the Shepherd-Lover comes to his senses, and remains honorable. He wants to be with her, but he also loves her. He knows that it is better to cut the date short and keep her purity, than end up feeling obligated to someone, who has little, if any, character. It would have been more honorable for the Shepherd-Lover not to have come to her door at all, than to come, excite her over the possibility of seeing him, and then leave her frustrated. But, in the end, he remained honorable.

*There will be a time in your courtship where your conscience will not be able to hold you back when it comes to mental and physical contact.*

S.O.S. 5:2-5, “... my bowels were moved for him ... myrrh, sweet smelling myrrh ...”

**The best solution to this problem is never to let yourself get into a situation in which both parties are weak and vulnerable.** The point is actually this, if you are alone in the house with your boyfriend, how much self-control do you have? Make sure that the both of you are not out of fellowship with the Lord at the same time. The one who is in fellowship can, by being controlled by God the Holy Spirit, stop the other person who is out of fellowship at that time. **But if both people are out of fellowship, there can be no restraint.** “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control, against such there is no law” (Galatians 5:22, 23).

So make sure you are in fellowship and you can be sure that you are in fellowship and know that God the Holy Spirit is in control of your life simply by using 1 John 1:9, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

*When you meet your Right-Man, you will know it is your Right-Man.*

S.O.S. 5:10-16, “My beloved is white and ruddy, the chiefest among ten thousand. His head is as the most fine gold, his locks are bushy and black as a raven. His eyes are as the eyes of doves ... His cheeks are as a bed of spices ... his lips like lilies ... His hands ... his belly ... His legs ... His mouth ... he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved ...”

If there is a doubt, he is not your Right-Man, at least, not at that time. You will be confident that he is your Right-Man and the same will be true with him about you. In context here, when the Shulamite Woman was asked about her “beloved,” the Shulamite Woman knew who he was without a doubt. She describes everything about him: “The chiefest among ten thousand,” his head, his hair, his eyes, his cheeks, his lips, his hands, his mouth, and she said, “He is altogether lovely. This is my beloved.”

It will be easy for you to recognize and determine who is your Right-Man because the Lord’s provisions are always easy to determine, if you are interested in what He has provided for you. In the Hebrew language of the Old Testament there is a title for the Lord called JEHOVAH JIREH, which means “I am the Lord that sees and provides.” He knows what you need and He has provided exactly what you need. God will not deal with you in the dark when it comes to marriage. He will not be mysterious. The Lord does not conceal anything we need to know from us. So, if it is of God, it is easy, because He knows we are His sheep. If it is of God, it will be gracious, because we can never earn or deserve a Right-Man or a Right-Woman from the Lord. But God, in GRACE, has provided for us His happiness which we can experience in marriage. Marriage is still a Divine Institution, and it is still God’s way for our individual and national stability.

S.O.S. 5:10-16, “His face, his head, his hair, his eyes, his cheeks, his lips, his hands, his belly, his legs, his mouth ... White and ruddy, chiefest among ten thousand, most fine gold, bushy and black as a raven, eyes of doves, bed of spices, lilies, sweet flowers, sweet smelling myrrh, gold rings, set with beryl, bright ivory overlaid with sapphires ... pillars of marble ... sockets of fine gold, countenance is as Lebanon, excellent as the cedars ... mouth most sweet ... he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.”

The Shulamite Woman, when asked by the daughters of Jerusalem about her beloved, was able to recall automatically every detail about him. She said, “He is chiefest among ten thousand,” which is a Hebrew idiom for “my Right-Man.” She describes his hair, his eyes, his hands, his torso, his legs, and finally ends up by saying, “He is altogether lovely.”

“Chiefest among ten thousand,” and “He is altogether lovely,” are examples of the unsurpassing language of the Hebrews for ultimate expression of one’s Right-Man.

Now this is a good example of our relationship with our Lord, our Shepherd, our Bishop, our Bridegroom, the Lord Jesus Christ. When we are in fellowship with Him, and we are taking in the Word of God daily and growing in GRACE, we should be able to easily explain Him in detail, as our Beloved, the one who fulfills us, and of our relationship with Him, as being “accepted in the Beloved.”

This is the true principle of “witnessing.” Not because you have to, but because you can’t stop talking about your Right-Lord.

S.O.S. 6:1, “Whither is thy beloved gone, o thou fairest among women? Whither is thy beloved turned aside, that we may seek him with thee?”

God has a perfect man for you, and a perfect time for you to marry him. The woman is the responder and will only reflect the glory of her Right-Man, just as the believer in the Lord Jesus Christ is the bride of Christ, and when we are in fellowship and respond to His Word, the mind of Christ, we reflect the glory of Christ, which is again the filling of the Holy Spirit, “Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control...”

This same principle is found in 1 Corinthians 11:7, “For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image of God: But the woman is the glory of the man.” That is the Right-Man, Right-Woman relationship and the reflected glory of the man by his Right-Woman.

S.O.S. 6:2, “My beloved is gone down into his garden, to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies.”

Both of you will be mature, and you will take responsibility for your own decisions. That is why it is better not to marry too young. A girl doesn’t ever want to marry a teenage boy, who is

*You will be able to describe in glowing detail your Right-Man to everyone.*

*When the Right-Woman glowingly describes her Right-Man, she is actually reflecting his glory.*

*In God’s perfect timing, you will meet your Right-Man and by then you will be adjusted to life.*

incapable of the responsibility of a wife and a family. She might find out that she will be raising a Mama's boy. So don't go steady when you are too young. A teenage boy is only half of a man. He doesn't have the mature judgment for decisions for himself let alone for others who are dependent upon him. If you do go steady with someone when you are too young, you may end up in sexual looseness.

In our passage the Shulamite explains very calmly that her beloved is not with her, but he is a responsible person, and he is working as a shepherd in the gardens. **So in God's perfect timing, you will meet your Right-Man and by then you will be adjusted to life.**

*Your Right-Man will have the mastery over the details of life and enjoy them.*

S.O.S. 6:2, "Gone down into his garden ... to feed in the gardens..."

**A man today who is not a slave to the details of life is a rare person indeed.** Most people live as slaves to the details of life. **If they have things, they are happy and if they don't have things, they are sad.** It is always a bigger car, or a better house that is necessary for their happiness. This again is the whole book of Ecclesiastes where Solomon explains how he pursued the details of life for his happiness and finally came to the conclusion that "all is vanity, emptiness." Solomon thought that knowledge, pleasure, heritage, philosophy, money, reputation, or sex would make him happy, but it didn't. He had, as king, more opportunities and time and advantages to make this complete pursuit, and it was all "vanity of vanities."

**Your Right-Man will have the mastery over the details of life, and he will not be enslaved to them.** He will not serve them. They will serve him. **He will be adjusted to life and have a true scale of values and be responsible on his job.**

*Your man and you will have capacity for each other.*

S.O.S. 6:3, "I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine..."

**You will both enjoy each other rather than as some do today, endure each other.** Most marriages today are endurance races. They endure each other because of this or that, simply because they are not right for each other. They usually stick it out, for this reason or for that reason, but that is not what "God has joined together." God's design is "my beloved is mine, and I am his," indicating that this again is the fact that he is in her soul, and she is in his soul. **They have capacity to enjoy each other, not endure each other.**

The principle is the same as the believer being in union with Jesus Christ and we have union and joy. We have things in common, fellowship, which is communion, and our joy is full.

In this passage we have the principle that this love is recognized by the two persons who are involved. "I am my beloved's." That is the Right-Man. "And my beloved is mine." That is Right-Woman.

"I am my beloved's," he loves me, and "my beloved is mine," and I love him. We belong to each other she says. She has confidence with regard to their relationship. She has no confidence with regard to her circumstances, and the difficulties in which we find her, in this context. But there is one thing she knows, and there is no doubt about it: "I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine." I belong to him and he belongs to me. **Now that is dogmatic.** Did you know that a woman can be dogmatic? But you see this is a very beautiful dogmatism. This is good for the Shepherd-Lover to hear, but it is bad news to hear if you are Solomon.

This Shulamite Woman is dogmatic and extreme. She knows her Right-Man and she says there is only one. That is extreme, but it is extremely right.

*Every woman must have confidence towards one member of the human race, male type.*

S.O.S. 6:3, "My beloved is mine, I am my beloved's ..."

**What confidence! The confidence that he is right for her. There will be absolutely no doubt.** Confidence because he is from the Lord, and what the Lord gives is perfect and clear and gracious and can easily be recognized. It is all revealed to us in His Word. If marriage is difficult for us to achieve, then few would ever have the opportunity of happiness in marriage. **But God is fair.** He wants to share His happiness with us in time, in marriage. **When we recognize and have confidence in the man or the woman which the Lord has provided for us, then we have a love that will surpass all the trials and cares of life, which the unbeliever can never have, because "the natural man receives not the things of the Spirit."**

1. The love of Right-Man involves one person in your soul, who you can never forget.
2. This love is unique and special for the couple, no matter what they do.
3. Your Right-Mate will be a member of the opposite sex. If you don't see that, then you **will not** find the Divine Design for you in Right-Man. (Romans 1:18 and following should be read).
4. The love of your Right-Man is protective, and when you reject him, you no longer have him protecting you. So when you react to your man, you are in a dangerous position.
5. A man in your soul is the greatest protection a woman can ever have. He will not run you down in public or private. He will not make fun of you, or razz you, or embarrass you, in any way.
6. This love comes from human volition. Anything that coerces your free-will will destroy your ability to identify and respond to your Right-Man.
7. The woman will not respond as a slave, but only as a free agent. Many men try to stupidly destroy the freedom of the woman. The Word of God stored in the soul promotes freedom for all individuals.
8. Love of your man is tone oriented. With a man in your soul, you can tell when something is wrong simply by his voice. When he says, "no," you will know better. How? By his tone. Love is tone oriented.
9. A woman's love responds to her man when he is present and when he is absent. Most of the time in the Song of Solomon the Shulamite Woman's Shepherd-Lover is absent, but it is still, "whom my soul loveth."
10. When unfulfilled, the woman may become ill. She may go to pieces mentally or physically when her Right-Man is not with her. Maybe he is out drinking, or maybe unfaithful, or has a job that keeps him away much of the time. Mentality of the soul in a situation like this overflows in the body and we have psychosomatic illness.
11. This love of Right-Man, Right-Woman is recognized primarily by the two persons involved. Others may not recognize it, but the two who are involved do. The Lord knows those who are His. So it is individual and personal, just like our relationship with our Lord, our Shepherd-Lover, the Lord Jesus Christ.
12. There is strength and weakness in love of Right-Man. The strength is love itself, which is protection and provision. The weakness is the mental attitude sins, which occur, like jealousy, which is as cruel as the grave, deadening.

*Identification of your Right-Man is easy. God has given us the characteristics of what Right-Men are actually like in the Bible. The Bible is the final authority on marriage.*

S.O.S. 6:5, "Turn away thine eyes from me, for they have overcome me."

Don't marry a man with a perpetual sense of humor. This is the "life of the party type." This is the type of man who makes a joke out of teasing you into your first drink, and makes a joke out of everything. Solomon, in our passage, tries some humor on the Shulamite Woman, and while she is constantly rejecting him, he tells her that she knows he is right for her because "she cannot keep her eyes off of him" because he is so great. But actually he makes her sick compared to her Shepherd-Lover. **Remember this type of a person runs out of laughs after a while, and seldom takes anything seriously.** So don't marry a clown. Beware of the male suitor with a perpetual sense of humor, who makes a joke out of everything. **Marriage is not a joke. It is the framework for happiness, and for the raising of a family and for the stability of a national entity.**

*Don't marry a clown.*

S.O.S. 6:8, "There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and virgins without number."

Solomon is a strong man, persistent, but some men are weak. **They usually appeal to the mother instinct in women. Do not marry a man because you feel sorry for him.** Women often think this is love, but it isn't. The worst type of a marriage between a man and a woman is the one where the woman marries the man because she has a mother instinct for him. You are not in love because you feel sorry for him. Feeling sorry for someone is not a basis for marriage, and feeling sorry never did anything for anyone. It usually indicates an emotional problem.

*Don't marry a weak man.*

Solomon was not weak, but there are weak men. So beware of the wolf, and the weak male who needs a mother. **A wife is not designed to mother her husband. He is designed to fulfill her.**

There are aggressive males, and there are two categories of aggressive males. One type of an aggressive male is your Right-Man and the other type is the rest of the aggressive wolves, like Solomon with the Shulamite Woman.

In Song of Solomon there are three kinds of aggressiveness: **1.** The false aggressiveness from Solomon (S.O.S. 6:4-9). **2.** The true aggressiveness of the Shepherd-Lover (S.O.S. 6:11, 12). **3.** The aggressiveness of the False Woman, the Jealous Queen (S.O.S. 7:1-9).

Solomon starts out aggressive with the Shulamite Woman. When her Shepherd-Lover comes and delivers her from Solomon, then Solomon goes weak, and the Jealous Queen becomes strong, and Solomon responds to the Queen, **showing how unstable aggression is in a male when it is not channeled toward the Right-Woman.** Mental attitude sins cause the Jealous Queen to become aggressive ... "Jealousy is as cruel as the grave," but "love fortifies over even death" (S.O.S. 6:8-11).

*Avoid the man who always  
brags about his conquests  
with women.*

S.O.S. 6:8, "... threescore queens, and fourscore concubines ..."

Now this involves dating, where men use this to prove to you that they are great lovers, irresistible. **The man who discusses other girls when he is out with you and tells you in detail how well he did, is no good.** Solomon uses this technique in trying to woo the Shulamite Woman away from her Shepherd-Lover, but again without success. **This type of a man is not selective and doesn't care anything about you or the ones he mentions, or he wouldn't have mentioned them. This is the type that kisses and tells and nothing is private and personal to him.** You are just one of many. But God's design is one man and one woman. Adam did not have 10 Eves. One Adam, one Eve, one bridegroom and one bride, one Lord and one Church.

*Beware of the principle of  
comparative wooing.*

S.O.S. 6:8, 9, "... threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and virgins without number. My dove, my undefiled, is but one. She is the only one of her mother; she is the choice one of her that bare her. The daughters saw her, and blessed her; yea, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her."

Solomon here is the type that compares you with others, and says, "You out shine them all. Yes, I have had many affairs, queens, concubines, but you are the one. You are the most," etc. Solomon said to the Shulamite Woman, "You are the one, the choice of your mother, the choice of all the women in my harem. You are better than all the girls I have dated, or married." **But Right-Man, Right-Woman is not relative. It is not rational. It is supernatural. It is Divine in design. It is all encompassing. It is fulfilling. It is perfect. It is of the Lord.**

*Your man will be a  
one-woman man, and he  
will not violate the Divine  
Design.*

S.O.S. 7:1-7, "How beautiful are thy feet with shoes ... the work of the hands ... thy navel ... thy belly ... Thy two breasts ... Thy neck ... thine eyes ... thy nose ... Thine head ... and the hair of thine head ... How fair and pleasant art thou, O love, for delights! This thy stature is like to a palm tree ..."

Solomon was not a one-woman man. Therefore, he violated the Divine principle of Right-Man, Right-Woman. Consequently, he could never be happy in that state and expressed it in the book of Ecclesiastes. **When you reject the Word of God, which is designed for your happiness, you cannot have what God has designed for you in marriage. Solomon rejected this principle of Right-Man, Right-Woman, and caused his own misery and fall. You cannot pursue happiness from the human viewpoint. Apart from the Divine Viewpoint in your soul, applied to your circumstances, there is no happiness, and especially when it comes to the Divine Institution of marriage.**

In this passage Solomon obviously once again is attracted to the body of the Shulamite Woman to the exclusion of her soul. And once again demonstrates that he is not a one-woman man, with his 1,000 wives. **Happiness is in the Lord, not out of the Lord, or without the Lord.** That is why the exhortation reads, "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice."

## Summary of Principles From Act Three, Song of Solomon 4:1-7:9

1. The Right-Woman will be beautiful to her Right-Man. (S.O.S. 4:1)
2. The Right-Man will not be dull and boring. He will be interesting to you. (S.O.S. 4:3)
3. The Right-Woman will be of marriageable age and responsible for decisions.  
(S.O.S. 4:1-5)
4. An evil mind destroys the capacity for the love of Right-Man, Right-Woman  
(S.O.S. 4:5)
5. Young ladies must avoid men who mentally marry them. (S.O.S. 4:7-15)
6. A man with many women cannot recognize the Right-Woman. (S.O.S. 6:8)
7. The Right-Woman never has to worry about her man being untrue to her. (S.O.S. 4:6)
8. Young ladies must be awake when dating the man who takes credit to himself.  
(S.O.S. 4:7-15)
9. Your Right-Man will have character. (S.O.S. 4:7-15)
10. When you arrive at marriage as a virgin, it will be priceless. (S.O.S. 4:12)
11. The man the Lord has provided for you will be a complete provision. (S.O.S. 4:12)
12. Beware of the persistent suitor who doesn't care about your feelings. (S.O.S. 5:1)
13. Mental attitude sins are the greatest destroyers of the capacity for love. (S.O.S. 5:1)
14. Young ladies must be careful and not start sampling liquor or drugs. (S.O.S. 5:1)
15. Your Right-Man will never take advantage of you. (S.O.S. 5:2-5)
16. In courting there will be a great temptation to go all the way. (S.O.S. 5:2-5)
17. There will be a time in your courtship where you will be weak, vulnerable.  
(S.O.S. 5:2-5)
18. You will be sure when your Right-Man comes along. (S.O.S. 5:10-16)
19. You will be able to describe your Right-Man in glowing terms. (S.O.S. 5:10-16)
20. The Right-Woman reflects the glory of the Right-Man. (S.O.S. 6:1)
21. When you meet your Right-Man, you will be adjusted to life. (S.O.S. 6:2)
22. Your Right-Man will have the mastery over the details of life. (S.O.S. 6:2)
23. You and your Right-Man will have capacity for each other. (S.O.S. 6:3)
24. Every woman must have confidence towards one member of the human race, male type.  
(S.O.S. 6:3)
25. Identification of your Right-Man is easy. The God has given us the characteristics of what  
Right-Men are actually like in the Bible. The Bible is the final authority on marriage.  
(S.O.S.)
26. Your Right-Man will not be a perpetual clown. (S.O.S. 6:5)
27. Your Right-Man will not be a weak man. (S.O.S. 6:8)
28. Avoid the suitor who always brags about his conquests with women. (S.O.S. 6:8)
29. Beware of the suitor who uses comparative wooing techniques. (S.O.S. 6:8, 9)
30. Your man will be a one woman man, and will not violate Divine Design. (S.O.S. 7:1-7)

## Act Four Song of Solomon chapter seven verse ten through chapter eight verse four

In this act we have described for us the rescue of the Shulamite Woman from the clutches of the Wrong-Man, Solomon. The Shepherd-Lover comes to the place of death, as it were, to rescue her, which is the palace of King Solomon.

We have in this act a description of his arrival. It also records some of the conversation between the Shepherd-Lover and the Shulamite Woman after the rescue.

The following principles of courtship and marriage are found in Act Four.

## RIGHT-MAN AND RIGHT-WOMAN

God designed a plan for you of perfect peace and love.  
In part it comes from Christ, His Son, who lives with Him above.  
That plan, when taken as your own, will give eternal life.  
To give you freedom from your sins ... no guilt, no works, no strife.

The opportunity to follow through in learning through His teaching,  
The way to stay in fellowship, to grow in GRACE, forever reaching.  
To store His knowledge in your mind for everyday assurance,  
And the power that takes it to your spirit in glorious faith transference.

But that's His plan for all mankind, He has a plan for you.  
He designed you special for just one man, and one man just for you.  
And if you wait for His own timing, till you're mature and stable,  
He'll bring this man into your life when you are strong and able.

To recognize him as your own and make decisions based therein.  
You'll know your man will think as you, you can count on him.  
You'll know he won't coerce you or violate your volition,  
He'll protect, defend, and care for you and never make conditions.

He'll appreciate you for yourself, just exactly as you are.  
You'll be a gift of GRACE for him, in spite of beauty marred.  
He'll see you through God's eyes of love and not just man's perception.  
Your relationship will be of honor, God's plan has no deception.

For God in His completeness will provide passion in this plan,  
And you'll yearn to share in every way completely with your young man.  
So it's important to remember the fruit of the Spirit is self-control,  
For passion is like a flower and when picked too soon cannot unfold.

In the natural way that He intended as part of the original plan.  
As He brought Eve to Adam in marriage, you'll be joined to your young man,  
And the two of you shall become as one, exactly as He planned,  
In this wonderful, glorious design of God, Right-Woman and Right-Man.

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S.O.S. 7:11, "Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field; let us lodge in the villages."

**In order to ensure a happy future for yourself, be sure to marry your Right-Man.** He is worth waiting for. **All of God's provisions are worth waiting for.** The Shulamite Woman saved herself for her Shepherd-Lover, and consequently they had a tremendous life together.

The "something new" in your life, will be the waiting for the marriage of you and your Right-Man. The "something old" for you will be the fragrance of memories you had of your Right-Man whom God designed specifically for you, which protected you from the Wrong-Man.

The Lord had you in mind when He went to the cross. And He also provided a perfect husband for you, of His own choosing ... Omniscience.

*If you want to live happily ever after, be sure to wait for your Right-Man.*

S.O.S. 7:13, "The mandrakes give a smell, and at our gates are all manner of pleasant fruits, new and old, which I have laid up for thee, O my beloved."

**The Shepherd-Lover of the Shulamite Woman planned everything for her. He provided for her. There was pre-thinking, forethought,** which is the meaning of "He that provideth for his own house." Your Right-Man will pre-plan for you, thereby providing for you, making provision for all emergencies. He will understand the passage that says, "He that provideth not for his own family is worse than an infidel."

**Your man will not be caught off guard when emergencies come upon you. He will have the maturity, the stability, and the sense of responsibility to handle crisis situations for you, and will take the burden off of you.** You will not have to worry about your future with your Right-Man.

*Your Right-Man will be a good planner and a good provider.*

S.O.S. 7:12, "Let us get up early to the vineyards; let us see if the vine flourish, whether the tender grape appear, and the pomegranates bud forth. There will I give thee my loves."

This passage says, "there will I give thee my loves," which is plural in the Hebrew language of the Scriptures. The love of your man, as the Shepherd-Lover for the Shulamite Woman, is not singular, but plural. It is soul love and sex love in marriage. There is an inner and an outer love, as there is an inner and an outer beauty, and animation with the soul always preceding the body animation.

The word for happiness, which is the word translated in the Bible "blessed," is also in the plural. Which means that God cannot bless you. He blesses you. So it is "happineses to you" and "loves to you." **It is overflowing love and happiness, not something that is doled out or allotted to you, but an abundant expression of God's GRACE, love, and happiness for you in marriage with your Right-Man.**

*The love of Right-Man, Right-Woman is plural in nature.*

S.O.S. 8:2, "I will lead thee, and bring thee into my mother's house, who would instruct me."

The Shulamite Woman tells her Shepherd-Lover literally in this verse, "You will instruct me, teach me." **This is her response to her man, because of his initiation of loves in the previous passage and principle.** This will last them the rest of their lives.

S.O.S. 8:2, "I would cause thee to drink of spiced wine of the juice of my pomegranate."

Here she speaks of her response once more to his loves. So she makes herself physically available at all times. The "pomegranate" was an erotic female symbol in the ancient world. Their lives together will be spontaneous. No sex experience before marriage is ever needed. It should be avoided, because it is destructive. The principle of this initiation of love is found in the verse, "Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for it."

*You will not need any experience in physical love before marriage to succeed in marriage.*

S.O.S. 8:1-3, "O that thou wert as my brother ... when I should find thee without, I would kiss thee: yea, I should not be despised. I would lead thee, and bring thee into my mother's house, you would instruct me: I would cause thee to drink of spiced wine of the juice of my pomegranate. His left hand should be under me, and his right hand should embrace me."

The Shulamite Woman is very attentive to her lover and consequently is a good listener. Good listeners develop good conversational patterns. She has good listening ability, which is important

*You will be very attentive to your Right-Man, and you will become a good listener.*

when it comes to communication. **This is a part of femininity and beauty. You have to be a good listener before you can be a good communicator.** You learn a lot by listening.

This is the whole character and challenge in the book of Revelation: “Hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” Also in Romans it says, “Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.” And “The common people heard the Lord gladly.” This is really the true meaning of “Women be silent in church.” **No one can learn if they do not listen. You can’t listen and learn when you are talking.** That is why we have two ears and one mouth. A woman responding to the man will be very feminine, and will be a good listener. **She will actually hang on to every word,** and she will be able to communicate.

*Human viewpoint is destructive when it comes to advice for marriage.*

S.O.S. 8:4, “I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, that ye stir not up, nor awake my love, until he please.”

Boys naturally talk about girls, and girls naturally talk about boys. Girls end up boy-crazy and boys end up girl-crazy. In the Song of Solomon, the daughters of Jerusalem tried to talk up King Solomon to the Shulamite Woman, telling her that he was the catch of the century, etc.

Now, that is girl-talk and looking at things from the human viewpoint. They tried to stir up some enthusiasm, like match-makers, but because of the Shulamite Woman’s maturity, and the protection of her Shepherd-Lover in her soul, she refused to respond to Solomon, and would not take the human viewpoint of the daughters of Jerusalem. She had the Divine Viewpoint in her soul and she responded to the Word of God in her soul. Right-Man, Right-Woman is Divine Viewpoint, not human viewpoint. **The Divine Viewpoint in your soul will recognize Divine Viewpoint in your life, your Right-Man.**

There are four ways in which the Right-Man fulfills you, his Right-Woman.

1. When he is absent, he provides fragrance of memories. (S.O.S. 1:13)
2. He provides soul stimulation, the basis of sex stimulation. (S.O.S. 1:16, 17)
3. He fulfills your norms and standards. (S.O.S. 2:3)
4. He gives reality to your romantic dreams and imaginations. (S.O.S. 8:1-3)

## Summary of Principles From Act Four, Song of Solomon 7:10-8:4

1. If you want to live happily ever after, be sure to wait for your Right-Man. (S.O.S. 7:11)
2. Your Right-Man will be a good planner and a good provider. (S.O.S. 7:13)
3. The love of Right-Man, Right-Woman is plural in nature, loves. (S.O.S. 7:12)
4. You will not need any experience in physical love before marriage to succeed in marriage. (S.O.S. 8:2)
5. You will be very attentive to your Right-Man, and you will become a good listener. (S.O.S. 8:1-3)
6. Human viewpoint is destructive when it comes to advice for marriage. (S.O.S. 8:4)

## Song of Solomon chapter eight verses five through fourteen

## Act Five

In this final act, we have before us the return of the Shulamite Woman with her Right-Man, the Shepherd-Lover.

This scene describes the comments of the neighbors and her brothers, who have changed their minds about this marriage, and the concept of Right-Man and Right-Woman. We also will hear the chatter of the public acceptance of the Shepherd-Lover. And of course they get married and live happily ever after.

The following principles of courtship and marriage are found in Act Five.

S.O.S. 8:6, “Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm; for love is strong as death...”

*This is truly “the Love of the Century” because it cannot be broken.*

Nothing can destroy this love relationship. “What God has joined together, no man can put asunder.” **What God has designed is perfect and permanent and it is eternal, just as salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ.** “Nothing can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus.”

In this verse it says “love is strong as death.” “Strong” is the Hebrew word “fortified,” which means that **Right-Man, Right-Woman cannot be broken by anything, even death.** It is a strong-hold. It is a fortification. It is fortified by the Lord, so that this love is provided for you. It is protection for you and it is perpetuated for you and **only one thing can really destroy it**, and that comes out in the next principle, the mental attitude.

S.O.S. 8:6b, “Jealousy is as cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame.”

*The greatest enemy of this love of Right-Man, Right-Woman is mental attitude sins.*

“Jealousy is as cruel as the grave.” Jealousy here is a representative mental attitude sin and the mental attitude sin attacks all facets of the mental attitude soul love. “Jealousy,” here, is the Hebrew word which means, “high blood pressure,” and “cruel,” means “harsh, non-responsive.” The word “grave” means that the **grave robs someone of a loved one, so that the mental attitude sins destroy the relationship of Right-Man, Right-Woman. One of the seven worst sins found in the Bible is the mental attitude sin of pride.** It heads the list. **So mental attitude sins like jealousy, envy, bitterness, and hatred, rob and cancel out the love which God has designed for you in marriage.**

S.O.S. 8:7, “Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.”

*Nothing can quench the love of you and your Right-Man.*

There is no way to destroy what God has planned for you in marriage. You can distort it. You can run away from it. You can knock out the happiness of it. But the love of you and your Right-Man is still there. **The gifts of God are without a change of mind.** God is not an Indian giver. Song of Solomon 8:7, “Many waters are not able to extinguish the love, neither can the floods drown it.” There is a passion and a power in this love which cannot be duplicated anywhere, because it is from the Lord. Song of Solomon 8:6 says the Right-Man and Right-Woman have a love that “the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame.” Literally, the flames, the flames of fire, which are from the Lord. That is why Paul said, “It is better to marry than to burn.” **This is the burning of the love in the Divine Design of Right-Man with Right-Woman.**

S.O.S. 8:7b, “If a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be condemned.”

*The love of your Right-Man for you is priceless.*

**This love cannot be bought. It cannot be achieved. It cannot be worked out. It is a GRACE gift from God,** “Co-heirs of the GRACE of life.” This verse says “if a man would give all the substance of his house for life, it would utterly be condemned.”

So marriage is a gift from God, and “Whoso finds a GRACE woman, that is Right-Woman, receives GRACE from the Lord.” And “A gift is like a precious stone, wherever it turns, it prospers.” **Man cannot duplicate what God has provided for us in GRACE. It is priceless.**

*GRACE is the principle in marriage, because it is what the Lord has provided for us.*

**We are saved by GRACE. We are spiritual by GRACE. We grow in GRACE. And GRACE is even sufficient for our sufferings. In God's eyes, marriage of Right-Man and Right-Woman is all of God's matchless GRACE, and it is so declared.**

S.O.S. 8:10, "... Then was I in his eyes as one that found GRACE."

Proverbs 18:22, "Whoso finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains GRACE of the Lord."

1 Peter 3:7, "They are heirs together of the GRACE of life."

**God in GRACE has provided EVERYTHING for the believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, and marriage is just another facet of God's gracious provisions for us in life. Because "The Lord God is a sun and shield: The Lord will give GRACE and glory: no good thing will He withhold from you who walk uprightly," Psalm 84:11.**

*Right-Man and Right-Woman live happily ever after.*

Our very last verse in the Song of Solomon says they live happily ever after:

S.O.S. 8:14, "Quickly answer them, my beloved, and we will build up greater memories in the future."

This is the Shepherd-Lover and the Shulamite Woman expressing their present and future happiness.

**If you have trusted Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, why don't you put your trust in Him for the second most important decision in your life and trust Him to send you your Right-Man? He has someone perfectly designed for you. Will you trust Him?**

## Summary of Principles From Act Five, Song of Solomon 8:8-14

1. This Right-Man, Right-Woman love is truly the "Love of the Century." (S.O.S. 8:6)
2. Right-Man, Right-Woman cannot be broken. (S.O.S. 8:6a)
3. The greatest enemy of the love of Right-Man, Right-Woman is mental attitude sins. (S.O.S. 8:6b)
4. Nothing can quench the love of Right-Man, Right-Woman. (S.O.S. 8:7a)
5. The love of Right-Man for you, his Right-Woman, is priceless. (S.O.S. 8:7b)
6. GRACE is the principle in marriage, because it is what the Lord has provided for us in marriage. (S.O.S. 8:10)
7. Right-Man and Right-Woman live happily ever after. (S.O.S. 8:14)

# SOLOMON'S REJECTION OF HIS RIGHT-WOMAN

taken from

Proverbs 5  
Verses 1–23

## Introduction to Proverbs Chapter 5

God in His matchless GRACE has made known to the human race all of His provisions for us. **He has so clearly made known to us His gifts in His Word, that it is impossible for any one to miss them, if they want to know of them.**

Most people think of God as a mean old man, sort of like a judge sitting on a bench with a long white beard, just waiting to pounce upon any member of the human race who steps out of line.

**God's character is gracious in nature, and He must be fair.** In His fairness and graciousness towards mankind, He always deals with man in GRACE. One of His dealings with man in GRACE is the principle "GRACE always precedes judgment."

**The human race has been given information, warnings, and instruction before any individual or groups of individuals come under judgment or discipline.** This principle is found in our subject of Right-Man and Right-Woman. We have been studying the book Song of Solomon, where Solomon failed to get his Right-Woman, and all of his efforts to woo the Shulamite Woman, and his failure.

Solomon was warned about the principle of the Wrong-Woman and the whole concept of waiting for his Right-Woman, which the Lord had provided for him. But he rejected the principle, and consequently went around sublimating, trying to compensate for the lack of God's provision, which resulted in a frantic search for happiness and a lot of misery.

David, Solomon's father, taught him the principle of Right-Woman when he was a young man, but Solomon rejected it. That is the story of Song of Solomon and the book of Ecclesiastes.

In our study now, we will take up Proverbs 5 where David was faithful in teaching his son, Solomon, the importance of waiting for his Right-Woman.

Solomon missed his Right-Woman, but he didn't have to. He chose not to believe and wait for one of God's greatest provisions for him. Don't make the same mistake that Solomon made. As you read this study in Proverbs 5, you will see that David instructs his son to wait for his Right-Woman and not to be deceived by the Wrong-Woman.

Proverbs 5:1, "My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding."

"My son" indicates that Solomon has recorded the Word here, which his father, David, taught him. David made some mistakes himself, and of course, he didn't want his son, Solomon, to repeat them, although Solomon did repeat David's mistakes a thousand times. This was probably the inherent weakness of the old sin nature passed down from his father.

Now how is Solomon going to learn? Well, the ear is an organ of learning. "Bow thine ear" means to extend the ear, which means to accept the authority of the Word of God as taught by David, the principle that "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." The mother teaches the son up to a certain point and then the father must begin to teach things to the young man as David did here.

**"Wisdom and understanding" refers to the application of the Word of God to your own life.** In other words, not only to learn it, but to apply it. As James says, "not hearers only, but doers of the Word."

Proverbs 5:2, "That thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge."

The word "regard" means literally "to guard" against "devisiveness" and, literally, as for knowledge, that your lips may guard it.

"Devisiveness" is in the feminine gender, and we therefore, know that this is a warning against the devisiveness of the Wrong-Woman. **The Wrong-Woman can lure you into fornication and ruin you for your Right-Woman.** This thought is broken down in the second half of this verse. It goes back to the Word of God, the Divine Viewpoint of life.

There are two different words for "guard" in this verse. The King James English says, "regard and keep." But in this verse, in the Hebrew language of the Old Testament, "regard" is the word

SHAMAR, which means to guard your soul from deviousness. The second word “keep” is NATSAR, which means to guard physically. In other words, to guard your body.

So every man must guard his soul and his body so that he can preserve them for his Right-Woman. When you put these first two verses together, they tell us that **every man must guard his soul and his body through the Word of God, which means taking in the Word of God daily, learning it, and applying it. It is the only way to wait for the Right-Woman and protect, or guard, your soul and body.** It is a soulful relationship that precedes the physical relationship. It must begin in the soul. So in verses one and two we have a GRACE warning from David to his son, Solomon, to wait for his Right-Woman.

Proverbs 5:3. “For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil.”

*The divisive woman.*

Literally it says, “for distilled honey, intoxicating sweetness drips from the lips of her that is loathsome. Smoother, more flattering than oil, is the inside of her mouth.” Here is the description of the devious Wrong-Woman.

This kind of woman knows how to lead a man on. Her words are sweet droppings of honey dripping from her lips. In other words, she has a way with words that simply sets the man on fire. This is why Solomon has to be alert in his soul. His soul has to be protected from this woman.

Lips are used here naturally because this is one part of the woman’s body that is always visible to the man under circumstances of intimacy. Her lips, her words, even her kisses, are nice, sweet, but deceitful.

Proverbs 5:4, “But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword.”

*The Wrong-Woman is*

Literally “But the latter end of her becomes bitter like wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword.” *poison.*

We are not filled in with all the details here, but we can understand that the relationship ended up with a bitter curse of wormwood. Why is it bitter when it started out to be so sweet and so much fun? Well, she is not his Right-Woman, and he is not her Right-Man.

“Wormwood” is a poisonous plant found in Palestine. Although it has a bitter taste, it was used as a drug because it apparently had some kind of an exhilarating effect. Those in the ancient world who used this drug chewed it to get, as it were, “high,” and of course it was fun while it was being chewed, but it always left a terrible hangover. It poisoned the body, bitter. The plant itself represented bitterness, sorrow and calamity, which is mentioned in Lamentations 3:15, 19 and Amos 5:7. It was also used in connection with the practice of the Phallic Cult found in Deuteronomy 29:18, Jeremiah 9:15, 23:15.

So you can see the implications here about the Wrong-Woman, when studying this passage in the light of the time in which it was written. In other words, this affair had a bitter end.

David is saying to Solomon, “Wait, wait, wait, son.” Solomon says, “Sure, Dad,” and he goes right out and gets involved with many Wrong-Women, about 1,000 of them, 1 Kings 11:1-8, Song of Solomon.

**This type of a woman is an inconsequential person to any man.** A man should be waiting for someone wonderful, someone provided especially for him by the Lord. To the extent that he fools around this way, it will always be bitter, wormwood, **and it will destroy his capacity for his Right-Woman and vice versa.**

Let us remember, that this is always a two-way street. When the Wrong-Woman or the Wrong-Man gets his hook into you, whether you are male or female, it’s like being stabbed with a two-edged sword, a very sharp sword, and it’s like being poisoned. A two-edged sword in the ancient world was their super weapon, dangerous and effective.

Proverbs 5:5, “Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell.”

*The pathway to destruction.*

Literal translation: “Her seductive feet are going down to death, her sexy, mincing steps embrace the grave.”

Now this type of a woman, depicted here, has just wrecked a man, and now we follow her down the pathway to destruction.

The ladies in the ancient world did not display as much of the body as do ladies in our day. Their heads and their feet were about all that were visible. So, in context, a woman's feet were one of her methods of seduction. This is brought out in the third chapter of Isaiah.

So her feet, used for seduction, are going down to death. The word used here is MAWETH, and it is derived from a Hebrew word which means "to stretch like a corpse." This would be the description of the sin unto death. She isn't going to hell, as it suggests here in the English text. **She is being disciplined as a believer, severely, and she is shortening her life. The Lord is taking her home before her allotted time, "the sin unto death."**

David said, "My son." Solomon is a believer and so is this woman. **This tells us that promiscuity is not practiced only by unbelievers, but believers out of fellowship are also capable of being promiscuous.**

"Her steps" connotes a sexy walk, as it were, a "come-on." In other words, every time she has a relationship, she is taking another step towards getting into bed with the grave. That is a good translation, and if it wasn't so serious, it would be humorous, "getting into bed with the grave." Her sexy walk embraces the grave. Every time she embraces a man who is not her Right-Man, every time she fornicates, she is taking another step toward "getting in bed with the grave."

She may pride herself on how great she is in bed, but she will find out she is going to wind up in a wooden box and not a bed, the "sin unto death." Which means that **no woman can afford promiscuity. And neither can any man.** God has designed something wonderful for you, for those who wait on the Lord. **Those who don't wait, lose out on something very wonderful.**

Now this passage is applicable to single people who are still waiting. This passage says to you just keep right on waiting. **No one ever gains anything by fooling around.** After all, you are waiting for something that is the quintessence of human happiness. You are waiting for something that God has provided for you in eternity past.

WARNING AND  
ADVICE  
(Compare this with verses 1  
and 2).

Proverbs 5:6, "Lest thou shouldst ponder the path of life, her ways are moveable, that thou canst not know them."

Literal translation: "Perhaps you should consider her manner of lives, (instability and unfaithfulness) her manner of lives wavers back and forth, you do not know her."

"Perhaps," David continues to warn his son, Solomon. "Perhaps, Solomon, you should take some purely academic advice while you still have a chance. You really should consider 'her manner of lives.'" Before you get taken in by this beautiful, attractive, seductive woman, you better remember that she has had many lovers, many acts of social, mental, and sexual unfaithfulness. She has gone to bed with maybe 50 or 60 men and you will only be number 61. **You are just another victim. What makes you think that you are special?** You are not her Right-Man, and she is not your Right-Woman. You are just another victim, another sucker. You are simply another worm-wood, hemlock, in the making. And she is just another step closer to an affair with the grave. You are just helping her along.

"Her manner of lives is a dead end." She is full of calluses. She has no capacity for love or life. She may say all the right things, and even turn you on, but she has you so fooled that you think you are the greatest thing in the world. But you don't understand her. **She is already looking past you to the next conquest.**

Now, Solomon, do you see where your father's teaching becomes necessary? **The mother brings in respect for womanhood to her son. The father tempers it with wisdom.**

Proverbs 5:7, "Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth."

Literally: "Listen to me now sons, and do not deviate from the words of my mouth." Although David is speaking to his sons, it is also the Holy Spirit speaking through David as inspiration to all believers.

NOTE: Now I want you to remember that as we get into this next section, God the Holy Spirit has seen fit to enlighten us with regard to this GRACE gift of Right-Man and Right-Woman. He has accomplished this in very plain and lucid language. If you think this section is too personal,

remember that every jot and tittle of the Word of God is the thinking of the Lord Jesus Christ, and it is for your edification.

Remember sex between Right-Man and Right-Woman is a GRACE gift from the Lord Jesus Christ. **There never was a GRACE gift that was wrong, or bad, or that had to be treated in a hush-hush manner.**

The first GRACE gift had to come in order for a greater GRACE gift to come. The incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ could not come until we have a woman who gives birth to children and has all the accouterments for it. You must realize that we are dealing with the Word of God. We are dealing with the Divine Viewpoint of life and GRACE principles.

Proverbs 5:8-9, “Remove your way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house, Lest thou give thine honor unto others, and thy years unto the cruel.”

*Avoid the temptations of the Wrong-Woman.*

Literally “get your way of life far away from ‘over above her,’ and do not come near the door to her house, Lest you give your glory to the pseudos, and your years to the cruel or vindictive.”

David is anxious for his sons to wait for their Right-Woman. Each of them will face temptations which will cause them to deviate from this principle. It is important for them to stay with the Divine Viewpoint and not deviate.

Verse 9 begins with the word “lest” to head them off at the pass, which is a warning to avoid an affair with the Wrong-Woman while it is still a temptation. **Temptation is not a sin, but yielding to it is.** So, this is again a warning, which is GRACE preceding judgment. They have been warned.

Whenever you find the word “glory” in Scripture, it is something that belongs to God, and **that glory God shares only through GRACE. We never earn or deserve it.** “Glory” here, is the Right-Man’s ability to fulfill his Right-Woman. When he provides a relationship for his Right-Woman, she becomes animated, and she is glorious. The Right-Woman is designed to be insatiable and her Right-Man is the only person who has the key to the lock. **He is the only person who has the ability to satisfy and fulfill her soul and body.** There are no skeleton keys.

**Every time a man has a relationship with a Wrong-Woman, he has given his glory to someone else,** not to his Right-Woman. Now most people think that “sex athletes” are God’s gift to women, and that they have enough glory to pass around to every woman in the world. That is what Solomon thought.

Well, if you do try to pass your glory around, the Word of God says that you have had it. **The man’s glory, the man’s sex, all of it, belongs to only one woman. Not to several, not to another man, not to an animal, and not to yourself, only one woman. Your Right-Woman.**

“... And thy years unto the cruel ...” The cruel here is the Wrong-Woman, and time is usually measured in days, like one day at a time. But time in this passage is wasted in fornication and it is called “years.” Which means when you give your “glory” to a Wrong-Woman. This type of a woman is cruel, literally, vindictive, and **will take your “glory” and turn it into bitterness,** wormwood. This is commonly called “operation boomerang.”

**But when you give your “glory” to your Right-Woman, she reflects your “glory.”** In Scripture, her long hair is the sign that she is designed for you to do so. “The glory of the man is the Lord, and the glory of the woman is the man.” “... The Head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man.” “For the man is not of the woman, but the woman is of the man,” 1 Corinthians 11:3, 8.

Proverbs 5:10-11, “Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth, and thy labors be in the house of a stranger, And thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed.”

*The consequences of promiscuity.*

Literal translation: “Lest promiscuous women become satiated with your vigor and your earthen vessel is shattered in a house of prostitution. And you groan in distress at your end, when your flesh and your organs are ruined.”

The word translated “strangers” in your English Bible is a word we are going to see frequently throughout the rest of this passage. The “stranger” here is the woman who is promiscuous, who is a prostitute, who is just free and easy.

Remember that the woman is insatiable, and when an insatiable woman latches on to the Wrong-Man, **he is squandering his wealth or vigor by satiating a promiscuous woman.** This has to do with sexual performance. It could be rendered, "Lest adulteresses be satiated with your sexual performances."

This section emphasizes the male, but the word "vessel" can refer to either the male or the female body. **The man who gives his body to a prostitute has shattered it for his Right-Woman and vice versa.** The man keeps taking his earthen vessel, his human body, to a house of prostitution, or its equivalent, until finally one day it has wasted away. And what does he do? Well, the passage says, "he groans in distress ..." and his body functions fail. **So for the male, the end result of fornication is frustration, unhappiness, and finally impotence.**

**Now the female either becomes a nymphomaniac and is totally indiscriminate, or she becomes completely and totally frustrated to the point that she is regarded as sexless. Both the general health and the genital system are adversely affected by sex with the Wrong-Man or Wrong-Woman.**

Proverbs 5:12, "And say, how have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof."

Literally, "And say, groan, eek, I have hated disciplinary warning, and my mind despised and ridiculed corrective punishment."

Now we get to the death cry of the roue. He cries here "Eek..." That's the screeching of the brakes as the whole gear box falls apart, as it were. It's like the final wailing trumpet of the bull elephant as he leaves the herd and goes off alone to die.

Now Solomon, the roue, had a warning or two, but he rejected it. He refused to listen. He rejected discipline and authority under the principle of the laws of Divine Establishment. Here is a man, Solomon, as a young man, whose parental and pastoral warnings were not only not heeded, but were ridiculed.

Proverbs 5:13, "And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me!"

Literally, "And I have not listened and obeyed the voice of my instructors, nor concentrated on the message of those who have taught me."

When you connect his with the foregoing verses, the point he is making is **that if people would use the organ of perception, the ear, they would use the organ of sex to better advantage.** Solomon, who wrote this, wrote this after this had been fulfilled. After he admittedly failed.

Proverbs 5:14, "I was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly."

Literally, "Shortly I was in all evil in both the worship assembly and in the function of the nation."

"In all evil" refers to his negative attitude to the Word of God, plus his rejection of the principle of Right-Man and Right-Woman, hence Solomon's 1,000 women and maximum promiscuity. Why was he in this situation? Because he refused to listen to his father, David, to his pastor, and to his teachers in the worship assembly.

Negative volition towards the Bible leads to past feeling, a seared conscience, a scarred soul, and operating on "all systems go" in the lust and emotional pattern of the soul, which lead to the rejection of the Divine Institution of Right-Man, Right-Woman, ending up with the inevitable result of fornication and promiscuity, which destroy the soul.

As far as the function of the nation is concerned, Solomon was the king, and **it is difficult for the people to rise above the failure and the apostasy of their leadership.**

Now the fact that God has designed one Right-Man for one Right-Woman does not guarantee automatic happiness or that everyone will find his Right-Woman or her Right-Man. Therefore, in verse 15 we have an analogy which is always used in connection with God's gracious gifts to the human race.

## The Prohibition of Adultery

Proverbs 5:15, “Drink water out of thine own cistern, and running water out of thine own well.”

Literally, “Drink waters of pleasure from your own cistern, and flowing waters from your own well.”

First of all, there is a command here to drink water. Water is an analogy to the GRACE of God, and it is used three ways in the Bible: **Water is used for salvation** in Isaiah 55:1. **Water is used for the Word of God** in Ephesians 5:26. And **water is used here for your Right-Woman**, Proverbs 5:15. Here in these three verses, in the word “water” we have three GRACE gifts from God to the human race. **Salvation is a free gift of GRACE. The Word is a GRACE gift from God. And your Right-Woman or Right-Man is another GRACE gift from God.**

The command to drink waters indicates that **all GRACE gifts must be received**. However, the Hebrew actually says, “to drink and enjoy it,” or “drink and have your thirst quenched.” It has the meaning of actually having a good time, like “living it up” or “drink up,” etc.

In our context, **it is used for the Right-Man who is thirsty for his Right-Woman, and she quenches his thirst**. It is what the apostle Paul spoke about when he said, “It is better to marry than to burn.” The burning he described is the burning of Right-Man for Right-Woman, or the thirst which is described here. In other words, the man is gratified in his relationship with her. This is one of the greatest happinesses of life. **All of the great happinesses of life are related to the gifts of GRACE from the Lord.**

“Waters of pleasure” is plural because there are many acts, many relationships between Right-Man and Right-Woman. Please notice that it says “from his own well.” **There are many acts of drinking, but only one well, one Right-Woman.** Isaiah 36:16 says “Every one the waters of his own cistern.” The word “cistern” is Hebrew phraseology, and refers to a covered well. This can be found also in 2 Kings 18:31. This covered well means that the Right-Woman is covered or closed to everyone else. Who pulls the cover off of the well? Only the Right-Man. **Because this well, the Right-Woman, is designed to be appreciated by only one man.** You drink from your own well.

The second phrase, “flowing waters,” repeats the same principle. However, since the waters are running, the well is not covered, so we have a different Hebrew word. The first word indicates the outside, the well is covered. But here the Right-Man is in the picture, and the well is uncovered. The “flowing waters” describe the response of the Right-Woman to the Right-Man.

“Flowing” has another beautiful connotation. When you are in the water, it always accommodates itself perfectly to your body. That’s the key here. In God’s perfect Divine Design there is also a perfect physical coalescence. In other words, **Divine Design programmed the Right-Woman for the Right-Man.** Therefore, adultery is prohibited. **If either the man or the woman fornicates under a negative attitude to the Divine norms and standards, they destroy God’s programming for them.**

“The waters flowing” gives us another principle. The response of the Right-Woman, depicted as flowing waters here, shows **that the water that flows slackens the thirst of the Right-Man, and this response of the woman gives complete satisfaction to her man.** Nothing really quenches the thirst like plain, cool water. No matter how plain a woman may appear to be overtly, she was designed by God to satisfy the thirst of her Right-Man.

Once again David is trying to teach Solomon the fact that he should wait for his Right-Woman, because she is the only one who can slake his thirst.

Another principle from this passage is that when anyone swallows cool or cold water, the body heat immediately takes care of it. By the time it reaches the stomach, it is warmer than it was before. It adjusts itself to the body temperature. Just so, in the relationship between Right-Man, Right-Woman. **The woman is also satisfied. However, the danger is that if she enters into adultery, she becomes dissatisfied and frustrated.** In her frustration, she is willing to give herself to anyone in hope that just around the corner there will be some man who will satisfy her physically. She is trying to find Divine Design, but she is going about it in a wrong way. It’s like the water jumping out of the well and splashing itself on every stranger who walks by, or trying to be saved by your

own works, when it is “come to Christ and you will never thirst again.” A well is not designed to do that.

The water waits in the well for the one who has a right to drink there. **If the water is all splashed out through fornication, by the time the Right-Man comes along, there is nothing in the well but sand.** I have never seen anyone yet who was satisfied with a bucket of sand when he wanted water.

This brings us back to the same principle found in Song of Solomon 4:12, “A garden enclosed is my sister, my spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed.” “A fountain sealed” is a virgin. Here is a woman who is holding all of her water, as it were, for the quenching of the thirst of her Right-Man.

In these days of apostasy, we have the new sex movement, in which you are supposed to experiment or shop around until you find what you want. But the Word of God teaches that this destroys the programming for Right-Man, Right-Woman. **The greatest relationship between Right-Man and Right-Woman comes when both of them have waited.** This eliminates hang-ups and problems and their relationship becomes a very beautiful thing.

There is another verse that closely relates to this passage, which is found in Proverbs 23:27. It says, “For a harlot is a deep ditch; and a strange woman is a narrow pit.” The principle is that it is impossible to get water out of a deep ditch. Therefore, the person who goes to a deep ditch or the narrow pit for the alleviation of thirst, never succeeds. In other words, **a person who goes to a prostitute to satisfy his libido, is not going to have his soul-thirst satisfied.** The water cannot be reached.

It is also very dangerous to drink from an open ditch. **The water is polluted, therefore, not only does one not receive the quenching of thirst from the deep ditch, but one might pick up a disease.** By analogy, of course, this would be venereal disease or even AIDS.

It is safe and satisfying to drink only from your own cistern. In the ancient world a cistern was covered storage for rainwater, or for drinking water, which was pure.

Even though a man and a woman thrown together under the circumstances of prostitution might have been programmed for each other, their negative attitude to the Word of God, renders them incapable of knowing this. The prostitute has made what water she has for her Right-Man unavailable to him. He has also spent so much time exploiting sex, they simply become ships that pass in the night. Both of them have destroyed that wonderful thing which is one of the greatest happinesses in life. **When God forbids adultery, He has not been unkind or mean. He is trying to save something that is really great for every one of us.**

“From thine own well.” This means that God has a Right-Woman designed only for you. **Every time you go to another well, you are trying to make it your own.** You are trying to program that well for you. You are trying to manufacture your own Right-Woman out of everyone with whom you fornicate.

**You will never slake your thirst at anyone else’s well.** Many a man goes through life being totally frustrated because he has been drinking someone else’s water. Proverbs 9:17, 18 says, “Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant. But he knoweth not that the dead are there, and that her guests are in the depths of hell.” Remember, just like all the other GRACE gifts, sex must be understood within the framework of the Divine Design. **The One who designed these things for our happiness, also set up some laws and boundaries.** The laws of Divine Establishment contain laws for sex. That is what is being brought out here.

“The well of water.” **This well of water, which belongs to you, must be regarded as one of the highest things on your scale of values. In the Biblical sense of values, #1 is salvation, the water of salvation, #2 is the water of the Word of God, and #3 is your well, your fountain, your Right-Woman.** Anyone who finds his Right-Woman must consider himself extremely wealthy, Proverbs 31:10.

**There are possessions more important than money, and this is one of them.** While people in the ancient world knew very little about money or attached little importance to it, one thing was valued above all else, and that was the well. John 4:12 says, “Art thou greater than Jacob, who gave us the well?” When moving or traveling, the Jews always stopped at a well. They lived by a well, and there is a sense in which a Right-Man must live by his well, his Right-Woman.

She should be more important to him than anything or anyone in the world, with the exception of the other two GRACE gifts, salvation and the Word of God, which in themselves give you the knowledge and the capacity for this relationship.

Proverbs 5:16, “Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the streets.”

*The man’s aggressiveness.*

Literally, “Your fountains shall not overflow” (to other women) “in the streets, a dividing of waters.” I want you to notice a change here from the previous verse. In the previous verse, the water referred to a woman, but in this verse the “fountains” are gushing waters and are a picture of the male sex drive. In the well and in the cistern the water lies placid, but what does it do in a fountain? The water becomes turbulent, and this indicates the Right-Woman’s extreme, beautiful, glorious passion.

What stirs it up? A fountain, the force of water. It is the man who is thirsty. It is the woman who is stirred up. How does the man relieve his thirst? By drinking from the well. **That means that the woman satisfies the man.** Well, how is she satisfied? **By the initiation of the man to elicit response from his Right-Woman.** In other words, no woman is placid when her Right-Man is making love to her. **She is a storm of passion.** This is the fulfillment of the passage which says, “Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the Church and give Himself for it.” Or, “We love Him because He first loved us.”

“Your fountain ... shall not overflow.” This is sexual relationships with other women. This is the prohibition of adultery or fornication, or homosexuality. When a man’s fountain, designed for his Right-Woman, overflows to others, then his aggressiveness goes into fornication, **and then it is divided into the streets.**

“Streets” refers to social life. **Any group or organization is destroyed when there is a sharing of one well. This creates social confusion. The higher the adultery index in a national entity, the more confusion there is. A nation of fornicators is a nation divided, and they will never be able to get together to defend their nation or to defend anything else.**

Proverbs 5:17, “Let them be only thine own, and not for strangers with thee.”

Literally, “Let them, your relationships, be for your one and only, and not for a promiscuous woman.” Every time a man fornicates, he sells his birthright of wonderful happiness with his Right-Woman for a mess of pottage. What is more, **he has tampered with God’s design.** So that no one-night-stand with some attractive female is ever going to do anything but destroy, Proverbs 6:32. **Only her Right-Man is programmed to satisfy her physically and to quench the thirst of her soul at the same time, resulting in happiness so beautiful that only those who have been there can really understand.**

Proverbs 5:18, “Let thy fountain be blessed, and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.”

Literally, “Your fountain shall be permanently blessed. Therefore, take pleasure in the woman of your vigor.”

*The blessing of the Right-Man and Right-Woman relationship.*

“Fountain” again refers to the aggressiveness of the Right-Man toward his Right-Woman. The next two verses emphasize the permanence of happiness in the relationship of Right-Man and Right-Woman, even under adverse circumstances. These verses must be regarded in light of the previous verse. Your relationship will be blessed only when you take pleasure in the Right-Woman. The Right-Woman is now described.

Proverbs 5:19, “Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times, and be thou ravished always with her love.”

Here is the Right-Woman described Biblically. The “doe” was known in Palestine for its symmetry and beauty. Therefore, the “doe” represents the symmetry and the beauty of the Right-Woman as the Right-Man sees her. The Right-Woman will be beautiful to her Right-Man. **He will see her symmetry and beauty.** He will be aroused to many acts of love.

The next description, “a pleasant roe,” is a female goat or ibex. Literally, a wild she-goat. Now this may not sound romantic to you, like “you old goat,” but the ancients observed the wild she-

goat, and she was very expressive during the sexual act and therefore, was apparently quite satisfied, or fulfilled and animated. The word “pleasant” is literally, GRACE, *a wild she-goat of GRACE*. This indicates her magnificent response to her Right-Man. What is more interesting is that the word here for “she-goat” is JAALAH, which is from a root of the verb JAEL, which means to help, to profit, to benefit. Jael, as you remember, was a woman who delivered the Jews from their enemies. Scripture says that Jael was most highly valued of all women, “Blessed above women art thou.”

This is the same concept of Genesis 2, **where the Right-Woman is a help, benefit, and profit to her Right-Man.** Therefore, the “wild she-goat of GRACE” connotes benefit of GRACE. Again this emphasizes the GRACE gifts we receive from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Proverbs 5:19, “Let her breasts satisfy thee at all times.” Now this is one of those strange words in the Hebrew language. It is a double “D” and that is all. To pronounce it, you have to put in a vowel, so you have “DaD.” So this letter “D,” in the dual form, plus the vowel, means the woman’s breasts. Now the word translated “satisfy” is RAWAH, which has several meanings. But here it means, literally, “to be intoxicated with.” So literally it reads, “Her breasts shall intoxicate you at all times.” Now the woman’s breasts, here in context, represent her response to her Right-Man.

The last phrase, “You will always wander up and down her body in the area of her love” brings out the principle found in the Bible that states that, “the bed is honorable in all things and undefiled,” Hebrews 13:4. Anything that Right-Man and Right-Woman agree upon is permissible. **There is no such thing as perversion in anything that they do in their sex life together, to which both agree. But make sure it is your Right-Woman.**

Proverbs 5:20, “And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?”

Literally, “And why, my son, should you wander up and down the body of a promiscuous woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?”

Now the question here in this verse indicates that David knew that Solomon had a wandering, roving spirit, and although, at a much later time, Solomon recorded it under the ministry of the Holy Spirit, he did not heed his father’s, David’s, words. Solomon really blew it.

The end of this verse is actually a prophecy about what happened to Solomon, as is the last phrase in the chapter, “the greatness of his folly.”

Solomon’s failure reached a magnitude the like of which very few people have ever had the opportunity to experience. **Solomon had at least 1,000 recorded affairs, 700 wives and 300 concubines. Out of all of these, not one of them was his Right-Woman.**

*The perfect balance.* Proverbs 5:21, “For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and He pondereth all his goings.”

Literally, “For before the eyes of the Lord the ways of man, He weighs all man’s tracks.”

“The ways of man” refers to the pattern and the function of life described as the relationship with the Wrong-Woman. This is a man who has violated the laws of Divine Establishment and has rejected the principle of Right-Man, Right-Woman. Here it is Solomon. In his own way, by means of his sexual prowess, he seeks to remold and to remake the laws of establishment. Such a man is blasphemous. **He is saying in effect, “God designed one woman for me, but I don’t accept that. I can take any woman and reprogram her to respond to me.”**

Now the Lord knew everything about every man, and He knew it billions of years ago. The word here translated “ponder” in the English, actually means “to weigh in a balance scale.” The Lord weighs all of man’s tracks. Every act of fornication with the Wrong-Woman, with the Wrong-Man (Mene mene tekel upharsin).

God designed Right-Man and Right-Woman to be a **perfect balance**. **When the balance is achieved, each provides great happiness for the other. The man fulfills the woman and the woman completes the man.** However, when one or the other fornicates, the scales are tipped. **The man, who has spent all his adult life experimenting with the female of the species or practicing any form of perversion, does not bring to his Right-Woman all of himself.** So they just don’t balance. Her mental attitude sins plus his experience keep them off balance, and

they do not derive the pleasure they otherwise would. In fact, that is one way that the Right-Man and Right-Woman can destroy their great capacity.

God puts them on an even scale, balanced. **But when they do things which upset the balance, they must reap what they sow, with the result of unhappiness and self-induced misery.**

Proverbs 5:22, “His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins.”

*The slavery of promiscuity.*

Literally, “His own perversion will trap him with a promiscuous woman, and he shall be seized and bound with chains of his own feminine idol.” Anything that rejects a GRACE gift is a deviation from the norm and standard and therefore, a *perversion*. The norm or standard is the principle of Right-Man, Right-Woman. **The perversion of this principle, as we have seen, is four-fold. Adultery or fornication, or homosexuality or lesbianism, or autoerotism, or bestiality.** A man’s own perversions become a trap. Here is the balancing of the scales of God’s Divine judgment. When a man fornicated with a negative female, the scales of **judgment** are balanced, instead of the scales of **happiness**, and these two make each other miserable. They frustrate each other with their relationships.

This verse says he is trapped, not only trapped but ... “He shall be bound with the chains of his own feminine idol.” The negative believer is binding himself to an idol, which he has created with his relationships. The idol of man’s adulterous creation is not the Right-Woman created by the Lord.

Why is sex here said to be an idol? **Well, man, in fornication, has intruded on God’s GRACE and upon God’s design.** Man can neither create God nor God’s design. So what can man make and call it? An idol ... Paul said in 1 Corinthians 8:4, “... We know that an idol is nothing.” **Proverbs 5 says that promiscuous or adulterous men end up with nothing. You can make love to an idol, but an idol will never satisfy you.** Every sexual conquest is one more chain binding you to the idol of sex. Even if you find your Right-Woman and marry her, every time you have a relationship with her, there are actually three people there: your idol, your wife, and yourself. “Menage a trois...”

Now there is another danger. **The man who has been promiscuous often winds up marrying the wrong person.** He is tied, bound, chained in that marriage, and that is it. Now along comes the Right-Woman, but he has had it. Well, you may think “I can cut the ropes,” **but the Word of God says you can’t cut the ropes. The fact that you are chained by the Wrong-One does not give you the right to jump out of marriage.** So if you thought you just saw daylight, the door has just been shut in your face. There are other principles **which can counteract your sins and your failures, and they are taking in the Word of God daily, growing in GRACE by the knowledge of our Saviour Jesus Christ, using the Word of God in your life, applying it to your circumstances, and moving on to maturity.**

Proverbs 5:23, “He shall die without instruction, and in the magnitude of his folly he shall go astray.”

“Die” here means physical death. It means the promiscuous man will die without the Word of God. The believer in the Lord Jesus Christ who misses the Word of God, and the Right-Man, Right-Woman principle because of his negative attitude toward the Word of God, receives only one GRACE gift instead of three. He loses two GRACE gifts: The Word of God and his Right-Woman. The only one he can’t lose is his eternal life, his own personal salvation.

“The abundance, or magnitude of his folly.” This is a description of Solomon as depicted in the whole book of Ecclesiastes where Solomon takes part in a frantic search for happiness apart from the Lord, and apart from fellowship with the Lord. This failure is because of his rejecting the instructions of his father, David, in this passage before us.

Rejection of God’s Word causes your conscience to be seared, and causes hardness of the soul. The believer becomes past feeling, and operates only by his emotions. This destroys his capacity for life and love, because the capacity for love is in the soul. This is why the Shulamite Woman kept on repeating to Solomon, “whom my soul loveth.”

“He shall go astray.” Literally, “He shall wander up and down.” Now this time, wandering up and down does not mean up and down your Right-Woman’s body, as previously described. But this wandering up and down means that **his life is up and down, unstable**. He will never find his Right-Woman in this condition. So here is Solomon, and Adam, without a rib. *Here is the ribless Adam*. An incomplete man, having a void, emptiness, which nothing but his Right-Woman will fill.

For those of you who are still in single bliss, the state of being in single bliss has serious responsibilities. So don’t make a mistake. Get the Right One the first time.

**Although the Right-Woman was the initial GRACE gift from God, the other two, salvation, and the Word of God, when received, give you the wisdom, the assurance, and the stability so that you can recognize the first gift. While you are waiting, simply keep on taking in the Word of God, and grow in GRACE by the knowledge of our Saviour Jesus Christ. The Lord and His Word will protect you from disappointments and mistakes in life. Then, at the right time, God will bring along your Right-Woman, and you will recognize His special gift for you.**

The first step in recognizing your Right Person is to simply accept Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour and become a child of God.

Some glory in their birth, some in their skill,  
Some in their wealth, some in their soul’s force;  
Some in their garments, though new-fangled ill,  
Some in their hawks and hounds, some in their horse;  
And every humour hath his adjunct pleasure,  
Wherein it finds a joy above all the rest;  
But these particulars are not my measure,  
All these I better in one general best.  
Thy love is better than high birth to me,  
Richer than wealth, prouder than garments cost,  
Of more delight than hawks and horses be;  
And having thee, of all men’s pride I boast.  
Wretched in this alone, that thou mayest take  
All this away, and me most wretched make.

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