

## Attraction

### Song of Solomon 1:1-7

Two questions these verses imply:

- 1) What kind of person am I attracted to?
- 2) What kind of person is attracted to me?

#### 1:1 *“The Song of Songs, which is Solomon’s.”*

- This was his best collection of songs.
- *“He also spoke 3,000 proverbs, and his songs were 1,005.”*  
(1 Kings 4:32)
- He wrote several songs, two of which dealt with weddings.  
(Psalm 17, 18, 72)

#### The Woman’s Attraction to Solomon:

##### First Tier Attraction----Physical and Material

*“May he kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! For your love is better than wine. (1:3a) “Your oils have a pleasing fragrance...”*  
(Song of Solomon 1:2-3a)

*“Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.”* (Hebrews 13:4)

*“Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth. As a loving hind and a graceful doe, let her breasts satisfy you at all times; Be exhilarated always with her love.”*  
(Proverbs 5:18–19)



## **Second Tier Attraction---This is attraction based on character and spirituality.**

*“...your name is like purified oil; Therefore, the maidens love you.” (Song of Solomon 1:3b)*

*“A good name is better than a good ointment, And the day of one’s death is better than the day of one’s birth.”  
(Ecclesiastes 7:1)*

### **How do you Discern Good Character?**

- 1) How do they act and react when pressed? What comes out?  
(vs. 3)
  
- 2) What kind of reputation does he or she have with others?  
(vs. 3-4)
  - Would I feel honored to be asked out on a date by this person.
  - Would I feel privileged to be seen in church with this person to whom I am attracted.
  - Would I love to bring this person home to meet mom and dad, Grandparents, uncles and aunts?
  
- 3) Obedient to authority---she took care of the flocks out in the fields. This was not normally a woman’s job, but her brothers were angry and made her. The exposure to the sun made her extremely tan and different from the other women. It wasn’t that she didn’t think that she was beautiful, she did. *“I am dark, but lovely...”*

### **Attraction must be Cultivated by Spending time together.**

*“Draw me after you and let us run together! The king has brought me into his chambers.” “We will rejoice in you and be glad; We will extol your love more than wine. Rightly do they*



love you.” (Song of Solomon 1:4)

## Woman’s Evaluation of Her Appearance and Character

### **Her Physical Appearance and personal assessment of her beauty.**

*“I am black but lovely, O daughters of Jerusalem, Like the tents of Kedar, Like the curtains of Solomon. (1:6a) “Do not stare at me because I am swarthy, For the sun has burned me.” (Song of Solomon 1:5-6a)*

### **Her Character**

*“My mother’s sons were angry with me; They made me caretaker of the vineyards, But I have not taken care of my own vineyard. (1:7) “Tell me, O you whom my soul loves, Where do you pasture your flock, Where do you make it lie down at noon? For why should I be like one who veils herself Beside the flocks of your companions?” (Song of Solomon 1:6b-7)*

### **Questions to Ponder:**

- 1) What are the character traits you believe to be the most important to see manifested in a potential mate? Are these qualities different from what you seek in a friend?
- 2) What qualities do you have to offer a potential mate?
- 3) Are you truly willing to be single rather than marry a person who is not a Christian or who is not right for you in God’s eyes?
- 4) To what degree do you think it is possible to change another person through your influence and presence?
- 5) What difficulties do you face in moving from tier-one attraction (physical/material) to tier-two attraction (character/spiritual)?

