

Dating: Developing Intimacy

Song of Solomon 1:9-2:7

1. Learn to Praise Your Partner, 1:9-14.

A. Tell Her How Valuable She Is, vs. 9-11.

- 1) **Tell her there is no one like her, vs. 9-10**--- *“To me, my darling, you are like My mare among the chariots of Pharaoh.” “Your cheeks are lovely with ornaments, Your neck with strings of beads.”*
- 2) **Tell her no cost is too great to honor her, 1:11**--- *“We will make for you ornaments of gold With beads of silver.”*

B. Tell Him How Special He Is to You, vs. 12-14.

- 1) **Tell him you desire him, vs. 12**--- *“While the king was at his table, My perfume gave forth its fragrance.”*
- 2) **Tell him you love him, vs. 13**--- *“My beloved is to me a pouch of myrrh Which lies all night between my breasts.”*
- 3) **Tell him you need him, vs. 14**--- *“My beloved is to me a cluster of henna blossoms In the vineyards of Engedi.”*

2. Learn to Say the Right Things, 1:15-2:2.

- #### A. Admire your mate’s attractiveness, 1:15-16
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- “How beautiful you are, my darling, How beautiful you are! Your eyes are like doves. “How handsome you are, my beloved, And so pleasant! Indeed, our couch is luxuriant!”*
- #### B. Appreciate your mate’s thoughtfulness, 1:16-17
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- “How handsome you are, my beloved, And so pleasant! Indeed, our couch is luxuriant!”*
- (17) *“The beams of our houses are cedars, Our rafters, cypresses.”*



C. Affirm you mate's uniqueness, 2:1-2---*"I am the rose of Sharon, The lily of the valleys. Like a lily among the thorns, So is my darling among the maidens."*

3. Seek to Respond in the Right Way, 2:3-6.

A. Tell Him He Makes You Feel Safe, vs. 3--- *"Like an apple tree among the trees of the forest, So is my beloved among the young men. In his shade I took great delight and sat down, And his fruit was sweet to my taste."*

B. Tell Him He Makes You Feel Loved, vs. 4-6---*"He has brought me to his banquet hall, And his banner over me is love. Sustain me with raisin cakes, Refresh me with apples, Because I am lovesick. Let his left hand be under my head And his right hand embrace me."*

4. Determine to Wait for the Right Time, 2:7---*"I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, By the gazelles or by the hinds of the field, That you do not arouse or awaken my love Until she pleases."*

A. Commit yourself to your God that you will wait.

"But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts." (Romans 13:14)

"For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God; and that no man transgress and defraud his brother in the matter because the Lord is the avenger in all these things, just as we also told you before and solemnly warned you." (1 Thessalonians 4:3-6)

B. Commit yourself to your mate that you will wait.

"A time to throw stones and a time to gather stones; A time to embrace and a time to shun embracing." (Ecclesiastes 3:5)

"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)

