Song of Solomon Chapters 5:10-16, 7:1-9



DECK OF CARDS. IN THE **BEGINNING ALL YOU NEED** TWO HEARTS AND DIAMOND. BY THE END, YOU WISH YOU HAI

New English
Translation

He says: How beautiful are your sandaled feet, O nobleman's daughter! The curves of your thighs are like jewels, the work of the hands of a master craftsman. ² Your navel is a round mixing bowl—may it never lack mixed wine! Your belly is a mound of wheat, encircled by lilies.

³ Your two breasts are like two fawns, twins of a gazelle. 4 Your neck is like a tower made of ivory. Your eyes are the pools in Heshbon by the gate of Bath-Rabbim. Your nose is like the tower of Lebanon overlooking Damascus. 5 Your head crowns you like Mount Carmel.

The locks of your hair are like royal tapestries— the king is held captive in its tresses! 6 How beautiful you are! How lovely, O love, with your delights! 7 Your stature is like a palm tree, and your breasts are like clusters of grapes.

New English
Translation

⁸ I said, "I want to climb the palm tree, and take hold of its fruit stalks." May your breasts be like the clusters of grapes, and may the fragrance of your breath be like apples! 9 May your mouth be like the best wine, flowing smoothly for my beloved, gliding gently over our lips as we sleep together.

Song of Solomon - Chapter 7:1-10,

New English **Translation**

"sandaled feet" ... "locks of your hair" v. 1&5

"the king is held captive"

"Your belly is a mound of wheat" v. 2

"neck is like a tower made of ivory" v. 4

"head crowns you like Mount Carr

does this sound like a guy who likes and appreciates his wife? Do you think she knows that he adores her? Begs an interesting question... does you spouse know that you adore / admire them?





She says: ¹⁰ My beloved is dazzling and ruddy; he stands out in comparison to all other men. 11 His head is like the purest gold. His hair is curly—black like a raven. ¹² His eyes are like doves by streams of water, washed in milk, mounted like jewels.

13 His cheeks are like garden beds full of balsam trees yielding perfume. His lips are like lilies dripping with drops of myrrh. 14 His arms are like rods of gold set with chrysolite. His abdomen is like polished ivory inlaid with sapphires.

15 His legs are like pillars of marble set on bases of pure gold. His appearance is like Lebanon, choice as its cedars. 16 His mouth is very sweet; he is totally desirable. This is my beloved! This is my companion, O maidens of Jerusalem!

1. How do you speak to your friends about

your spouse?

- It's easy to complain to our friends about our imperfect spouse.

- God knew before modern psychology that public words of affirmation would be beneficial to the health of a marriage.

Song of Solomon - Chapter 7:1-10, New English Translation

- "dazzling and ruddy" v. 10
- "stands out among 10,000" v. 10
- "His head... His eyes... His cheeks... His lips...
 His arms... His abdomen... His legs..." v. 11-14
- "His appearance is like Lebanon..." v. 15
- "His mouth is very sweet" v. 16
- "My beloved / My companion" v. 16

2. What foxes have you allowed into your marriage that keep you from only having eyes for your spouse?

- Do you gripe to your friends?

- Do you compare him to others?

- Do romance books / movies cloud your vision of real relationships and allow discontentment to creep in?

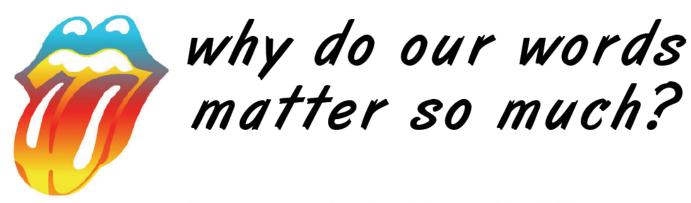


Application: Shoot the foxes!

Ask God and your spouse to forgive you. Ask God to restore your vision for your spouse and help you see him through God's eyes.

Good Reminder

Words are powerful.



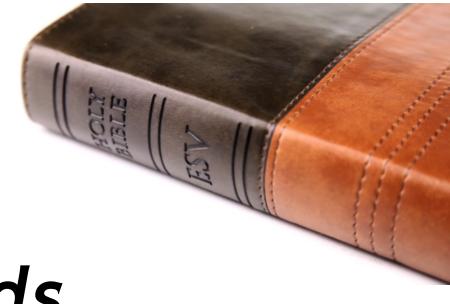
1. words are **POWERFUL**

Words have the power to <u>calm</u> conflict or <u>stir it up</u>

"A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."

Proverbs 15:1

Proverbs 16:24



Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.

Ephesians 4:29

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

James 3:9&10

With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, & with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. 10 Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.

Song of Solomon,

3. The transparent and affirming relationship in this poem should inspire us in our pursuit of a God honoring marriage.

Song of Solomon,

4. The good news for your marriage is that God can transform you!