

## THE ROLE OF TRANSPARENCY AND AFFIRMATION IN A GOD HONORING MARRIAGE

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### Song of Songs 5:10-16 & 7:1-9 (New English Translation)

**Key Verses:** 5:16 *This is my beloved! This is my companion.* 7:6 *How beautiful you are! How lovely, O love, with your delights!*

#### **1. How do you speak to your friends about your spouse?**

- *It's easy to complain to our friends about our imperfect spouse. The girl could of easily chosen to blame her husband for her treatment in the town.*

5:7 The watchmen found me as they made their rounds in the city. They beat me, they bruised me; they took away my cloak.

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

5:16 This is my beloved! This is my companion, O maidens of Jerusalem!

#### **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?*

### **A Good Reminder of the Power of Words!**

Proverbs 15:1 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

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, and 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.

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

Ephesians 4:15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head

1 Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up

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

Romas 12:18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Ephesians 5 & 6 "Wives, Husbands, kids, Fathers, Slaves & Masters"

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