

Love Series Part 3: The Art of Attraction

Memory Verse:

(1 Corinthians 16:14 NIV) "Do everything in love."

The Art of Attraction

(Song of Songs 1:4-6 NIV) Take me away with you--let us hurry! Let the king bring me into his chambers. We rejoice and delight in you; we will praise your love more than wine. How right they are to adore you! Dark am I, yet lovely, O daughters of Jerusalem, dark like the tents of Kedar, like the tent curtains of Solomon. Do not stare at me because I am dark, because I am darkened by the sun. My mother's sons were angry with me and made me take care of the vineyards; my own vineyard I have neglected.

(Song of Songs 1:7 NIV) Tell me, you whom I love, where you graze your flock and where you rest your sheep at midday. Why should I be like a veiled woman beside the flocks of your friends?

1. Spiritual attraction.

✓ Loves and honors God

✓ Has Godly standards

(Song of Songs 1:9-14 NIV) I liken you, my darling, to a mare harnessed to one of the chariots of Pharaoh. Your cheeks are beautiful with earrings, your neck with strings of jewels. We will make you earrings of gold, studded with silver. While the king was at his table, my perfume spread its fragrance. My lover is to me a sachet of myrrh resting between my breasts. My lover is to me a cluster of henna blossoms from the vineyards of En Gedi.

2. Emotional attraction.

✓ A friend

✓ Not harsh with words

✓ Takes captive every thought

(Song of Songs 1:15-17 NIV) How beautiful you are, my darling! Oh, how beautiful! Your eyes are doves. How handsome you are, my lover! Oh, how charming! And our bed is verdant. The beams of our house are cedars; our rafters are firs.

3. Physical attraction.

✓ Inner beauty

(Song of Songs 2:1-2 NIV) I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys. Like a lily among thorns is my darling among the maidens.

✓ Secure

(Song of Songs 2:5-6 NIV) Strengthen me with raisins, refresh me with apples, for I am faint with love. His left arm is under my head, and his right arm embraces me.

✓ Character

(Song of Songs 2:7 NIV) Daughters of Jerusalem, I charge you by the gazelles and by the does of the field: Do not arouse or awaken love until it so desires.

What is the best way to express love?

✓ Love is best expressed appropriately.

(John 13:34-35 NLT) So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.