

“THE QUEST FOR THE PERFECT MATE”
(2nd Sermon in the Series: “The Bible is Not Grey”)

The Song of Solomon 2:1-17

I. The Art of Dating (2:1-5)

Desirable Things to Expect During Dating:

- A. A Growing Ease in Communication (2:1-3)
- B. A Growing Feeling of Endearment (2:8-13)
- C. A Need for Restraint (2:7; 3:5; 8:4)
- D. An Open Acknowledgment of Your Dating Relationship (2:4-5)
 - 1. The Setting of Love – The Banquet Hall (v. 4a)
 - 2. The Safety of Love – The Banner (v. 4b)
 - 3. The Satisfaction of Love – “I am lovesick” (2:5)

II. The Art of Courtship (2:8-17)

- A. Does He Spend Time With You? (2:8-9)
 - 1. Is He Excited About You? (2:8)
 - 2. Is He Enchanted by You? (2:9)
- B. Does He Speak Tenderly to You? (2:10-14)
 - 1. Does He Evidence His Loyalty to You? (2:10, 13)
 - 2. Does He Expose His Life to You? (2:11-13)
 - 3. Does He Express His Love for You? (2:14)
 - 4. Does He Share Trials With You? (2:15)
 - 5. Does He Strengthen Trust in You? (2:16-17)

Recommend Reading:

- 1. David Jeremiah, *Love, Marriage, and Sex*. (San Diego, CA: Turning Point for God, 2011).
- 2. Tommy Nelson, *The Book of Romance*. (Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1998).
- 3. Joseph C. Dillow, *Solomon on Sex*. (Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1977).