

SIF

Song of Solomon Series

“Part 4: Increasing Romance with Your Beloved”

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1. Use Words in Romance:

“The curves of your thighs are like jewels.”
Song 7:1 (NKJV)

“Your neck is like an ivory tower. Your eyes are the pools of Heshbon by the gate of Bath Rabbim. Your nose is like the tower of Lebanon looking toward Damascus.” ... “How beautiful you are and how pleasing, O love, with your delights!” ... “the fragrance of your breath like apples, [9] and your mouth like the best wine.” Song 7:4,6,8,9 (NIV)

2. Keep Your Eyes Only For Your Beloved:

“I belong to my lover, and his desire is for me.”
Song 7:10 (NIV)

A) Pray Before Potentially “Difficult” Places.

"This, then, is how you should pray:" ...

"And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one."

Matthew 6:9,13 (NIV)

B) Guard Your Affections.

“Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.” 2 Timothy 2:22 (NASB-U)

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- **No Friendships with Past Boyfriends/ Girlfriends.**

- **Watch excitement level** around other attractive people.

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Not sin to be tempted, but don't linger a long time. That can be a different story.

- **What do you do when you are trapped? Co-worker?**

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“No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.” 1 Corinthians 10:13 (NIV)

C) Celebrate the Understanding of Your Lover:

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Song 7:10 (NIV)

“Come, my lover, let us go to the countryside, let us spend the night in the villages. [12] Let us go early to the vineyards to see if the vines have budded, if their blossoms have opened, and if the pomegranates are in bloom-- there I will give you my love. [13] The mandrakes send out their fragrance, and at our door is every delicacy, both new and old, that I have stored up for you, my lover.” Song 7:11-13 (NIV)

“Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.”
1 Peter 3:7 (NKJV)

3. Be Jealous for Your Lover:

“Daughters of Jerusalem, I charge you: Do not arouse or awaken love until it so desires.” ... “[6] Place me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm; for love is as strong as death, its jealousy unyielding as the grave. It burns like blazing fire, like a mighty flame. [7] Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot wash it away. If one were to give all the wealth of his house for love, it would be utterly scorned.” Song 8:4,6,7 (NIV)

- **When is Jealousy OK in life?**

Does God get jealous?

“You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ...”

Exodus 20:4-5 (NIV)

*“Do not worship any other god, for the Lord,
whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.”*

Exodus 34:14 (NKJV)

“Take heed to yourselves, lest you forget the covenant of the Lord your God which He made with you, and make for yourselves a carved image in the form of anything which the Lord your God has forbidden you. ²⁴ For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.”

Deuteronomy 4:23,24

“for jealousy arouses a husband's fury, and he will show no mercy when he takes revenge.”

Proverbs 6:34 (NIV)

“Anger is cruel and fury overwhelming,
but who can stand before jealousy?”

Proverbs 27:4 (NIV)

