

**POWER PRINCIPLES THAT MAKE FAMILIES THRIVE**

# THE POWER OF A GREAT MARRIAGE

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## HOW DO YOU HAVE A GREAT MARRIAGE?

### 1. S \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_.

- Be \_\_\_\_\_.

**Song of Songs 8:4**--*Daughters of Jerusalem, I charge you: Do not arouse or awaken love until it so desires.*

**Hebrews 13:4**--*Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.*

- Be \_\_\_\_\_.

**Malachi 2:13-16**--*So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith.*

**Psalms 141:4**--*Let not my heart be drawn to what is evil, to take part in wicked deeds with men who are evildoers; let me not eat of their delicacies.*

**Psalms 19:14**--*May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.*

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**Song of Songs 8:5**--*Who is this coming up from the desert leaning on her lover...*

### 2. S \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_.

**Song of Songs 8:6-7**--*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. 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.*

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**Romans 5:5**--*And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.*

**Galatians 5:22**--*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness...*

### 3. S \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_.

**Song of Songs 8:8-12**--*...If she is a wall, we will build towers of silver on her. If she is a door, we will enclose her with panels of cedar. I am a wall...*

- Her character was \_\_\_\_\_ in her family background.
- Her character was \_\_\_\_\_ by her own choices.
- Her character was \_\_\_\_\_ in her response to Solomon.

### 4. S \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Song of Songs 8:13**--*You who dwell in the gardens with friends in attendance, let me hear your voice!*
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**Song of Songs 8:14**--*Come away, my lover, and be like a gazelle or like a young stag on the spice-laden mountains.*

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is God's standard for love? How does He demonstrate it, and how does He want us to demonstrate it to others?
2. Review the points and verses from this lesson. What personal application can you make from this teaching?
3. What is God's vision for a biblically ordered marriage?
4. Take some time right now to pray for the needs of those in your small group.