

# SERMON NOTES - LOVERS - SONG OF SOLOMON

Sex is not a human invention, something we figured out but that God never intended for us. No, sex was God's design and gift and therefore it is good – as the Song of Solomon joyously testifies. However, like all good gifts from God, it can be sinfully abused. We are built to be lovers and we can choose to be submissive lovers or selfish lovers: lovers after God's design or lovers with broken hearts.

## **BUILD THE WALL (SONG OF SOLOMON 2:4; C.F. 3:5; 8:4)**

**SUBMISSIVE LOVERS** RECOGNIZE THAT GOD GAVE SEXUAL DESIRES AND THEREFORE HAS THE BEST DESIGN FOR THEM AND FIND JOY IN THAT FACT.

**SELFISH LOVERS** IGNORE GOD'S DESIGN AND ONLY PURSUE WHAT PLEASES THEM IN THE MOMENT.

## **CULTIVATE THE GARDEN (SONG OF SOLOMON 1:2; 1:15)**

**SUBMISSIVE LOVERS** EXPRESS ADMIRATION THROUGH ENCOURAGING WORDS AND ACTIONS

**SELFISH LOVERS** TEAR DOWN THEIR MATES WITH CRITICAL LOOKS, WORDS AND ACTIONS.

## **ENJOY THE FRUIT (SONG OF SOLOMON 4:16; 5:1)**

**SUBMISSIVE LOVERS** SEEK TO MAKE SEXUAL LOVE A PLACE OF REFRESHMENT FOR THEIR MATE

**SELFISH LOVERS** VIEW THEIR SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP AS A PLACE FOR SIMPLY SATISFYING THEIR OWN DESIRE.

## **CATCH THE LITTLE FOXES (SONG OF SOLOMON 2:14-15)**

**SUBMISSIVE LOVERS** WORK TO CATCH THE LITTLE FOXES THAT THREATEN THEIR LOVE.

**SELFISH LOVERS** ARE UNWILLING TO TAKE THE TIME AND EFFORT TO WORK ON PROBLEMS



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