



## Song of Songs 5:2-6:3

<sup>2</sup> I slept, but my heart was awake.  
 A sound! My beloved is knocking.  
 "Open to me, my sister, my love,  
 my dove, my perfect one,  
 for my head is wet with dew,  
 my locks with the drops of the night."  
<sup>3</sup> I had put off my garment;  
 how could I put it on?  
 I had bathed my feet;  
 how could I soil them?  
<sup>4</sup> My beloved put his hand to the latch,  
 and my heart was thrilled within me.  
<sup>5</sup> I arose to open to my beloved,  
 and my hands dripped with myrrh,  
 my fingers with liquid myrrh,  
 on the handles of the bolt.



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<sup>6</sup> I opened to my beloved,  
 but my beloved had turned and gone.  
 My soul failed me when he spoke.  
 I sought him, but found him not;  
 I called him, but he gave no answer.  
<sup>7</sup> The watchmen found me  
 as they went about in the city;  
 they beat me, they bruised me,  
 they took away my veil,  
 those watchmen of the walls.  
<sup>8</sup> I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,  
 if you find my beloved,  
 that you tell him  
 I am sick with love.



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### Others

<sup>9</sup> What is your beloved more than another beloved,  
O most beautiful among women?

What is your beloved more than another beloved,  
that you thus adjure us?



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<sup>10</sup> My beloved is radiant and ruddy,  
distinguished among ten thousand.

<sup>11</sup> His head is the finest gold;  
his locks are wavy,  
black as a raven.

<sup>12</sup> His eyes are like doves  
beside streams of water,  
bathed in milk,  
sitting beside a full pool.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>13</sup> His cheeks are like beds of spices,  
mounds of sweet-smelling herbs.

His lips are lilies,  
dripping liquid myrrh.



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<sup>14</sup> His arms are rods of gold,  
 set with jewels.  
 His body is polished ivory,<sup>[b]</sup>  
 bedecked with sapphires.<sup>[c]</sup>  
<sup>15</sup> His legs are alabaster columns,  
 set on bases of gold.  
 His appearance is like Lebanon,  
 choice as the cedars.  
<sup>16</sup> His mouth<sup>[d]</sup> is most sweet,  
 and he is altogether desirable.  
 This is my beloved and this is my friend,  
 O daughters of Jerusalem.



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**6** Where has your beloved gone,  
 O most beautiful among women?  
 Where has your beloved turned,  
 that we may seek him with you?  
**Together in the Garden of Love**  
**She**  
<sup>2</sup> My beloved has gone down to his garden  
 to the beds of spices,  
 to graze in the gardens  
 and to gather lilies.  
<sup>3</sup> I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine;  
 he grazes among the lilies.



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## Marital Conflict over Sex



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## 1 Cor 7:1-5

**7** Now concerning the matters about which you wrote: “It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman.” **2** But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband **3** The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. **4** For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does **5** Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.



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## 1 Cor 7:1-5

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Paradoxical counsel.....logically doesn't work.....

.....leads to stalemate

....leads beyond logic

Paradox broken.... "it is better to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35)



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## 1 Cor 7:1-5

Sex within marriage should be....

1. Generous
2. Mutual
3. Frequent



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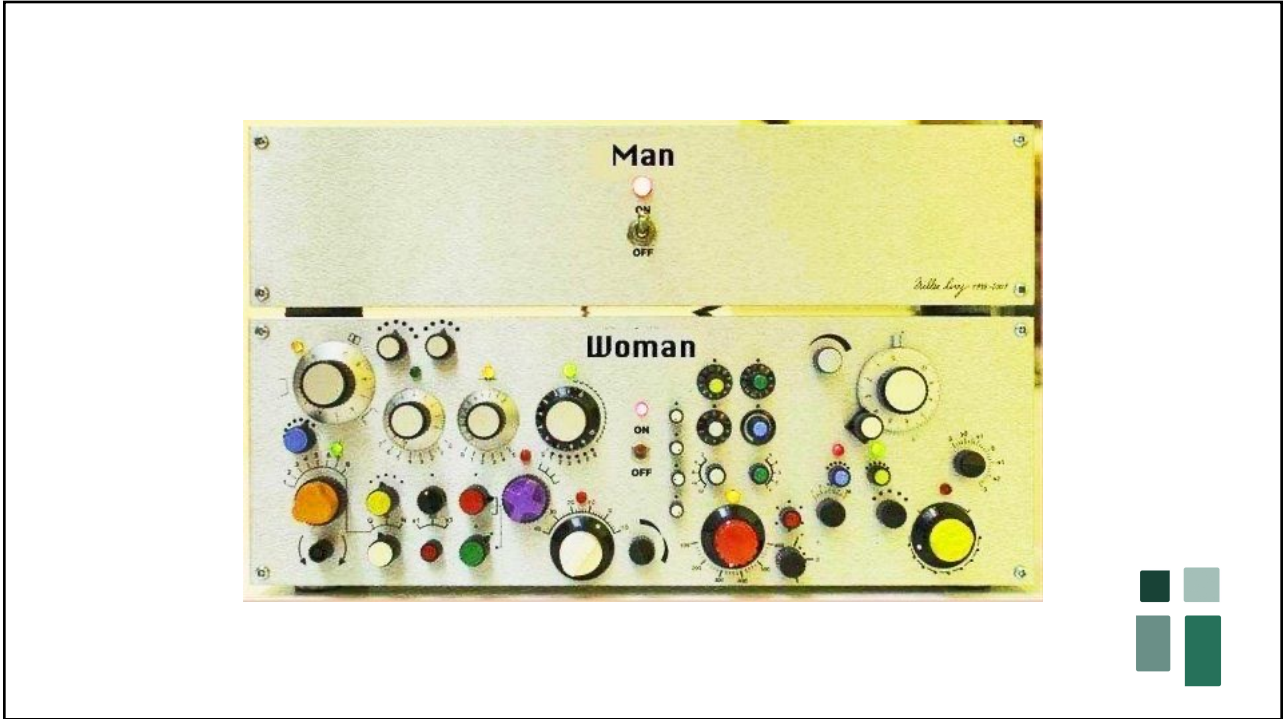
## 1 Cor 7:1-5

Frequency....

1. Prayerful Introspection
2. Communicate
3. Don't Pressure
4. Don't Withhold
5. Share



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