

Biblical Sexuality in Marriage Queen Attitudes

Welcome back to the pastoral care and marriage class. We're talking about biblical sexuality and this is the biblical sexuality two, queen attitudes. This is about how a wife should be thinking about that whole area of sexuality. Now notice in the last presentation, more of the man's challenge is to be romantic. Often for a woman it's to be more physical. Probably just to review on important aspects. A lot of times, women go open up more when a guy actually forms relationship and treats them with communication and love and tenderness, whereas the guy opens up very much often more physically.

As you're a pastor or a Christian leader, we're going to talk about some of those attitudes that over time from the Bible can really help a marriage and the queen attitudes that women could be encouraged to foster. Now in some ways, this sometimes could be controversial because with the equality thinking out there right now, a lot of times there's a gender blending going on. This is going to be more of those biblical roles as sort of we see not only in the Bible but even in the history of the church.

What's a Solomon queen to be like? Well, a wife needs love. And there's this great book out *Love and Respect*. A guy needs respect. So a Queen Solomon, a woman's attitude is to have that respect giving that space to her husband, noticing what he does for her. Helping out and showing appreciation for what he does. Standing up for him, loyalty. I recall years and years ago when I was first in the ministry and somebody made a charge, a really unfounded charge against me. It was really interesting. It was one of the women of the church. I remember my wife had this retreat to go on and she went on the retreat.

She was a newly married gal, maybe three or four years relatively speaking, and she got the women together and said, "I heard there's some gossip going around about my husband. Let me hear it. I want to give some input into this." So somebody said something and my wife stood up for m, quelled all of the things. It was totally unfounded. But her loyalty that day meant tons to me. That's my wife and she was loyal. So as you're training women how to be great wives, it's those things of respect and noticing and appreciation and loyalty that are really major differences.

Here are some things that wives need to know about their husbands. Number one, encourage the women, the wives of the church, to realize that God made them. Deuteronomy 21:11, "If you notice

among the captives a beautiful woman and are attracted to her, you may take her as your wife.” Now why did I quote that passage? Okay. A lot of times women will say that men all they think about is sex or they’re so visual. They see a pretty woman and their eyes go there some time. One thing wives need to understand is that God made them that way.

That doesn’t mean that they should sin in that. That doesn’t mean that they should go over any boundary and out of marriage and go on to things like pornography or other things. All it means that a wise wife realizes that men are visual and celebrate it. It’s who God made men to be. In any presentation, are all husbands that way? No. Are all wives this way? No. We can’t say that. But just in general, men are made more visual.

Second thing, God made him sensory in relationship to you. Again, back to that same passage. Attraction to the physical beauty. Understand that a husband looks at his wife and her physical presence is something that puts something inside of him and a wife should not fight that and think that’s “You dirty thinking man.” Kevin Leman in his books writes about so often especially encouraging wives to understand that if a guy thinks about sensory, visual stuff specifically to his wife, then that is healthy. If he thinks several times a day about sex or things like that, he’s not perverted. That’s just sort of how he’s made to be.

These are the ways a husband sees a wife, and you can communicate that maybe in the seminar. I’m going to put it in the concept of you are his Solomon bride. “Your graceful legs are like jewels.” We’re reading Song of Songs 7:1. “Your breasts are like two fawns,” Song of Songs 7:3. Song of Songs 4:10, “How delightful is your love, my sister, my bride? How much more pleasing is your love than wine and the fragrance of your perfume than any spice.”

Teach the women and the wives in your church that when it comes right down to it, your husband sees you through the eyes of your beauty to him, the attraction. Now, I want to say something here. As time goes on and people get older and all these other things like that, some people may say, “Well, if I’m older and I have those rolls or I don’t look as pretty as I once did, would that change things?” No, actually not. You are who you are. You can be beautiful. A wife can be beautiful to her husband and they can be in their 90s and be beautiful to each other.

Queen attitudes. Encourage your wives to cultivate that intoxication to their man. Song of Songs 7:9, 10, “May the wine go straight to my lover flowing gently over lips and teeth. I belong to my lover and his desire is for me.” Now, what I like about that being intoxicated to your man, you sort of get the Song of Songs woman there, the wife there, sort of knows who she is and she has sort of a “May the wine go straight to my lover.” She knows that she is a turn-on to him and she is okay with her skin about

that. I will not call her prudish. I will not call her thinking that her physicality is lower. She is someone who appreciates her God-given creation.

Sometimes, take the sexual lead. Song of Songs 7:12, 13, “Let’s go early to the vineyards to see if the vines are budded, if their blossoms have opened, and if the pomegranates are in bloom. There I will give you my love. 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. Under the apple tree I roused you...” There is sort of a mutual sexual relation to and sometimes women forget to at times just take the lead a little bit.

Be involved. Understand that you’re married to a guy and that is highly prized. Admire his looks. A lot of times we talk about he admiring your looks. Admire his looks. “My lover is radiant and ruddy, outstanding among ten thousand.” Those are little ways in which the queen attitudes of being a wife can be communicated to her husband.

The power of your scent. Wear that perfume. While the king was at his table, a perfume spread its fragrance. In a lot of ways, your femininity is something to be prized and cherished and liked and enjoyed and to encourage the wives of our churches to engage in all of the senses, not just the eyes. Be aware what your presence means to your husband and bless him with it.

You see in Song of Songs 4:16, “Awake, north wind, and come, south wind! Blow on my garden, that its fragrance may spread abroad. Let my lover come into his garden and taste its choice fruits.” You see in there the awareness of the queen to her own presence and how she takes her own presence and leverage it to bring blessing to her husband.

Lift your husband up. Be one who speaks well of your husband. So many times we have the husband-bashing society. Here in Song of Songs you see, “Come out, you daughters of Zion, and look at King Solomon wearing the crown, the crown with which his mother crowned him on the day of his wedding, the day his heart rejoiced.” Be a wife who is about adoring and giving praise and honor. That’s the culture that you do. When you have children, they will see that as well.

Be ready for your king. Song of Songs 5:2-5 talks about how even while the guy was not in her presence, the wife is thinking about being ready even sexually, thinking thoughts about her husband. One person said that “I know that every three days, my husband sort of wants to make love. You know what I do? As I put down on a calendar L because I know that every three days is about where he’s at.” I maybe not biologically motivated in the same way but I know that’s what he’s like. So what I do is I prepare my mind for action and I don’t treat him like a child. I don’t say, ‘Okay, every three days is here.

I suppose I better give it to him.' It's just I know that his zone, his happiness, his closeness to me is about every three days."

You see that in Song of Songs 5:2-5, "I slept but my heart was awake. Listen! My lover is knocking: 'Open to me, my sister, my darling, my dove, my flawless one. My head is drenched with dew, my hair with the dampness of the night.' I have taken off my robe—must I put it on again? I have washed my feet—must I soil them again? My lover thrust his hand through the latch-opening; my heart began to pound for him. I arose to open for my lover, and my hands dripped with myrrh, my fingers with flowing myrrh, on the handles of the lock." She is getting ready.

As wives, I tell you, so many times we're busy. We're doing the stuff for the children. We're organizing everything. You wives know how difficult that can be. But to understand that as a queen of your house to your king, that readiness and that preparedness is vitally important. The marital relations are good. That's the attitude you want to teach to your children.

It's interesting from Song of Songs 8:2, 3, "I would lead you and bring you to my mother's house, she who has taught me." I like that passage because you really see that sexuality is not just one generational. It is multi-generational. Even as a woman, to be able to teach the joy of God-given gift of sexuality to your daughters that they would be for their husbands this positive, great attitudes towards God's design for human sexuality.

At times, a wife just needs to get in there and kidnap her husband and take him away. In Song of Songs you see that too. "Scarcely had I passed them when I found the one my heart loves. I held him and would not let him go till I had brought him to my mother's house, to the room of the one who conceived me." There is something fun and joyful about being a wife and to be able to know that your sexuality and that gift to sexuality is an important role in your marriage.

What you really want at the end of the day is a fulfilled, contented king. The way Song of Songs writes about this is this way. Song of Songs 5:1, "I have come into my garden, my sister, my bride; I have gathered my myrrh with my spice. I have eaten my honeycomb and my honey; I have drunk my wine and my milk." Or Song of Songs 8:10, "I am a wall, and my breasts are like towers. Thus I have become in his eyes like who brings contentment."

That last passage is so interesting because in that last passage, the woman, the wife talks about "I am a wall and my breasts are like towers." What that is is protection. If you have a contented man who is sexually fulfilled, you bring protection. I'm one that brings contentment. Over the years I have met with so many women in counseling. You know what I find? I find that in most cases, in all cases, an

uncontented man is the one who's most struggling with pornography. An uncontented man is the one who his eyes wander for someone else. I also believe that for women too nowadays. An uncontented woman sexually or relationally opens that person up for all kinds of wrong and sinful actions.

But I'm talking to the wives now and this is something to mention to them when it's their turn to be encouraged. If they are for their husbands, that which brings contentment, you'll find that that marriage stays alive and is very God-honoring. In a lot of ways, instruct and encourage the wives in your church. Go after having a sexually contented king of the home.

This subject is often the last talked about. When you're raising children, it's often the thing that we kind of blush about and yet the Bible talks a lot about it. The Bible talks a lot about it because it's very important. In your pastoral care, go find that whether it's marriage counseling or you'll find just conversations that these subjects will more and more come up. One book that I have been giving out quite regularly is Dr. Kevin Leman's *Sheet Music*. It's also an extra credit book to read in the class. I highly recommend you read it. It's probably right now one of the most recommended books that I have given to people.

This area is important especially in a day when this subject is so fragmented in so many ways. I want to wish you God's blessing as you lead in this area. May God be glorified in what you do and say.