**Song of Songs 1:1-4**

**1:1** The Song of Songs that is Solomon’s.

**BRIDE (in soliloquy)**

**2** Oh, that he would kiss me with kisses of his mouth,

for batter than wine is your affection.

**3** For fragrance your perfumes are pleasing,

and perfume poured forth is your name.

Therefore, the maidens love you.

**4** Draw me after you! Let us run together!

The king has brought me to his chambers.

**DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM TO KING**

We will rejoice and be glad in you.

We will extol your love (better) than wine.

**BRIDE (in soliloquy)**

Rightly do they love you.

**What Am I Attracted To?**

Three Main Attraction Points.

There is nothing wrong with being attracted to a certain person of the opposite sex. Our first ancestor Adam was attracted to the woman and shouted with joy to describe her attractive points to his own eyes first and then his mind. If Christian men were never attracted to Christian women, or vice versa, how any Christian man or woman can give thanks to God for the spouse? Thus, the attraction is the first step of any possible and developing Christian man-woman relationship.

The attraction has its three main points, i.e., physical, personality traits, and spiritual and character. And we need to be aware of all those points prior to our next move from the attraction phase to a romantic one. Thus, in Song of Songs 1:1-8, we will see what Solomon and Shulamite woman are attracted to each other.

Attraction Points of King Solomon.

When we like what we see, we tend to want to see more of what we like. We do know well that physical attraction goes beyond our sight. Indeed, it covers all our senses; like someone’s voice, smell, fragrance, cleanliness, wearing clothes, glasses, gestures, or in a certain way of shaking hands, or touching, etc.

Shulamite woman is attracted to the king Solomon’s physical side. She is immediately attracted to the king Solomon and intoxicated in his physical side at her first sight, it is more intoxicating than wine to her. And she goes on saying how his fragrance of the perfume is attractive to her.

She does not stop at king Solomon’s physical attraction. She tells us that his personality attraction also mesmerizes her as if she is drunk with a glass of good quality wine. Such an attraction of the king’s personality makes her desire more to like and love him.

The last but not the least of the king’s attraction point is his good name. That is a true sign of the king’s spirituality and character. The king is loved by all people around him. Furthermore, the king has the courage to initiate his potential relationship with the Shulamite woman. Such an act of initiating courage is to be found nowadays in any potential Christian would-be bridegroom. The Shulamite woman does not lose her sight to the king’s intoxicating and dazzling physical and charming personality. She sees through the king’s godliness by his good reputation. Indeed, the king recognizes and obeys God-given marriage ordinance as he takes his first move to get close to her physically, and initiates his approach to his potential mate. And this initiation he does so by guiding her and inviting her to his palace chambers so that both can get to know each other more often and giving her ample time to observe him closely and carefully on various occasions.

During their initial dating period, their relationship has grown deeper in every conceivable way. Therefore, the Shulamite woman appreciates his invitation and is right to proclaim that she wants to love him in her response to his considerate and courageous character. Here we see her honest, decisive yet wise response to the king’s invitation to the palace chambers for their potential courtship.

**Questions to Ponder with Prayers**

1. What are the five-personality traits you believe to be most important to see manifested in your potential Christian mate? Are these qualities different from what you seek in your close same-sex friends?
2. What are the five-character traits you believe to be most important to see manifested in your potential Christian mate?
3. What qualities do you have to offer to your potential Christian mate?
4. Do they need to be more trained, practiced and cultivated to their utmost quality level as God would like to see in you?