



<i>Song of Solomon</i>	
I.	<b>Courtship and Marriage 1:2–5:1</b>
A.	<b>FIRST IDYLL:</b> The Wedding Day Reflections 1:2–2:7
B.	<b>SECOND IDYLL:</b> The Courtship Period Reflections 2:8–3:5
C.	<b>THIRD IDYLL:</b> Marital Union Reflections 3:6–5:1
II.	<b>Sexual Adjustments in Marriage 5:2–8:14</b>
A.	<b>FOURTH IDYLL:</b> Sexual Problem Reflections 5:2–6:9
B.	<b>FIFTH IDYLL:</b> The Return to Galilee Reflections 6:10–8:14

**\*The Second Idyll: The Courtship Period Reflections (2:8–3:5)**

**\*Reflection Four: A Springtime Visit (2:8–17)**

**\*Reflection Five: Dreams of Separation (3:1–5)**

**\*APPLICATIONS\***

**Reflection #4**

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**Reflection #5**

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***“Now the purpose of the commandment is Love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith...” 1 Timothy 1:5***

# THE GREATEST VIRTUE

*He who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.*

1 JOHN 4:16



## **The greatest virtue of the Christian life is love.**

The New Testament proclaims agape love as the supreme virtue under which all others must line up. It centers on the needs and welfare of the one loved and pays the price necessary to meet those needs and foster that welfare.

Jesus clearly stated that the Bible's two greatest commandments are: *“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself”* (Matt. 22: 37–39).

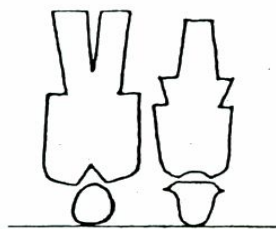
**Is this greatest of all scriptural virtues  
in your life?**

*~Truth for Today : John MacArthur*

### ***The Three Stages of Marriage (and some words and ideas that go with these stages)<sup>9</sup>***



**Enchantment**  
On Cloud 9  
Perfect  
Just right  
Forever  
Infatuated  
Idolize  
Numb  
Fascinated  
Charmed  
Captivated  
Ecstasy  
Thrilled  
Preoccupied  
We've arrived



**Disenchantment**  
Upset  
Terrible  
Absolutely wrong  
I quit  
Hurt  
Put down  
Splintered  
Irritated  
Wretched  
Burdened  
Uncomfortable  
Bitter  
Trapped  
We'll never make it



**Maturity**  
Feet on the ground  
I need you  
How do you see it?  
Let's work it out  
I'll help you  
Encourage  
Whole  
Refreshed  
Thankful  
Free  
Comfortable  
Friendly  
Growing  
Together, we can make it

