



LIFEGROUPS

**Series: *The Meaning
of Intimacy***
**Message: *Secrets of
Attraction***

**Scriptures: *Song of
Solomon 1:1-2:2***

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—[LET'S START]—

This week Pastor Dale talked about the great lengths that people will go to in order to look good or be liked. Think about society's standards. Find a partner and share what our society tells us that we need to *look* like or *act* like in order to *be* liked? Take a moment and pray that God would help you to see yourself and those around you the way that He does. Ask God to help you pursue the character traits that should be evident in the life of man or woman of God.

—[LET'S TALK]—

1. Read *Song of Solomon 1:1-4*. Pastor Dale explained that what really attracted the woman to Solomon was his name. A name was synonymous with a person's character. What was attractive to her wasn't so much what she saw on the outside but what she experienced on the inside. Do you agree? How important is character to you?
2. In his message, Pastor Dale said, "The character trait that women find most attractive in a man is his gentleness." He then went on to explain how a truly gentle man will be marked by a life of honesty, purity, strength, compassion and humility. Talk about each of these characteristics and why they are important. Can you find some Bible verses that speak about these characteristics? Look at the concordance in the back of your Bible or on a study site like www.biblegateway.com. Read the verses aloud and talk about what you learned.
3. When talking about the character trait that men most admire in women, Pastor Dale said, "The character trait men most admire in a godly woman is her commitment to self-respect." He then talked about the qualities that characterize a woman who is concerned about her integrity: realness, confidence, beauty, and passion. How did Pastor Dale's definitions of these qualities differ from much of what we hear in the world? Read Proverbs 31:30. How does this verse enhance our understanding of true beauty?

—[LET'S ACT]—

Pastor Dale challenged us to nurture the qualities of godliness in each other.

- How can you as spouses help your husband become more of a gentleman and your wife grow in her confidence?
- How do you bring these traits out in your sons and daughters?
- How as singles do you nurture this in your friends?

—[SERMON REVIEW]—

- We live in a culture that is obsessed with looking good and being liked.
- A world based on good looks soon becomes very shallow and insecure.
- The *Song of Solomon* helps give us a godly perspective on the issue of what it really means to be attractive.
- The character trait that women find most attractive in a man is gentleness. It would do well for men to pay attention to the content of their character.
- True gentlemen are marked by the following qualities:
 - Honesty
 - Purity
 - Strength
 - Compassion
 - Humility
- The character trait men most admire in a godly woman is her commitment to self-respect.
- The following qualities characterize a woman who is concerned about her integrity:
 - Realness
 - Confidence
 - Beauty
 - Passion
- The beauty of attraction is enhanced by the adornment of praise.
- Godly men and women honor and treat each other with respect, not as objects for self-gratification.
- We all struggle with self-image. Jesus went to the cross despite the ugliness of our sin and failure because of His great love for us. He took our ugliness upon Himself so that we could be made righteous.

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