

the city; they beat me, they bruised me, they took away my veil, those watchmen of the walls. I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if you find my beloved, that you tell him I am sick with love. Song of Solomon 5:6–8 (ESV)

Greatness is found in being a servant.

But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves. Luke 22:26–27 (ESV)

Singleness trains you in selfishness.

Take the servanthood quiz:

Ask your spouse to rate you on a scale of 1 to 10 (1 is terrible, 10 is great)

1. How am I as a servant outside the bedroom?
2. What can I do to improve my score?
3. How am I as a servant in the bedroom?
4. What can I do to improve my score?

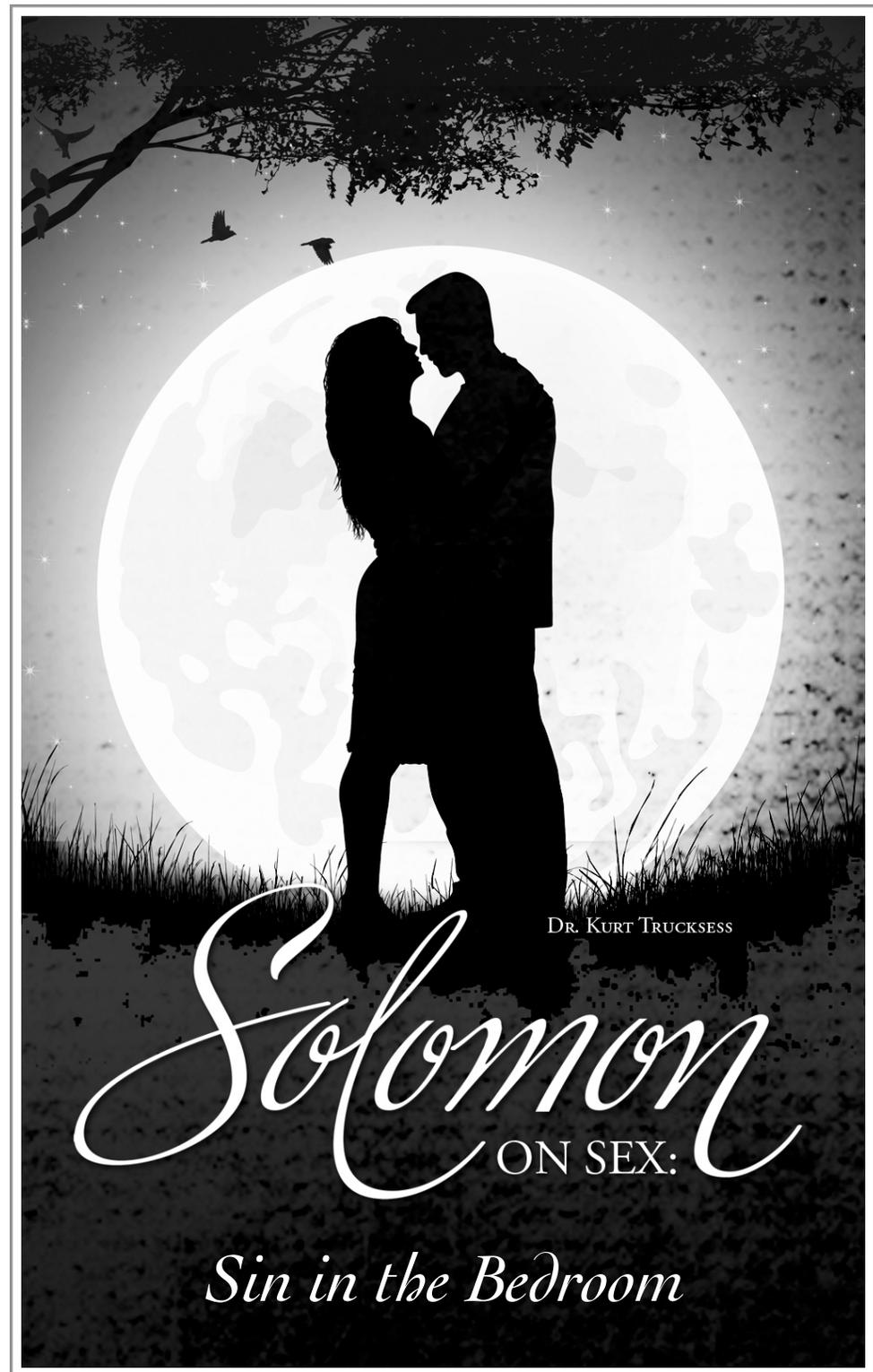
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Song of Solomon 5:2-8



devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. 1 Corinthians 7:3-5 (ESV)

Not initiating intimacy.

As little effort as possible in intimacy.

What is the problem?

I slept, but my heart was awake. Song of Solomon 5:2 (ESV)

...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." Song of Solomon 5:2 (ESV)

We give lame excuses for denying our spouse intimacy.

I had put off my garment; how could I put it on? I had bathed my feet; how could I soil them? Song of Solomon 5:3 (ESV)

Most sin in the bedroom is rooted in selfishness.

Denying your spouse's request for intimacy.

The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. 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. Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may

It is sin to sexually manipulate your spouse.

My beloved put his hand to the latch, and my heart was thrilled within me. Song of Solomon 5:4 (ESV)

So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin. James 4:17 (ESV)

My selfishness doesn't help me, it hurts my marriage.

I arose to open to my beloved, and my hands dripped with myrrh, my fingers with liquid myrrh, on the handles of the bolt. Song of Solomon 5:5 (ESV)

Repent of selfishness, be a servant like Jesus.

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. The watchmen found me as they went about in