Guys, bless your wife with a <u>home</u> she loves.

Behold, you are beautiful, my beloved, truly delightful. <u>Our couch is green:</u> the beams of our house are cedar; our rafters are pine. Song of Solomon 1:16–17 (ESV)

Why are compliments important for a <u>healthy</u> marriage?

Compliments are like deposits in a marital savings account which can be drawn upon in times of marital tension. If the deposits have not been made and are not kept current, there is no currency to fall back on in times of marital distress.

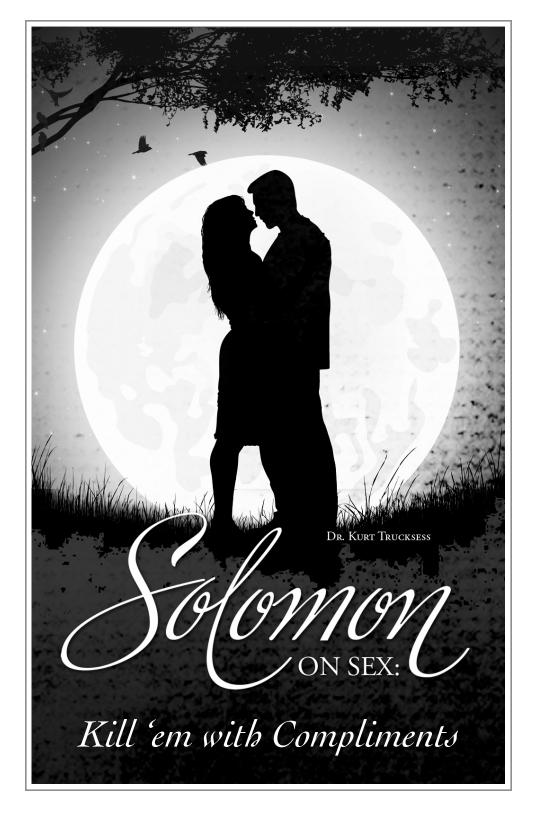
Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. Ephesians 4:29 (ESV)

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Song of Solomon 1:8-17



How should a <u>husband</u> compliment his wife?

Tell her she is beautiful.

If you do not know, <u>O most beautiful among women</u>, follow in the tracks of the flock, and pasture your young goats beside the shepherds' tents. Song of Solomon 1:8 (ESV)

HOMEWORK: Guys, tell your wife she is beautiful when she least expects it (but be honest about it).

Give her a pet name that builds her up.

I compare you, my love,... Song of Solomon 1:9 (ESV)

HOMEWORK: <u>Guys</u>, get rid of your wife's bad nickname and replace it with a spicy pet name.

Craft creative comparisons that makes her blush.

I compare you, my love, to a mare among Pharaoh's chariots. Song of Solomon 1:9 (ESV)

HOMEWORK: Guys, write a note to your wife that you leave on her pillow that has multiple comparisons. Each line begins with "My wife is like..."

Tell her she looks great when she dresses up.

Your cheeks are lovely with ornaments, your neck with strings of jewels. Song of Solomon 1:10 (ESV)

Take her shopping at the mall.

We will make for you ornaments of gold, studded with silver. Song of Solomon 1:11 (ESV)

HOMEWORK: Guys, shop with your wife at the mall. Let her know what makes her look her best!

How should a <u>wife</u> compliment her husband?

Tell him he is special through his nose.

While the king was on his couch, my nard gave forth its fragrance. Song of Solomon 1:12 (ESV)

HOMEWORK: <u>Ladies</u>, take your husband shopping. Find a fragrance that blesses him and wear it for only him.

Hold your husband close all night long.

My beloved is to me a sachet of myrrh that lies between my breasts. Song of Solomon 1:13 (ESV)

HOMEWORK: <u>Ladies</u>, bless your husband by snuggling close with him all night long.

Tell your husband he is your <u>oasis</u> in a desert world.

My beloved is to me a cluster of henna blossoms in the vineyards of Engedi. Song of Solomon 1:14 (ESV)

HOMEWORK: <u>Ladies</u>, write a note to your husbands. Tell him how he refreshes you and brings life to you.

What is the best way to give your compliments?

Behold, you are beautiful, my love; behold, you are beautiful; <u>your eyes are doves</u>. Song of Solomon 1:15 (ESV)

Look your spouse in the eves!