

Analytical chart of S/S 1-2THEME: My Beloved is Mine and I am His (2:16)

<u>The Events</u>	<u>The Demonstration</u>	<u>The Results</u>
1. He has chosen: -in spite of (1:5) -in preference (1:3) -for his own fellowship of love (2:14)	<u>Admiration and Love</u> "he" is the best (1:3) "he" the object of all (1:3) "he" deserves better (1:4) "she" is the fairest (1:8) "she" is desirable (1:10) "he" is the breath of life (1:14) "she" is the tenderest of all creation (1:15) "together" theirs is a world of mutual love and enjoyment.	Trust Confidence Contentedness Satisfaction
2. She has accepted him. -as husband (1:13) (2:5-6) -as head (1:12, 4) -as object of affection (2:8-10)	<u>Enjoyment and Comfort</u> "she" fully happy in his presence (2:3,) "they" mutually contented (2:7, 13) "they" continual delight	happiness continuance usefulness.
3. He has proved his choice: -confidence (1:7) -provision (1:16-17) -affection (2:6) -word and deed (2:10)		
4. She has reciprocated by returning affection and acceptance.		

SOME OBVIOUS LESSONS: For the people who honor God in this circumstance,
there is no: selfishness
division of interest
disparaging of parties
forsaking of affection

Background data: I establish the speakers in this section in this reference:

The masculine speaker: 1:8-11, 15, 2:10b-15

The feminine speaker: 1:1-7, 12-14, 16-17, 2:1-10a, 16-17

The dividing is somewhat arbitrary depending on the scheme of the interpreter. It is based on content and thrust not mere grammatical recognition. I understand the "daughters of Jerusalem" (2:7) to be an apostrophe corps --although not all think this!

The degree of contentedness and satisfaction with one another is a major lesson in this portion and should not be overlooked in any application. When such feelings are true to the nature of the case, there is not likely to be rejection, vacillation, or alienation of feelings.