

## **THE WEDDING NIGHT 16**

### **SONG OF SOLOMON 4:12**

12 A garden inclosed is my sister, my spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed.

### **SONG OF SOLOMON 4:13**

13 Thy plants are an orchard of pomegranates, with pleasant fruits; camphire, with spikenard,

### **SONG OF SOLOMON 4:14**

14 Spikenard and saffron; calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense; myrrh and aloes, with all the chief spices:

### **SONG OF SOLOMON 4:15**

15 ¶ A fountain of gardens, a well of living waters, and streams from Lebanon.

### **SONG OF SOLOMON 4:16**

16 Awake, O north wind; and come, thou south; blow upon my garden, that the spices thereof may flow out. Let my beloved come into his garden, and eat his pleasant fruits.

**[STOP]**

### **II CORINTHIANS 3:9**

9 For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.

### **II CORINTHIANS 3:10**

10 For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth.

### **II CORINTHIANS 3:11**

11 For if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious.

### **II CORINTHIANS 3:15**

15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart.

### **II CORINTHIANS 3:16**

16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.

### **II CORINTHIANS 3:17**

17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

### **II CORINTHIANS 3:18**

18 But we all, with open face **\*BEHOLDING** as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

**BEHOLDING:** katoptrizomai {kat-op-trid'-zom-ahee}  
to show in a mirror, to make to reflect, to mirror, to look at one's self in a mirror, to behold one's self in a mirror.

**In 2 Corinthians 3:18 Weymouth translates, "We mirror the glory of the Lord." With unveiled faces we looking as in a mirror, catch the light and reflect the glory of the Lord.**

### **II CORINTHIANS 3:18**

18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are **\*CHANGED** into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

**CHANGED:** metamorphoo {met-am-or-fo'-o}  
transfigure, transform, to change into another form, to transform, to transfigure, i.e. Christ appearance was changed and was resplendent with divine brightness on the mount of transfiguration Mt. 17:2

## **ROMANS 8:29**

29 ¶ For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be **\*CONFORMED** to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

**CONFORMED:** summorphos {soom-mor-fos'} fashioned like unto, Having the same form as another, similar, conformed to e.g. describes what is the essence in character and thus complete or durable, not merely a form or outline.

## **ROMANS 12:2**

2 And **be not conformed** to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

This verse has two key words: **world**, which in Greek is literally age aion, meaning this present age, in contrast to "the age to come"),

**and do not conform**, which is a compound having at its root the word scheme.

**The word rendered *conformed* properly means, to put on the form, fashion, or appearance of another.**

**The Jerusalem Bible says, "Do not model yourselves on the behavior of the world around you."**

**The Living Bible reads, "Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world."**

**The paraphrase of J. B. Phillips, which states, "Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold."**

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***Be ye transformed.*** a Greek word which means **a very radical change from one nature and life to another.**

**It is the word metamorphoo which has given us our word metamorphosis.**

### **ROMANS 12:2**

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your **\*MIND**, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

**MIND:** nous {nooce}  
comprising alike the faculties of perceiving and understanding and those of feeling, judging, determining, the power of considering and judging soberly, calmly and impartially.

### **ROMANS 8:6**

6 For to be **carnally minded is death**; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

### **ROMANS 8:7**

7 Because the **carnal mind** is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

### **EPHESIANS 2:3**

3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, **fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind**; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

### **EPHESIANS 4:17**

17 ¶ This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, **in the vanity of their mind**,

**EPHESIANS 4:18**

18 Having the **understanding darkened**, being alienated from the life of God through **the ignorance that is in them**, because of the blindness of their heart:

**EPHESIANS 4:19**

19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

**EPHESIANS 4:22**

22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

**EPHESIANS 4:23**

23 **And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;**

**EPHESIANS 4:24**

24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

**PHILIPPIANS 2:2**

2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be **likeminded**, having the same love, being of one accord, **of one mind**.

**PHILIPPIANS 2:3**

3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; **but in lowliness of mind** let each esteem other better than themselves.

**PHILIPPIANS 2:4**

4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

**PHILIPPIANS 2:5**

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

**COLOSSIANS 1:21**

21 And you, that were sometime alienated and **enemies in your mind** by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

### **COLOSSIANS 2:18**

18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, **vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,**

### **COLOSSIANS 3:12**

12 ¶ Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, **humbleness of mind,** meekness, longsuffering;

### **II TIMOTHY 1:7**

7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of **a sound mind.**

### **I PETER 1:13**

13 ¶ Wherefore **gird up the loins of your mind,** be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

When two German universities joined forces to [investigate](#) social networking, researchers discovered that one in three people surveyed felt worse ("lonely, frustrated or angry") after spending time on Facebook, often due to perceived inadequacies when comparing themselves to friends.

Research also shows that Facebook can:  
Cause depression. A recently published American Academy of Pediatrics paper made a major splash when it described [Facebook depression](#) a condition said to result when tweens and teens spend too much time on social media, leading them to turn to "substance abuse, unsafe sexual practices, or aggressive or self-destructive behaviors."

The more time adolescent girls spent on the social networking site, the more likely they were to develop [eating disorders](#) such

as anorexia, bulimia, and extreme dieting, Israeli researchers recently found. Exposure to online fashion and music content, as well as watching TV shows like Gossip Girl, were also associated with an increased risk for eating disorders.

Facebook was referenced in 20 percent of divorce petitions processed in 2009 by Divorce-Online, a British law firm. Time magazine reported that feuding spouses use their Facebook pages to air dirty laundry, while their lawyers use posts as evidence in divorce proceedings. [Sexual health](#) expert Ian Kerner, PhD, recently blogged on CNN that he's seen many relationships destroyed by "Facebook bombs" people reconnecting with high school sweethearts or other blasts from the past that can lead to emotional, if not actual, cheating.

Recent research has shown that using [social networking sites](#), namely [Facebook](#), can increase people's stress levels, produce [anxiety](#) and negatively affect a person's sense of self. Using these sites might even cause a person to develop a mental health disorder or expand an existing one. **Social media even has the power to quickly spread moods around the world.**

Researchers found that when the participants increased their Facebook use, their state of [well-being](#) declined, while those who increased the amount of time they spent with people face to face had an increased sense of well-being.

**It's addictive.** Like anything that can distract us from stress, anxiety and emotional pain, Facebook can be hard to stop using. Even as, ironically, it can then cause more stress.

**Facebook Addiction Disorder**, is a condition that is defined by hours spent on Facebook, so much time in fact that the healthy balance of the individual's life is affected. It has been said that approximately 350 million people are suffering from the disorder.

## **SOME OF THE SYMPTOMS**

**Tolerance:** This term is used to describe the desperate behavior of a Facebook addict. They spend an increasing amount of time on the site, coming to a stage where **they need it in order to obtain satisfaction** or on the other extreme, it is having a detrimental affect on them as a person and their life.

For the family members and friends who think they are dealing with an addict, a sign to look out for are multiple Facebook windows open. Three or more confirms that they are indeed suffering from this condition.

**Withdrawal symptoms:** These become obvious when one is restricted from using Facebook because they have to participate in normal everyday activities. Common signs are anxiety, distress and the need to talk about Facebook and what might have been posted on their wall in their absence.

**Reduction of normal social/recreational activities:** Someone suffering from FAD will reduce the time spent catching up with friends, playing sport or whatever it is they used to enjoy doing, to simply spend time on Facebook. Instead of catching up with a friend for coffee, they will send a Facebook message. A dinner date will be substituted with a messenger chat.

In extreme cases, the person will even stop answering their parent's phone calls, instead insisting that they use Facebook to contact them.

**Fake friends:** If 8 out of 10 people shown on their Facebook page are complete strangers, it is undeniable: they have a serious case of FAD.

**Complete addiction:** When they meet new people, they say their name, followed by "I'll talk to you on Facebook", or for those who are extremely bad, "I'll see you in Facebook". Their pets have Facebook pages, and any notifications, wall posts, inboxes or friend requests that they receive give them a high, one which



can be compared to that gambling addicts get from the pokies or roulette table.

Facebook, very beneficial in some ways, is having a detrimental affect on the everyday behaviors of people around the world. When an individual's online 'life' becomes more important than their real one, we know that there is a serious problem that needs to be addressed.

### **PROVERBS 23:7**

7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:.....

### **PHILIPPIANS 4:8**

8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, **think on these things.**

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### **ASSIMILATE,**

**to take in and incorporate as one's own; absorb:  
to bring into conformity with the customs, attitudes, etc.  
to cause to resemble.**