

## Charm: Session #1: Cleanliness is Next to Godliness

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### Charming Opportunities Journal:

The Charming Opportunities Journal is a place to record opportunities you were able to practice kindness to others, improvement from past behavior, slippage, areas you need to work on, etc. It is for your eyes only. So be open and honest with yourself! Starting today, journal those things that struck you as unusual, things that you have not considered, areas you knew you needed improvement on but ignored, etc.

### Literature:

Audio-Bible (<http://www.audio-bible.com/bible/bible.html>) has made it possible to hear the incomparable Alexander Scourby read Scripture. We strongly urge you to take advantage of such a wonderful resource. You may even find yourself asking for Alexander Scourby reading the Bible for Christmas, your birthday, anniversaries, Easter, etc. It is WELL worth the investment !

Esther Chapter 1: 3:32

Esther Chapter 4: 2:40

Esther Chapter 2: 4:00

Esther Chapter 5: 2:24

Esther Chapter 3: 2:47

Esther Total Time: 15:23

### Movie: Esther (the first 1/2 of the movie)

Following the conquest of Babylon, the King of Persia gives a banquet for his people at which he requests the presence of his wife, Vashti, who refuses the King's demand. Ahasuerus disowns Vashti and goes in search of her replacement. In his harem, he meets the young girl, Esther, who immediately captivates him with her charm and beauty. Unaware of her Jewish heritage, King Ahasuerus falls in love with Esther. Esther then reveals to Ahasuerus that she is Jewish and asks him to show her people mercy, because of a planned genocide of the Jews by the King's right-hand man, Haman. In doing so, Esther saves the lives of many innocent people and paves the way for their return to Jerusalem. Starring F. Murray Abraham and Jurgen Prochnow. 1 hr 31 min — Scriptural correction will be required.

To purchase this movie go to web site address

<http://www.visionvideo.com/vv/home.asp?l=item&i=2066>

Discussion:

- 1) What is beauty? What do the following character traits have to do with beauty, if anything ... courage, loyalty, honor, self-discipline, kindness, cheerfulness, honesty, and thankfulness.
- 2) Is beauty a blessing or a curse? Support your stance.
- 3) The styles of clothing have obviously changed since the time of Esther. Can we say the same thing for beauty?
- 4) What is charm? Is it worth striving for?

Activities:

Do you know the old saying, Cleanliness is next to godliness? We feel better when we are clean! Many hypocrites in the newer testament would go about dishevelled so that others would know how "holy" they were and to receive the admiration of all those within the community and, hopefully, beyond. This is called vanity or, more specifically, spiritual pride. So, we will now ...

- 1) Take a fancy bubble bath and soak.
- 2) We will use deodorant so we do not draw any unnecessary attention to ourselves like the hypocrites in the newer testament.
- 3) Put on some becoming clean clothing.
- 4) Give ourselves a manicure for bright, shiny, healthy looking finger nails.
- 5) We will brush our teeth to make them sparkle.
- 6) We will brush our hair in a becoming manner.

Challenge:

Do you remember the Golden Rule?

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| <p><b>Give the Golden Rule<br/>as found in Matthew.</b></p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt, All rights reserved</p> | <p>Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.<br/>— Matthew 7:12</p> |
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| <p data-bbox="272 541 740 646"><b>Give the Golden Rule<br/>as found in Luke.</b></p> <p data-bbox="285 764 721 793">© Beverly Schmitt, All rights reserved</p> | <p data-bbox="896 569 1396 674">And as ye would that men should do<br/>to you, do ye also to them likewise.<br/>— Luke 6:31</p> |

The Golden Rule is the basis of this Challenge Exercise. First, jot down those things you want in a husband on this Husband Wish List PDF Worksheet. You will notice there are two columns. One column states character traits — those things that will carry you through thick and thin during times of testing, trial and tribulation in your marriage. The other column says — physical attributes.

Husband Wish List Worksheet located at  
<http://www.lovetolearnplace.com/Charm%20Course/HusbandWishList.pdf>

How are the females treated in the family of your prospective husband?

Before you marry, look to see (1) how your future father-in-law treats your future mother-in-law and (2) observe how males in the family (brothers/cousins) treat the females in the family (sisters/cousins). Try to discover what the males think about loyalty, honor, duty, humor, etc., by either talking directly to them or by observing their behavior.

Are the females treated like ...

1) like precious jewels to be treasured?

-or-

2) doormats to be walked upon?

Why? this is more than likely how you and your future children will be treated.

Simply by being observant and aware will be important in —

- 1) your prayer life about your decision
- 2) discussing the situation over with your parents, and
- 3) making this all important decision of whether to marry this individual or not!

If you should ever be blessed with sons after you marry teach them to observe how males are treated in the family he is considering marrying into — Do the females treat the males with respect or are they Harpies? naggers? complainers? do they backbite?, etc.

Note: The assumption has been made that you will marry a Christian husband.

So, how does the Husband Wish List fit in with the Golden Rule?

Simple, you need to be the best future wife, daughter-in-law, and sister-in-law you can be. If YOU want the best, do you think your future husband will want any less?

Geography:

- 1) Compare / Contrast the weather from Persia (Iraq) and Israel with your own for one week.
- 2) Locate Persia (Iraq) and Israel on a globe, map, and atlas. Identify the capital of each country.
- 3) Make a meal from Persia (Iraq) and/or Israel for your family.

What does the Bible Say? — Clean/Cleanliness means pure, innocent or to make clean is located ...

<http://www.lovetolearnplace.com/Charm%20Course/CharmBible1.pdf>

Memory Verse:

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**What scripture verse talks about being a royal priesthood?**

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But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. — 1 Peter 2:9,10