

Charm: Session #3: What is beauty?

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Charming Opportunities Journal:

Have you recorded anything in your Charming Opportunities Journal either today, yesterday afternoon, or last night?

Literature:

Learn about how gorgeous Sarai was that Pharaoh attempted to take her unlawfully by using intimidation to have her in his home!

Genesis Chapter 12: 2:43

Genesis Chapter 13: 2:21

Learn about Rebekah, Isaac's wife

Genesis Chapter 24: 8:29

Now it's time to enjoy Jacob and Rachel!

Genesis Chapter 28: 3:13

Genesis Chapter 29: 4:01

Genesis Chapter 30: 5:16

Genesis Chapter 31: 7:11

Total Genesis Time: 33:14

Movie: Helen of Troy (part 1)

Arrows rain death. Courageous soldiers clamber up stone walls. Swords clang, men shout, fires rage. Yet the waves of combatants storming Troy are turned back. To defeat the undefeatable ultimately requires brains as much as brawn. So the Greeks, feigning withdrawal, offer a gift of treachery: a mammoth wooden horse that secretly houses their fighting men. Homer's Iliad surges to the screen in Helen of Troy from the 50s heyday of big screen spectacles. This lavish epic captures some 30,000 people on screen at a then-huge cost of \$6 million. Stars include Sir Cedric Hardwicke and Brigitte Bardot (Warner Brothers Pictures, color, 1955, 141 minutes)

Discussion:

1) Compare and contrast how the humanist and the Christian views beauty. Did the humanists view Helen's beauty as a blessing or curse? How was Esther's beauty viewed? What are the consequences of the thoughts of the humanists in the story of Helen of Troy? What are the consequences of the thoughts of the believers in the historical account of Esther?

See: Beauty: So What Is it? PDF File Worksheet to do this assignment located at <http://www.lovetolearnplace.com/Charm%20Course/CharmBeauty.pdf>

Discussion: (Cont'd)

2) What are the consequences of the thoughts of the humanists in the story of Helen of Troy? What are the consequences of the thoughts of the believers in the historical account of Esther?

See: Thoughts Have Consequences PDF File Worksheet to do this assignment.

Located at ...

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

3) Advertising.

a) Television. View three different television commercials that sell some sort of beauty product. Do these commercials imply that you if you use this product you will be ... a better person ? ... others will admire you? ... that you must use this product or others will mock, humiliate and abuse you? ... what is the message behind the advertisement?

b) Magazines. View three different magazine ads that sell some sort of beauty product. You may want to clip out these ads and paste them to some typing paper to view them at the same time. Do these commercials imply that you if you use this product you will be ... a better person ? ... others will admire you? ... that you must use this product or others will mock, humiliate and abuse you? ... what is the message behind the advertisement?

c) Radio. Listen to three different radio commercials that sell some sort of beauty product. Do these commercials imply that you if you use this product you will be ... a better person ? ... others will admire you? ... that you must use this product or others will mock, humiliate and abuse you? ... what is the message behind the advertisement?

4) Compare / contrast the beauty advertisements that you evaluated to the humanistic concept of beauty with that of Helen of Troy. To what extent are these beauty advertisements in agreement with Esther?

5) In the culture and society today, everything tends to center around self. Unfortunately, this has infiltrated Christendom. Courtesy is a way of putting others at ease and working to make sure they feel comfortable. Some have confused this to mean that we must always agree with others, but this is not so. We cannot love what God hates, nor can we hate what God loves. To do so would be to violate the First Commandment and put ourselves in God's place. This just cannot be. Yet, we can still practice courtesy without compromise. Discuss the importance of courtesy and various options we may have to demonstrate courtesy under difficult situations.

Memory Verse:

Flashcard: Cut on solid line and cut on dotted line.

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<p>Give newer testament example of the importance of courtesy.</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt, All rights reserved</p>	<p>But they understood not that saying, and were afraid to ask Him. And He came to Capernaum: and being in the house He asked them, What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way? But they held their peace: for by the way they had disputed among themselves, who should be the greatest. And He sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all. — Mark 9:32-35</p>
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Challenge:

1) You have a beauty product that you know is legitimate and will help others. How do you go about telling others about your product without attempting to shame your potential customer into buying it?

Do a newspaper/magazine, radio, and television commercial.

2) Self-Control: Sometimes it is most difficult to listen to someone without giving the impression that we are just waiting for the person to stop talking so we can say tell OUR story. Not only is this rude, but it is not respectful. Do you like when this is done unto you? No ! of course not ! We will now practice attentive listening no matter if it is a lecture, concert, private conversation or sermons. Do not be discouraged if you cannot master this difficult task the first time. However, aim to gain mastery in this area.

Activities:

First we will repeat Monday's & Tuesday's activities,

Monday:

- 1) Take a shower.
- 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) Look at your nails. Are they clean from grime?
- 5) We will brush our teeth to make them sparkle.
- 6) We will brush our hair in a becoming manner.

Tuesday:

- 7) Practice walking with a heavy book on your head. Are you a little better at it today?
- 8) Cheerfulness. Are you smiling? Try to say something cheerful that is sincere and legitimate to someone in your family. Have you reduced your complaining and mumbling?
- 9) Courteous. Have you ceased making inappropriate noises at table?
- 10) Thankfulness. Have you remembered to sincerely and genuinely thanked someone in your family today?

Today, we will ...

1) Table Manners: We will now make one place setting with our best china. You will learn how to approach the dining table and wait until the waiter (your mother or other classmate) holds out your chair. You will learn how and when to use the salad fork, regular fork, butter knife, steak knife, spoon, dessert spoon, knife rests, bread plate, salad, fruit bowl, soup, how to hold a tea/coffee cup, glass of water, the difference between the water / wine glass, how to "close the door" when you are done eating (that means to place the knife/fork horizontally in the middle of the plate, and what to do with the napkin after the meal, etc.

2) Proper Dressing: Would you wear the same type of clothing to a recital as you would to a picnic? Would you wear the same thing to church that you wear while cleaning or gardening? (Note: Of course, we would encourage those coming to church to attend in whatever they have on and to make them feel not only wanted and important, but desired! However, it is important for us to attend church in our best since He gave us His best — He gave His life.) We will look through magazines pointing out pictures best illustrating what to wear when — going out to dinner, the zoo, re-enactments, cleaning/gardening, church, weddings, funerals, etc. Proper dressing is similar to table manners and courteous small talk. The goal is to make others feel comfortable, not drawing attention to ourselves by wearing inappropriate clothing.

3) Proper facial cleansing. We will discuss why proper cleansing is important. Whether or not you opt to wear make up is up to an individual's conscience before God. If you opt to wear make up a clean face is essential prior to putting on foundation. If this is properly accomplished, the foundation will help to protect your skin from obtaining more blemishes and, if you get foundation with sun protection in it, the foundation will also protect you from the harmful rays of the sun.

Geography:

1) Compare / Contrast the weather from Greece with your own for one week. Continue to compare / Contrast the weather from Persia (Iraq) and Israel with your own for one week. Do you think the weather from these countries had an impact on clothing? housing?

2) Locate Greece on a globe, map, and atlas. See if you can locate Persia (Iraq) and Israel on a globe, map, and atlas faster than you have in the past. Identify the capital of each country — Greece, Persia (Iraq), and Israel. Do you think the terrain from these countries had an impact on clothing? housing?

3) Make a meal from Greece, Persia (Iraq) and/or Israel for your family. Do you think the weather and terrain from these countries had an impact on clothing? housing? (okay, okay, so I like baklava!)

What does the Bible Say?: Physical Beauty

PDF File worksheet located at

<http://www.lovetolearnplace.com/Charm%20Course/CharmBible3.pdf>

Memory Verse:

But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

— 1 Samuel 16:7