

15 Ways to Become a Great Person Worth Finding & Having

Book of Esther – Part 4 of 4 by Brian Kluth

Part 1 – Handout & Video at ChristianSinglesInDenver.com (8/14)

#1 - Avoid making foolish and prideful decisions that will break a relationship apart

#2 - Understand some of MEN's God-given responsibilities.

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#3 - Realize you need Christ to have the power to live the life God wants you to live.

#4 - Understand some of WOMEN's God-given responsibilities

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#5 – Don't let your pain define or confine you – bloom where you're planted

#6 – Be a person who cares about the needs of others

#7 - Be a person who respects and listens to those in authority

#8 – Be aware that being physically attractive takes time and effort

#9 - Be aware true beauty comes from within and will be noticed by others

#10 – Be a person that makes other people better because you are in their life

Note: Also on the www.ChristianSinglesInDenver.com you'll find the 8/28 *Rocky Balboa inspirational speech to his son about overcoming hard times* (video and handout) AND the (humorous) *Application for Dating My Daughter & 10 Rules for Dating my Daughter* PLUS many other handouts and videos from Tuesday night.

#11 – Be careful with your words and give people credit for the good things they do

Esther 2:21-23 One day as Mordecai was on duty at the king's gate, two of the king's eunuchs...who were guards at the door of the king's private quarters—became angry at King Xerxes and plotted to assassinate him. But Mordecai heard about the plot and gave the information to Queen Esther. She then told the king about it and gave Mordecai credit for the report.

Ecc 10:20 Even in your thoughts, do not curse the king, nor in your bedroom curse the rich, for a bird of the air will carry your voice, or some winged creature tell the matter

Proverbs 3:27 Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act.

#12 – Stand up for what you feel is right and don't follow the crowd in doing wrong

Esther 3:1-2 King Xerxes promoted Haman...over all the other nobles, making him the most powerful official in the empire. All the king's officials would bow down before Haman to show him respect whenever he passed by, for so the king had commanded. But Mordecai refused to bow down or show him respect.

Exodus 23:2 Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong.

Daniel 3:16-18 Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

#13 – Discover God's path and greater purposes for your life

Esther 4:13-14 (After a decree went out that all Jews could be killed and their property confiscated) Mordecai sent this reply to Esther: "Don't think for a moment that because you're in the palace you will escape when all other Jews are killed. If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?"

Ps 37:23,34 The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives. Put your hope in the Lord. Travel steadily along his path.

Eph 2:10 We are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

#14 – Turn your worries into worship through prayer

Esther 4:15-16 Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: “Go and gather together all the Jews of Susa and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will do the same. And then, though it is against the law, I will go in to see the king. If I must die, I must die.” (KJV = If I perish, I perish.)”

Ps 34:4-5,8 I prayed to the LORD, and he answered me, freeing me from all my fears. Those who look to him for help will be radiant with joy; no shadow of shame will darken their faces. Taste and see that the LORD is good. Oh, the joys of those who trust in him!

YOU SAY:	GOD SAYS:	BIBLE VERSES
“It’s impossible”	“All things are possible”	Luke 18:27
“I’m too tired”	“I will give you rest”	Matthew 11:28-30
“Nobody really loves me”	“I love you”	John 3:16 & John 3:34
“I can’t go on”	“My grace is sufficient”	II Cor 12:9 & Psalm 91:15
I can’t figure things out”	“I will direct your steps”	Proverbs 3:5-6
“I can’t do it”	“You can do all things”	Philippians 4:13
“I’m not able”	“I am able”	II Corinthians 9:8
“It’s not worth it”	“It will be worth it”	Romans 8:28
“I can’t forgive myself”	“I forgive you”	I John 1:9 & Romans 8:1
“I’m afraid”	“I have not given you a spirit of fear”	II Timothy 1:7
“I’m always worried and frustrated”	“Cast all your cares on ME”	I Peter 5:7
“I’m not smart enough”	“I give you wisdom”	I Corinthians 1:30
“I feel all alone”	“I will never leave you nor forsake you”	Hebrews 13:5
“I can’t manage”	“I will supply all your needs”	Philippians 4:19

#15 – Live your life for the glory of God and the benefit of others

Esther 7:2-3 The king again said to Esther, “Tell me what you want, Queen Esther. What is your request? I will give it to you, even if it is half the kingdom!” Queen Esther replied, “If I have found favor with the king, and if it pleases the king to grant my request, I ask that my life and the lives of my people will be spared.”

Esther 8:16 For the Jews it was a time of happiness and joy, gladness and honor.

Acts 9:36-39 In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which, when translated, is Dorcas), who was always doing good and helping the poor. About that time she became sick and died... All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. (Everyone to answer) Share your name, your career field, and your favorite sports team (or hobby – recreational activity, if you don’t have a favorite sports team).

Questions to have 2-3 people answer and discuss as a group:

2. Was there something new that you learned about God or people tonight that was helpful?
3. What truth or story did you hear in tonight that was a positive encouragement to you?
4. Although we aren’t told the reason Mordecai wouldn’t bow down to Haman, why do you think he refused to bow down? Is there anything where you (and/or a few others) stood up for what you felt was right when everyone around you seemed to be going with the flow?
5. How might you fill in the blank? “Perhaps you were made a _____ for such a time as this.”
6. What specific “you say” phrase can you specifically relate to on the list?
7. Are you aware of any adult, child, couple, or family that you personally know that is hurting right now and needs help and encouragement (briefly share their situation)? What is one thing you could do to help them this next week?
8. If you really took this teaching to heart, what changes could it make in your life in the future?