

How To Obtain A Beautiful Makeover From The Inside Out Let
The Life Of Esther's Principles and Purpose Teach You How
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Introduction

The Bible records a star of the human variety that did not fall off her celestial perch. Esther means "star" a woman of outstanding beauty, a woman who became queen of an empire, a woman who displayed the shining character traits of loyalty, obedience, and wisdom. She was a star worth emulating. It is God's design to hide such a star, to keep as His own until their appointed season of unveiling.

Throughout history such hidden gems or stars have proven not to be seekers of notoriety, power, human acceptance or applause. There's a song that says, "This Little Light of Mine, I'm Gonna Let It Shine." Listen, you can't make it shine, you just have to let it shine! Just as gems are found in the low things of the earth, God's hidden gems are formed and refined in some painful, hidden places of obscurity. Yet they find satisfaction in yielding and giving in to the Master's plan. They pass through life's disappointments and the cruel oppression of opinions, yet they allow no bitterness to mar or destroy their beauty.

It is the Lord who decides when to unveil or exhibit His hidden gems. They never have to seek their own stage. It is His show, and His hidden gems are vessels of HIS glory. This is the most powerful lesson we can learn from the life of Esther.

Today sisters, I would like to introduce you to the tools that you need to get a complete makeover. This makeover will prepare you to go into the courts of the King of Kings, our God. "Why is that important?" you may ask. It is important because, only God knows how He has designed you and placed purpose in your life. He holds the keys to your destiny. He knows every door that needs to be opened in your life and every door that needs to be shut and remain shut. God knows the help you need in order for you to be a success magnet. God wants to bless you and anoint you with the Jabez blessing (IChronicles 4:9-10), a blessing from heaven that will open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that you won't have room enough to receive. The question is, can you stand to be blessed? Are you

ready for a complete makeover? Well, in the words of the late Marvin Gaye, "Let's Get It On".

"Clap, Clap, Clap," Okay sisters we're here. Welcome to this Holy Ghost Spa Experience! Upon your arrival you will get your complete makeover package. Now ladies you have to work with me here. Let your mind create a mind movie that will take you right into the ambiance of this experience. These beauty essentials are not your average tools, but they have the anointing to supernaturally change you from the inside out.

Esther began her preparation for meeting King Xerxes with a full year of beauty treatments. Let's begin by taking a bath. Esther was bathed for six months, anointing with oil of myrrh followed by a six month treatment with perfumes and cosmetics. In order to come out smelling like a rose, we must have a clean body. The symbolic act of cleaning and bathing our bodies represents spiritually being washed by the Word of God. John 15:3 says: "You are now clean because of the Word of God." We have to understand that we can't clean ourselves up and have right standing with God. It takes the blood of Jesus and the washing of regeneration, a renewed mind, a changed heart, and a repenting spirit to be declared not guilty of our sins.

For women in the Bible days, myrrh was a purifier. It was also used as an embalming fluid. So in using myrrh, God was saying, 'Not only do I have to purify your anointing, but I also have to embalm what I put to death so that when you see it again in the realm of the Spirit it won't hurt you.' God wants to kill the flesh. Some of us have nasty dispositions, some of us gossip and kill other sisters with our sharp tongues, some of us covet what other women have whether it's a material possession or a man, and some of us want or crave the anointing that is on another sister's life. Are you getting the picture?

Many of us are seeking outward beauty, while God is seeking purification. Let me break it down to you; some of us are seeking great ministries, but we are not seeking after God. Many are seeking after preaching, and prophesying, all the while saying, "I'm going to be on a major platform one day with people like Paula White and Juanita Bynum". The Lord would say to us, 'You are seeking after beauty, but I am seeking your purification. I want to cultivate the Fruit of the Spirit in you. I cannot heal you and prepare you to serve rightly until the nasty evil foreign things come out.' The first steps we must take are:

1. We must wash our bodies and shampoo our hair by lathering up the Word of God in our lives.
2. We must be immersed in the Bible

3. Attend Bible class
4. Purchase a home Bible Study at any book store
5. Check your Bible to see if it includes a schedule of how to complete a Bible study in one year

Ester's life demonstrates a life of self-denial. With every stage of preparation, she died to her own ambitions until death no longer threatened her. She learned to submit to and trust the wisdom of her cousin Mordecai, who had taken her as his own daughter. Esther learned very much through the things that she suffered. The Bible reveals that Hadassah used her Persian name Esther to conceal her Jewish identity. She wasn't allowed to reveal her true self, but for a season had to mask her identity. She willingly allowed herself to become concealed and hidden within the shadows, waiting the Master's bidding to come forth. This time of training prepared her for the divine assignment awaiting her. Little did she know that the fate of the entire Jewish nation was contingent upon her willingness to yield to those preparatory years.

This brings me to our second beauty tool. After the bath and shampooing, you must add the conditioner. Though a Jew, Esther had to learn the customs of the Persians in order to fit into her role of the queen. She could not revert back to her native ways and tongue. The Apostle Paul uses a military term when describing the Christian believer. He says we must condition our bodies as a good soldier. We must endure hardness and beat our flesh into submission so that it doesn't do what it wants to do, but it does whatever "The Master" wants it to do. Paul says, "A good soldier punishes his body to make it fit for service Fit for the Kingdom. (2 Timothy 2: 3, 4)

How do we condition our body?

1. Start following the Word of God instead of own emotions.
2. Cultivate the Spiritual Fruit of Joy in our lives.
3. Read, study, pray and have faith, which means to be totally dependent on God. Position yourself to hear God's voice constantly
4. When you pray, believe that you already have received the petition that you asked for.
5. Do not think like the world does in getting ahead
6. God has his own rules and means of promotion.
(1 Peter 5:5-10).

Let's proceed to the next beauty item. Well, your hair is wet and you need to dry it. Use the hairdryer. Esther no doubt, spent many years yearning and crying over her plight. She was an orphan. The loss of her parents was devastating to her. Like many of us who have lost a parent or both parents, it is an awful loss beyond comprehension. We all experience loss and grief. There will be many tear stained pillows. When the tears fall use the dryer metaphorically, to dry up your tears. "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning" (Psalms 30: 5, 6). Sometimes it seems like the morning will never come, but hang on in there; it's always darkest before the storm. Know that even in the midst of the storm, Jesus will show up walking on the waters of your life and say to you, "Peace Be Still."

How do we go on when it seems like the very person or thing taken from us causes us to want to give up and abandon hope? Let these words of hope encourage you.

1. You must know that the Lord keeps count of every tear that you have shed.
2. Every time God gets ready to promote you, he sends a trial or test to gird up your faith. He wants to make sure that your trust is in Him.
3. We are not to fear or lose hope. We must not succumb to other addictive behaviors to deter us from our goals; not drugs, alcohol, sex low self-esteem etc.
4. Find someone who has experienced some of the same painful hurts that you are currently going through.
5. Talk with your pastor or seek out a Christian counselor
6. Pray, pray and then pray some more.
7. Read books that deal with the area you need healing in.
8. Attend church regularly so that the Word of God continues to feed your spirit.

The next beauty item is your weave. A weave is an extra extension to your already beautiful hair. Sometimes we use extra pieces of hair to accentuate, embellish, add on, enhance, or improve upon what is already there. Some of us need a little extra to take us over the top. Tell your sister. Don't hate...celebrate. You can wear it long or you can wear it short, you can wear it up or you can wear it down, you can have lots of curls, twist, braids or wear it straight.

What advice can I leave you with regarding this matter?

1. Jesus tells us in Matt. 5:25 "Settle matters quickly with your adversary. Do not let arguments go unsettled, that way you won't end up in court.
2. If you borrow from a friend, make every effort to pay them back.
3. Love covers a multitude of sins. Remember that we all are sinners saved by grace.
4. Leave the judging to the Lord. He is the only one qualified to judge righteously.
5. If you have anger issues, I advise you to seek counseling. Look into attending a support group on anger management.
6. Again, don't forget to pray and ask God to help you in this area.
7. Study and read your Bible. Read other books on the topic of anger or any other issue that you need help in.

Another beauty essential is the comb. Women, we must make every effort to comb through and sort out the problems in our life. Things that you thought were impossible issues will just leave you and fall away like those hairs that detach from your scalp and shed in you bathroom sink.

1 .Additionally, you have to prioritize. It is similar to spring cleaning or throwing away unwanted clothing that doesn't fit anymore or that is out of style. Drop people who aren't in line with where you are going. Sometimes God moves the person with out you having to put forth the effort. Before I became a preacher, I had a lot more people calling me to gossip or invite me to happy hours etc. Now that I am a preacher, there are fewer people calling me and inviting me to hangout with them. When you become serious about doing the Lord's work, you don't have to ask people to leave; sometimes they leave on their own.

1. Brush away old habits and behaviors that you keep repeating and result in failure and setbacks.
2. Put things back in order that may have gotten misplaced or displaced.
3. If your finances are jacked up, find and hire a financial planner.

4. Get a good lawyer to look over your legal documents. Make sure you have enough life insurance and health insurance to cover major illnesses and long and short care sickness. What will you do in case of a sudden death of a husband, wife, or child? Make sure you have enough burial insurance to cover funeral expenses.

After a whole year of beauty treatments, it came time for Esther to go into see the king. She asked for nothing other than what Hegai, the king's eunuch, who was in charge of the harem, suggested. "Esther won the favor of everyone who saw her" Esther 2:15, Xerxes included. Soon, the orphan Hadassah was transformed into the lovely Queen Esther.

Some years later, the king's wicked advisor Haman concocted a plan to purge the empire of all Jews especially Mordecai a nemesis, who would not bow when Haman passed by. The king decided to make Haman's plan into a law. Queen Esther found out that Mordecai was in mourning due to Haman's wicked plot. She did not become bitter and foolish. She kept her cool. Her cousin Mordecai had to remind her of who she was and where she came from. Saints, sometimes we too need to be reminded that we haven't always dressed in Versace, Prada, and St John's Knit. We haven't always had fillet mignon and lobster to eat. We haven't always been privileged to live in a gated community. Esther knew that she could only approach the king unless he held out the golden scepter and invited her to come in. She was reminded of what happened to the last queen, Vashti. She was rebellious and refused to come when the king bade her to come and consequently, she was removed from her position. Esther had to play her cards right. And so do we. We must work strategically and sometimes silently behind the scenes to bring our purpose to pass.

When Mordecai finished talking to Esther, She insisted on gathering together all the Jews who were in Susa, to fast for her. At the conclusion of the fast, she would go into see the king even though it was against the law. Esther was willing to be put to death in order to save her countrymen. The Bible says in John 15:13 says, "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. Jesus says," in verse 14, "You are my friends if you do what I command." How many of us are that bold in our affirmation towards our fellow man. Are we ready to lay down our lives for them and even Christ?

peel through the layers of our skin to get to the real you so that the glow of you inner beauty, the spirit man can be seen.

Here are some tips for leaving the past behind.

1. You must unveil your soul and be honest with God.
2. Who are you really when others are not with you?
3. Understand why you do some of the things you do.
4. Research your family history and talk to relatives.
5. Read the Scriptures on what it means to be free from your past. (Romans 8:1, 2), (Philippians 3:12-13).

Next apply some moisturizer. We must replenish our bodies. We must rub in the Fruit of The Spirit by adding more love, joy, peace, gentleness, goodness, kindness, meekness, patience, and self-control.

Why not add a little some sun block too! Sun block helps to prevent the sun's rays from damaging our skin and sensitive areas of our skin. We do not need too much of the sun, but we do need the Son to block the fiery darts that Satan hurls at us constantly. Remember, Jesus has already blocked Satan's power over us. He can't get to us because, "Greater is He that is in us, than he that is in the world." In this section of our makeover it gets a bit tricky. The saints need to know that Jesus has left us armed and dangerous. We should not be allowing the devil to give us a headache; rather we should be giving him one! In order to do that, we must know our position of authority and pray from that position.

1. We must fight the good fight of faith. In order to do that we must know the Word. We must pray the Word out loud so that the enemy will hear us. The Word is the only thing that moves the devil. Even Jesus had to use the Word on Satan in the wilderness before he would flee.
2. We definitely must memorize some scriptures that deal with spiritual warfare.
3. Pray in secret in your prayer language. The devil can't interpret tongues. Pray in your most holy faith. Pray in tongues. The devil can't launch a serious attack if he doesn't know what you're saying.
4. We must protect ourselves by studying the word. Know what the Word says about you. Know your rights, promises and privileges as a King's child.

5. Protect yourself from the guilt of the past.
6. Know who your true friends are. Block out negative word spoken about you. Stick with friends that support you.
7. Keep you inner circle of friends to a minimum. Jesus had three, Peter, James, and John made up his inner circle.

Take out your liquid foundation. Apply it so that everything that sits on top of it will weather the storm and last. Let me remind you that your foundation is not your husband, your job, your stocks, house, children, spiritual gifts, etc. Jesus must be your foundation, your rock. On Christ the solid rock I stand. All other ground is sinking sand. Add some pressed powder to cover up any remaining flaws. Put it over your foundation. Press into God's purpose for you life. Sometimes you have to pray, press, and praise. Pray, press, and praise before your miracle comes through. Paul says it like this: "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before. I press towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus". Sometimes it seems like you can't find God. He gets silent on you. He's off taking care of everyone else's business. I heard Paula White make an interesting comment on this topic. She says, "The teacher (God) never talks to the student during the test. You just have to know that all of those years and months of preparation, prayer, sacrifice etc, have already prepared you for the final exam. What God has put in you will come out and He will be there cheering you on and bring you through. God watches our faithfulness, sincerity and our willingness to be broken before He will empower us to carry forth the ministry work for the Kingdom.

Well, we're almost home. Let's add some color to our cheeks and our eyes. Brush on a little blush to your cheeks and add some eye shadow to widen you eyes. Sisters, serving God shouldn't be dull or boring. Christians can laugh and have fun too. Do something wild and crazy with your spouse, children, or girlfriends. Whisper sweet nothings in his ear and watch him blush. Women go to the mall and buy you some colorful clothes. Throw out those awful grays, navy blues, and black clothes. Get some colorful costume jewelry.

Finally take out your eyeliner and eyebrow liner and outline the vision God has given you. Write the vision and make it plain. Apply lipstick girl. Use it to kiss away old hurts and wounds from the past. Don't give any place for the devil to accuse you of un-forgiveness, bitterness and strife.

God's makeover kit is powerful and necessary for inner and outer beauty. We know that it took Esther a whole year of beauty treatments and other areas of cultural refinement before she was ready to go before the king. Likewise our heavenly Father must prepare us to meet him one day. When the Lord pulls back the veil on our face at the Marriage Supper of the Bride (The Church) and its groom (Jesus), What will He see? Will He see the Bride of Frankenstein behind the veil or will there be a beautiful bride symbolic of that church without spot or wrinkle? "Beauty is only skin deep, But ugly is to the bone." Let God transform you into a vessel of beauty. Don't worry if you're not perfect. Let Him make you over and over again. And when He has tried you, you shall come forth as pure gold.

May God bless you with your makeover. I would be very interested in hearing about your success after taking me up on these tips. If you have any questions or to receive another copy of this report, e-mail me at: pray4changelpf@yahoo.com

God's Makeover Kit For Purpose Driven Women

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