

Tools for the Trade: *Passionate Living Is Not for Sissies*
"Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives." Gal
5:25

How To Have an Esther Spirit In a Haman World

1. **BACKGROUND** (Esther 1-3)

- Xerxes, Vashti,
- Esther chosen
- Mordecai's influence
- Haman exalted
- Haman's history (Exodus 17:8-16)

2. **THE CHALLENGE** (Esther 4:1-8)

The Amalekite spirit must be confronted and cast down.

- Esther: Who me? Mordecai: Y_____ Y_____!
- Relevance today: We have our Haman's too.

3. **ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE** (Esther 4:8b-14)

- Esther's excuses: Would she experience the S_____ or the S_____?
- Mordecai is not i_____.
- Esther's decision: "I _____ . . . And if I perish, I perish."
- Taking responsibility means taking r_____.
A turtle makes no progress unless he sticks his neck out!
- We, too, are here for s_____

4. **PREPARE FOR THE CHALLENGE** (Esther 4:15-16 & 5:1a)

- Prayer and fasting
- Issues to settle:

- Identity: R_____ R_____ vs.
G_____
- Humility: T_____ vs. F_____
- Resolve: I have a destiny to C_____
H_____.

5. MEET THE CHALLENGE (Esther 5:1bf)

- Two thrones – big difference
- Approach the throne of grace b_____.
- Because our King a_____ holds His gold scepter out to us:
 - We are welcomed into His Presence
 - We are invited to be seated with Him
 - We are even offered to reign with Him on our own “throne of honor”
 - He bestows on us authority to make a difference in our world
- Walk in reality, not this world’s “v_____
r_____”
- Take your p_____ and r_____

6. CONCLUSION

- Confess REALITY:

I am not a sissy! I am a blood-bought, devil-defeating child of the King. By the power of Christ’s blood, I am free from the power of sin. I am free to be who

God made me to be. I am free from what others think of me. I am free from the false expectations, labels and values this crooked society would put upon me. I am free from self-consciousness, self-reproach, and condemnation. I am free to be me! I am free to dream big dreams. I am free to reach for the stars. I am free to sit with Christ in the heavenly places. I am free to reign with Him. I am free to shine light into the darkness. I am free to be a world-changing, history maker for God. I am free to be an Esther in my generation. I am free to confront the destroying Hamans who would roll over me, my family, my church, my community and nation. Whom the Son sets free, IS free indeed! I am free, I am free. I am FREE, INDEED! AMEN!

- Close in Prayer