

Devotional & Article Writing Starters Topic: "Princess/King"

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Take the ideas and build upon them to make them your own. Add in your own points, illustrations, explanations, and relating Bible verses.

<u>A King's Ransom</u>

The King paid our ransom to deliver us from being held hostage by sin.

- For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
 John 3:16 (KJV)
 - The payment was made willingly.
- Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; Romans 3:25 (KJV)
 - The payment was great.
- And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:2 (KJV)
 - The payment covered it all.

- Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 1 John 4:10 (KJV)
 - The payment was not out of duty but because of love.

Homecoming Queen

- Our Salvation in Christ gives us the opportunity to live with Christ forever in Heaven.
- Heaven is waiting for us.
- Philippians 3:20
- John 14:2 (many mansions)
- Our homecoming will be sweet!

Avoiding the Queen of Mean Persona

How do we avoid turning into that *mean queen*? We must learn to be "tenderhearted".

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Ephesians 4:32 (KJV)

Use the following things like a meat tenderizer and grind them into your life every day. You won't be so callused. You won't be so non-caring. The *mean queen* will disappear as your heart grows more tender.

- Live with the compassion of Christ.
- Set boundaries for your tongue and speech.
- Set boundaries for your actions.
- Find time with the Lord every day.
- Make prayer a vital part of your life.
- Bear the Fruit of the Spirit.

The Crown Jewels

- We are left here for a purpose.
- Ephesians 2:10
 - "We are His workmanship" and should be acting like our Maker.
 - We are "created for good works" and should be doing those good works on a regular basis.
- Matthew 5:14
 - We are the "light of the world" and should be shining like the precious jewels God intended.
 - Our light should not be "hid". As the *Crown Jewels*, we should resonate with brilliance in our speech and actions.

Live Like a King

- In comfort (Holy Spirit)
- In luxury (filled with God's love)
- In security (no one can take our Salvation away)

The King's (Princess) Speech

- Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man. Colossians 4:6 (KJV)
- Are we using words like a daughter/child of the King should?
- Are we speaking kind words?
- Are we speaking encouraging words?
- Are we speaking up for those less fortunate?
- Are we speaking to others like they are our servants? (condescending speech)
- How full of "grace" and "seasoned with salt" are your words? (Colossians 4:6)

Prince Among Men

Jesus lived on earth as a man and was a Prince among men.

- Study Philippians 2
- Jesus had a servant's heart. (Philippians 2:7)
- Jesus was humble. (Philippians 2:8)
- Jesus was obedient. (Philippians 2:8)
- Jesus was tempted. (Hebrews 4:15)
- Jesus knew His purpose. (John 4:34)
- Jesus followed God's commandments. (John 14:31)
- Jesus loved us. (John 15:12-13)

He did this for us! So we could be daughters of the King!

By Royal Appointment

- Study 2 Corinthians 5.
- We are ambassadors for Christ. (2 Corinthians 5:20)
 - An ambassador represents.
 - An ambassador acts on the sender's behalf.
- We are witnesses for Christ. (Acts 1:8)
- We can trust the Sender. (2 Timothy 1:7)

<u>His Royal Holiness</u>

- God is holy
- 1 Peter 1:15-16
- Are we living in holiness?
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 - Hebrews 12:14
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:7
 - Romans 12:1

The Princess's New clothes

- Study Ephesians 4
- New clothes in our wardrobe—righteousness and holiness.
- Key Verse: Ephesians 4:24

And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. (KJV)

Giving the Royal Treatment

- As "heirs of Christ", How do we treat others?
- Do we give them the royal treatment in our speech?
- Do we give them the royal treatment in our actions toward them?
- Do we give them the royal treatment by going the extra mile like the Good Samaritan in Luke 10?
- Colossians 3:12
- Ephesians 4:32
- Luke 6:35
- John 13:35

Tower of Strength

- God is that strong tower we can run to anytime.
- For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy. Psalm 61:3 (KJV)
- Even His name is a tower of strength.
- The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe. Proverbs 18:10 (KJV)

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