

Charm: Session #5: Charming Beauty or Ostentatious Gaudiness?

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Charming Opportunities Journal:

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

Literature:

Ruth Chapter 1 = 3:22

Ruth Chapter 2 = 3:37

Ruth Chapter 3 = 2:35

Ruth Chapter 4 = 3:19

Ruth Total Time: 12:53

Compare / Contrast Sampson and Paris

Judges Chapter 13: 3:46

Judges Chapter 14: 3:17

Judges Chapter 15: 3:05

Judges Chapter 16: 5:09

Judges Total Time: 15:17

Bible Total Time: 28:10

PDF File Worksheet: Brawn, Brain or Lunacy? — Use this worksheet to compare Sampson and Paris

Brawn, Brain or Lunacy? PDF File Worksheet located at
<http://www.lovetolearnplace.com/Charm%20Course/CharmBrawnBrain.pdf>

PDF File Worksheet — Two Peas in a Pod ? — Use this worksheet to compare/contrast Jezebel and Helen of Troy

PDF File Worksheet located at
<http://www.lovetolearnplace.com/Charm%20Course/CharmPeasinPod.pdf>

Movie: The Story of Ruth

Ruth, a young Moabite woman, marries Mahlon the Judean, who believes in a merciful God. When he dies, she leaves her own culture to be with her mother-in-law, Naomi. They journey to Judea where Ruth faces hostility as a stranger. She wins the hearts of two powerful men, Boaz and Tob, who vie for her affections, but Ruth's first loyalties are to Naomi and her faith. 2 hr 12 min (1960) — Scriptural correction will be required.

Discussion:

- 1) How would you describe the relationship between Naomi and Ruth? Briefly describe the situation Ruth experienced.
- 2) Briefly compare/contrast the similarities and differences between the movie, The Story of Ruth, and the Book of Ruth.
- 3) What do Ruth and Esther have in common?
- 4) How would you compare Ruth and Helen of Troy?

Challenge:

- (1) Discuss how the following verses relate to charm and beauty —

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood,
an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew
forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of
darkness into His marvellous light: Which in time past
were not a people, but are now the people of God: which
had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.
— 1 Peter 2:9,10

- (2) Your environment is frequently a reflection of who you are. Begin to think of those things you want your home to say about you when you have your own home. What would be the importance of sewing? crafting? cooking? home improvement? etc. How could these things help guests in your home feel more comfortable?

- (3) What have you learned about charm? Do you see and understand the difference between the Christian and humanistic concepts of charm and beauty? The statement, "Beauty is only skin deep" reflects which concept of charm and beauty — Christian or humanistic?

- (4) Follow up. Discuss how you will follow up the gains you have made during this course. It is highly recommended that the Charming Opportunities Journal be kept up on a regular basis.

Activities:

First we will repeat Monday's through Wednesday'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?

Wednesday:

- 11) Review table manners and why they are important from a Christian worldview
- 12) Review proper dressing and why it is important from a Christian worldview
- 13) Review the necessity of proper facial cleansing.
- 14) Thankfulness. Have you remembered to sincerely and genuinely thanked someone in your family today?

Thursday:

- 1) Review modesty in clothing through various timeframes.
- 2) Discuss the relationship between clothing and temperature and clothing and terrain. Relate same to vaingloriousness.
- 3) Review self-mutilation (e.g., body piercings, tattoos, jewelry) and how they hinder/help Christian service.

Today, we will ...

- 1) Practice using our table manners by having either a formal meal or a formal tea.
- 2) Make up — when is it just right? We will learn how to put on foundation on our face in order to protect it from the environment. This is why your skin needs to be perfectly clean. If the skin is not clean, blemishes will erupt. Moreover, there is nothing more disgusting to see than dirty teeth even if make up has been applied properly !

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3) Jewelry. Yesterday, we discussed how jewelry may hinder/help Christian service to others. When can jewelry be appropriate?

Geography:

1) Continue to compare / contrast the weather from Greece, 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) See if you can locate Greece, 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!)

Music & Art:

It is so easy to select one type of music and only listen to that type, but that would be like selecting to eat peanut butter sandwiches for the rest of one's life and not enjoying chicken, salad, strawberries, etc. Attempt to expose yourself to a variety of music at least two to three times per week (if not everyday). Helping others to feel at ease and encouraging them to talk about their likes/dislikes is essential to charm and beauty. Art is similar. Go to the library and check out books at least every other week that exposes you to various types of art. Go to At the Movies and learn how Sister Wendy can explain various types of art to you on the Misc. page.

Charm Music Web address

<http://www.lovetolearnplace.com/Charm%20Course/CharmMusic.html>

At the Movies Web address

<http://www.lovetolearnplace.com/Movies/index.html>

What Does the Bible Say? — Clothing = garments

PDF File worksheet located at

<http://www.lovetolearnplace.com/Charm%20Course/CharmBible5.pdf>