THE SPIRITUAL FRAGRANCE OF A WOMAN

Before You Can Lie with Your King, You Must Be Anointed

 \mathcal{A} good wife is not developed in the bedroom because she is made far before that time ever comes. Women who are developed in the bed are pros and they have a job title for what they do (prostitute); but that does not represent who you are. You, my sister, are destined to be the wife of a King. Good sex does not equal a happy marriage; there is more to a good marriage than sheet shaking and baby making. For as much as we want to take pleasure in our spouses all day every day, we cannot spend all of our time in bed because life is beckoning us to get up and move.

Too many women believe in what I call bed magic. Bed magic is when a spouse believes if they do their thing in bed then all the shortcomings, faults and mistakes in the relationship should be overlooked. They then leave the greater load of developing and maintaining the marriage to their spouse, however that is not a task that can be completed by one person. Trusting in bed magic is a mistake many people make, thinking you can satisfy your spouse with your body only. Never taking the time to consider the sharing thoughts plans importance of and through open communication, failure to share the financial responsibilities, save and invest money, pay the bills on time, raise children in the Faith of Jesus, and basic housekeeping is not only unfair to your spouse but also serves as a recipe for major trouble. Many relationships and marriages have come to an abrupt and tragic end, regardless of superb sexual relations; at least one of the two people was not ready mentally or spiritually to commit long-term. Most people only see marriage as a physical thing and totally disregard the other important sacrificial, considerate, compassionate, components: being communicative, open and honest, forsaking others for your spouse, putting your spouse first (even before children) and being accountable for your actions.

Kings can have just about any woman they want, but as you can see from the book of Esther the king was only interested in marrying a

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woman prepared for his bed, his home, and his life. From a man's perspective there is nothing worse than committing to a woman whom you thought was prepared for a serious relationship but find out otherwise later on. She soon becomes a burden in his life because he became a personal trainer, a parent, a daily motivator, a banker, a cook; and Lord help the king if she is overly attached to her mother who has many of the same issues. Kings are looking for women who have taken the time and gone through the necessary process of development to be more than just a good sex partner. Kings need a life mate because there are times in his life when he must to go to war, make tough decisions, etc. It is when a king is in bed that he is most vulnerable to an attempt on his life. He needs to know he can trust his queen with his very life.

Esther Was Anointed

Let us learn a few things from our girl Esther. Esther was not only a beautiful woman according to most Bible historians, but she had a spiritual fragrance that helped to enhance those outer qualities. She had something on the inside that was beautiful, peaceful and attractive. Outer beauty and a shapely figure are two nice attributes to have when it comes to attracting a regular man, but I'm talking about attracting a king. Drawing a king takes more than the physical; you need what Esther had, an awesome spiritual fragrance and a spiritual guide. As a matter of fact Esther's spiritual fragrance was a result of submitting to Mordecai. She had something amazing going on in the spirit realm, which made her even more beautiful on the outside.

The first thing to notice about Esther is her submissive spirit to Mordecai her elder cousin, spiritual father and mentor. When he gave Esther words of direction and/or instruction she listened and obeyed. She allowed Mordecai to be the lamp for her feet and he led her right into the king's heart and favor. Mordecai is the true hero of this story because he was the protection for Esther and the rest of the Jewish exiles. Chapter ten is a prime example to prove Mordecai's case. It

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is the shortest chapter in the entire book of Esther yet those three small verses point to the greatness of Mordecai, who is the unseen force behind Esther's glorification. He is a prophetic picture of the Holy Spirit of God, who desires to lead us into wealthy places and speaks peace to us all.

> ¹ And the king Ahasuerus laid a tribute upon the land, and upon the isles of the sea. ² And all the acts of his power and of his might, and the declaration of the greatness of Mordecai, whereunto the king advanced him, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia? ³ For Mordecai the Jew was next unto king Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews, and accepted of the multitude of his brethren, seeking the wealth of his people, and speaking peace to all his seed.

Esther 10:1-3 (KJV)

Mordecai was a father to Esther, although she was actually his cousin, he raised her as his daughter. When Mordecai spoke a word he expected her to listen and obey because he was preparing Esther for her destiny. If she didn't listen and obey God would give the privilege of delivering the people to someone else.

Before Esther could spend the night with the king she had to go through a time of purification and sweetening in the anointing of myrrh. For one whole year Esther was cleansed and prepared just to spend one night with the king. This night was a very important one for Esther and her people, the Jews. She was not going to have a night at the door of the king without having the anointing on her and in her. She endured a year of processing before even making an appointment to see the king.