

**ESTHER - Part II**  
Reference: **Esther 2:1-18**  
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Ahasuerus servants suggested some specific steps to finding a suitable replacement to Vashti. Each step starts with the word "let."

- \_\_\_\_\_ to start a search process  
**verse two**, "...**Let** beautiful young virgins be sought for the king;"
- \_\_\_\_\_ men in the different provinces to find and bring eligible virgins to the palace  
**verse three**, "and **let** the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, that they may gather all the beautiful young virgins to Shushan the citadel, into the women's quarters, under the custody of Hegai the king's eunuch, custodian of the women..."
- \_\_\_\_\_ the virgins to be presented to Ahasuerus  
**verse three** continued "...And **let** beauty preparations be given them."
- have the women \_\_\_\_\_ to please Ahasuerus  
**verse four**, "Then **let** the young woman who pleases the king be queen instead of Vashti.'..."

Five important principles from this selection process:

**Principle:** Beatification happens both on the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**verse seven**, "The young woman was **lovely** and **beautiful**."

**verse fifteen**, "...And Esther obtained **favor** in the sight of all who saw her."

**verse seventeen**, "...she obtained **grace** and **favor** in his sight more than all the virgins;"

**Principle:** \_\_\_\_\_ earns great dividends.

**verse seven**, "And **Mordecai had brought up Hadassah**, that is, **Esther**, his uncle's daughter, for she had neither father nor mother. The young woman was lovely and beautiful. When her father and mother died, **Mordecai took her as his own daughter**."

**Principle:** \_\_\_\_\_ is critical.

**verse ten**, "Esther had not revealed her people or family, for **Mordecai had charged her not to reveal it**."

**Principle:** \_\_\_\_\_ is attractive.

**verse fifteen**, "Now when the turn came for Esther the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her as his daughter, to go in to the king, **she requested nothing** but what Hegai the king's eunuch, the custodian of the women, advised."

**Principle:** \_\_\_\_\_ is everything and God's timing is \_\_\_\_\_!

**Read verses sixteen through eighteen** (see screen)