A Royal Lady

"She makes for herself coverlets, cushions and rugs of tapestry.

Her clothing is of linen, pure white and fine and of purple
[such as that of which the clothing of the priests and the
hallowed cloth of the temple are made]." Proverbs 31:22 Amplified



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In the Bible, purple is a royal color. This lady saw herself as a royal daughter. Jesus Christ is Lord and King of the universe, so when we put our trust in Him as our Savior, God becomes our Heavenly Father, and we become part of His family, His royal family. We may not always feel like royal sons or daughters; however, regardless of how we feel, if we have repented of our sins and put our trust in Christ as our Savior, we need to adjust our emotions to the truth of God's Word and ask the Holy Spirit to help us think and live like royal children.

White in the Bible represents many things, some of which are: the Holy Spirit, power, and purity. This lady's outward appearance illustrated what was in her heart and soul. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, she lived the life of purity as a royal daughter, her private life as a wife and daughter, and in her community.

As a new believer, my life was in shambles, having been raised in an alcoholic home; being constantly physically and sexually abused; being full of hate, anger and bitterness; having a marriage on the brink of divorce; as well as my own sin. I can assure you I did not feel like a royal daughter. I felt like garbage. However, as I would daily read the Bible I saw I had choices and decisions to make. Would I allow my life to be ruled by my emotions or by the truth of God's Word? By the power of the Holy Spirit and God's amazing grace, I made a choice to believe the Bible. God gave me the

grace to forgive those who had beaten and abused me. He gave me His grace to take full responsibility for my sinful habits. As I would daily read and apply God's Word, God started to renew my mind to accept the fact that through Christ, I am His royal daughter. Praise Jesus!

Daily, the Holy Spirit teaches me how to think, speak, dress and live as a royal daughter whose goal in life is to bring glory to my king, Jesus. Sometimes I fall, but the Holy Spirit reminds me I am a royal daughter. He gives me His grace to repent and restores my peace. It is such a joy to be a child of God and a part of God's family.

How about you? Have you put your trust in Jesus? Is He your Savior? Are you part of God's royal family? If you are not, you can change that today. You can acknowledge that you are a sinner and put your trust in Christ. You can be accepted into His royal family. To the believers, I pray that each of you is living as a royal son or daughter and living a life that is bringing glory and honor to King Jesus.

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