

GRIT OF A QUEEN
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“She was given the prescribed twelve months of beauty treatments—six months with oil of myrrh, followed by six months with special perfumes and ointments. When it was time for her to go to the king’s palace, she was given her choice of whatever clothing or jewelry she wanted to take from the harem.”
(Esther 2:12-13, NLT)

1. Perception is idealistic

“Hegai was very impressed with Esther and treated her kindly. He quickly ordered a special menu for her and provided her with beauty treatments. He also assigned her seven maids specially chosen from the king’s palace, and he moved her and her maids into the best place in the harem.” (Esther 2:9, NLT)

- Perception changes with life experience
- Perception changes as knowledge increases
- Perception changes when circumstances shift

2. Reality is substance

“Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see.” (Hebrews 11:1, NLT)

- Reality cannot be ignored

“Esther had not told anyone of her nationality and family background, because Mordecai had directed her not to do so.” (Esther 2:10, NLT)

- Reality requires knowledge and wisdom

“When it was Esther’s turn to go to the king, she accepted the advice of Hegai, the eunuch in charge of the harem. She asked for nothing except what he suggested, and she was admired by everyone who saw her.”
(Esther 2:15b, NLT)

“If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.” (James 1:5, NLT)

- Reality initiates action

“If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?”
(Esther 4:14, NLT)

3. Clarity brings resolve

“So Mordecai went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.”
(Esther 4:17, NLT)

- Clarity comes through prayer and fasting

“Go and gather together all the Jews of Susa and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will do the same. And then, though it is against the law, I will go in to see the king. If I must die, I must die.” (Esther 4:16, NLT)

- Clarity comes through patience

“And Esther replied, “If it please the king, let the king and Haman come today to a banquet I have prepared for the king.” Esther replied, “This is my request and deepest wish. If I have found favor with the king, and if it pleases the king to grant my request and do what I ask, please come with Haman tomorrow to the banquet I will prepare for you. Then I will explain what this is all about.” (Esther 5:4, 7-8 NLT)

- Clarity sustains in uncertainty

“Queen Esther replied, “If I have found favor with the king, and if it pleases the king to grant my request, I ask that my life and the lives of my people will be spared.” (Esther 7:3, NLT)