

'Wealth and Weakness' Esther 1 – Wed. Sept. 23 Deeper Bible Study

- Where do we find **o**_____ in relation to the world of Esther? (v. 1-2)

Esther 1:3 - **Q. But what was the purpose of this first banquet? Any guesses?**

Q. How does Xerxes' display of wealth and power influence our understanding of his character?

(Proverbs 16:8)

- Are we **b**_____ in the right things? (v. 3-8)

Esther 1:4 - **Q. So, what do you see Xerxes showing publicly here?**

(John 6:35b)

Esther 1:7-8 - **Q. What were the two rules presented though for this feast party?**

Esther 1:11 - ***Q. What do we learn of Queen Vashti?***

Q. What is your interpretation of the relationship between Xerxes and Queen Vashti?

Esther 1:12 - ***Q. Why might Queen Vashti have chosen to defy the king's command?***

Q. How would you have responded if you were asked to do something against your convictions?

Q. How can Vashti's story of disobedience and punishment relate to us today?

- Are we easily controlled by the v _____ of this world? (v. 9-12)

- Are we allowing ourselves to exact r _____, in thinking as the world does? (v. 13-22)