



What is a PRINCESS?

What would you do if you woke up one morning to discover that overnight you'd become a princess?

Would you:-

a) Jump out of bed and rush to your super-sized wardrobe chock-a-block with bling! Try on Monday morning's tiara and send off an order for some diamond-studded shoes to match?

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b) Shout 'Off with their heads' – just for the practice?

c) Check on all the handsome princes out there?

d) Curtsey to your mother and then write a list, checking it twice, about all the really good causes you're going to support?

If you answered a) – watch out for a revolution; your crazy spending habits will not make your subjects like you.

If you answered b) – watch out for a revolution; chopping off people's heads will not make your subjects like you. Not at all.

If you answered c) – Watch out for a revolution; the ugly princes might be offended.

If you answered d) – you're safe! Phew! You're such a nice all-round good-girl princess that all the revolutionaries will just love you!

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With all that talk of revolutions, perhaps you've changed your mind about being a princess. It might not be the best career choice. Perhaps being a princess is not all it's cracked up to be. Is the life of a princess all about jewels and dances? Could it be about wars and battles too?

Being a princess is certainly a life of privilege and power – for some it is a great life. But the princesses we're going to read about don't quite fit the glitzy-ditzy image that some imagine is the life of a royal princess. In this book we have princesses who showed just as much bravery as warriors – yet they didn't carry swords. We also have princesses who were sharp thinkers – women who made wise decisions. And we've got quite a few princesses who did the wisest thing of all – trust in God.

You see, all these princesses are from the Bible – and that is something that should make you sit

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up and take notice. God has put these women in his Word for a reason – and you need to find out why.

But not all the princesses in this book are heroines. Some of the royal ladies in the Bible were lean mean killing machines – the bad princesses of the Bible. Yeah, watch out for those girls! One of them comes to a particularly grizzly end – not good if you're feeling a bit squeamish.

'Hang on a second,' I hear you say. 'This book is How to be a Bible princess. What do you mean exactly? Can I be a princess?'

Good question. Here's the deal. Unless you're born in a royal family, or marry a prince, you're not going to be a princess. But you can join a royal family – THE royal family – God's family. Being part of God's family is not about birth or status or if you've got a crown or two in your cupboard. It's not about what you look like, or about being

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in charge. It's not even about being the nicest, most organised, generous person around. Being a Bible princess is about being part of the true royal family that has God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit at its centre. It's a family that anyone can enter into if they trust in the Lord Jesus Christ to save them from their sins.

If you trust in Jesus to save you from sin you are something even better than a worldly princess, you are a child of God. Your creator has made you – a girl – and he has saved you – a sinner. And one day you will be perfect, privileged and beautiful beyond imagination. That's what being a Bible princess is all about. It's really about being a child of God. A sinner saved by God's grace. When you trust in Jesus, the wrong things that you've done are wiped away because of God's love, power and wonderful mercy. Read on and find out more about how you can be part of the true royal family ... God's family!