

**God's At Work Even When We Don't See It: An Exposition
of Ruth and Esther #7**

Absolute Power Corrupts Absolutely
Esther 1:1-22

I. Show and Tell VS 1-9

- A. The man at the top VS 1-2
- B. Baubles, Bangles and Beads VS 3-6
- C. The drinks are on the house VS 7-8
- D. Queen Vashti wasn't there VS 9

II. Pose Or Be Disposed VS 10-22

- A. Let me show you my best possession VS 10-11
- B. Vashti's refusal VS 12
- C. Oh no! What will we do now VS 13-15
- D. The sky is falling VS 16-20
- E. D.U.I. (Decision making Under the Influence) VS 21-22

III. Thoughts

- A. God is ultimately in control no matter how rich, famous, or powerful a person becomes
- B. What we see in others as tremendous often is just veneer – The King is actually weak and emotionally insecure
- C. The danger of show and tell
 - The reason we have nothing is
 - That you have everything
 - It creates resentment
 - And jealousy

D. Decisions and consequences

E. The danger of overreacting

F. Bad advice

- G.** The ramifications of a leader's insecurity
- It leads to actions you can't change
 - You surround yourself with "yes" men
 - You are easily led

H. Dangers of Unlimited Power

- In the world
- In the Church
- In relationships