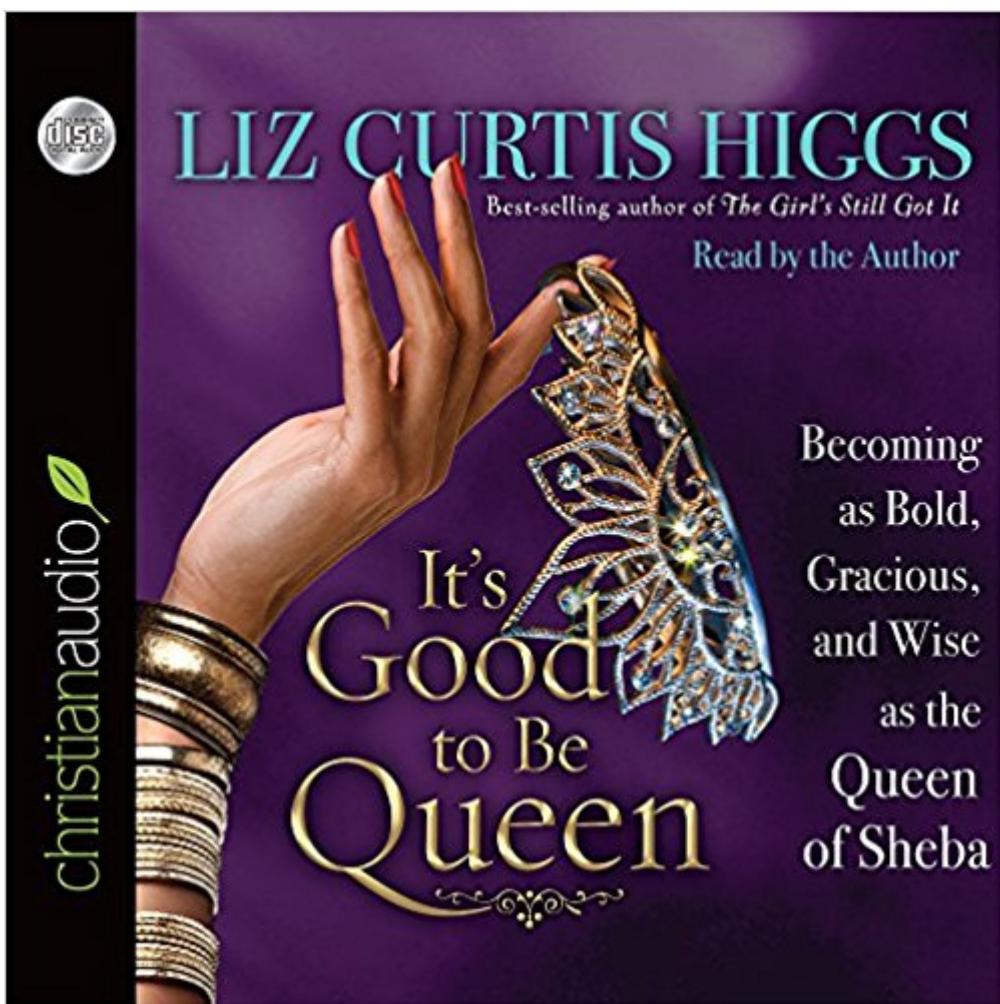


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# It's Good To Be Queen: Becoming As Bold, Gracious, And Wise As The Queen Of Sheba



## Synopsis

When it comes to queens in the Bible, we know the good one, Queen Esther, and the bad one, Queen Jezebel. But what about the wise one, the Queen of Sheba? This wealthy royal from antiquity, who longed to observe for herself the wisdom of Solomon, offers a storehouse of treasures for her modern sisters, showing us how to seek after truth, ask the right questions, keep an open mind, give generously, and honor God above all. Just as Sheba posed enigmas for Solomon to solve, this book will address thorny life questions and consider what qualities best serve a godly queen of any realm. It's Good to Be Queen incorporates the biblical account with historical material from Josephus and other resources, and touches on various legends that have swirled around the Queen of Sheba for thousands of years. As she did in *The Girl's Still Got It*, Higgs offers deep and meaningful takeaway while drawing readers in through her warmhearted, sometimes humorous style.

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Praise for It's Good to Be Queen: "Liz Curtis Higgs does it again! A touching, beautiful look at one of the Bible's most captivating women. This is a stunning blend of research, insight, and practical application that will challenge you and fill you with hope. You won't see the queen of Sheba or yourself in the same way again. Highly recommended." Margaret Feinberg, author of *Fight Back with Joy* "Liz has the wonderful gift of making biblical history come to life. By the time I finished reading this fantastic

book, I felt as if I knew the queen of Sheba. If you long to live, love, and finish well, you will treasure this book!â• Sheila Walsh, author of *Five Minutes with Jesus* â• Liz Curtis Higgs continues to knit our hearts with spectacular women in the Bible. In this treasure of a book, you will be captivated with the story of the queen of Sheba and how her all-out search for wisdom led her to the One of all wisdom. Thank you, Liz, for leading us into the riches of Godâ•â„¢s Word.â•â• Lysa TerKeurst, New York Times best-selling author of *The Best Yes* and president of Proverbs 31 Ministries â• Liz is someone who can hug you around the neck and still manage to kick you in the behind at the same timeâ•â• my favorite kind of human. Prepare to laugh and cry and change.â•â• Jennie Allen, visionary of IF:Gathering and author of *Restless* â• Liz Curtis Higgs is an expert at breaking down a Bible story and bringing it to life. Then she reaches out her hand and invites us to join her, right in the midst of the story, as she reveals the riches hidden there. Settle in with her words. Open your heart to the story. Find yourself on a journey of transformation and grace.â•â• Deidra Riggs, author of *Every Little Thing* â• An unparalleled feast of rich truth, direly needed wisdom, and the most divine servings of grace. Every page sparkles not only with wit and warmth but with Lizâ•â„¢s signature, unmatched insights. Liz is the comforting, courage-giving friend every woman prays for. Thereâ•â„¢s no voice like Lizâ•â„¢s. And thereâ•â„¢s no woman who can afford to miss the epic wisdom of the queen of Sheba.â•â• Ann Voskamp, New York Times best-selling author of *One Thousand Gifts* and *The Greatest Gift* â• In this stunning account of a woman that most people know very little about, Liz has masterfully (and responsibly) brought fresh insights to the story of the mysterious queen of Sheba. Her writing unites imagery and research in a seamless, spectacular way, and I learned many facts that breathed life into a few short passages of Scripture. I walked away from this book inspired to be more like the courageous, bold, wise, humble, and generous woman I met on the page. This might be Lizâ•â„¢s best work yet.â•â• Angie Smith, best-selling author of *Chasing God* and *What Women Fear*â• Liz Curtis Higgs frequently writes on womenâ•â„¢s issues. Here she tells the story of the Queen of Sheba. The Bible tells us little about this queen except for her visit to King Solomon in the first 13 verses of I Kings, chapter 10. The queen is intrigued by Solomonâ•â„¢s reputation and wants many questions answered. Higgs mixes a bit of fiction with her nonfiction. As an introduction to her work, she pens a brief message signed â•â„¢Sheba.â•â• Concluding each of the first nine chapters is another short note from Sheba, which includes her comments on her situation as it is treated in the given chapter. In this manner, Higgs discusses each of the 13 verses phrase by phrase. Itâ•â„¢s Good to be Queen, written in Higgsâ•â„¢s down-to-earth, informal style, is

well annotated and includes interesting, thought-provoking questions for further study. It also includes comments about the implications of the verses and story for the reader's life." Congregational Libraries Today --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

Liz Curtis Higgs has been telling tales since she wrote her first novel at the tender age of ten. Careers in broadcasting, public speaking, nonfiction writing, and children's books brought her back to her first love fiction at the turn of the 21st century.

I follow this author on social media and have a few of her books that I have not read yet. This book was chosen for my book club this month. I am so glad we chose this one! I loved it. Especially her writing style, humor, and the research she poured into it. A great storyteller. Her research is various versions of the Bible, which I enjoy the cross references. As she mentions, there is much written about The Queen of Sheba from assumption. Some not good. I especially like how her research ties back to applying it to my life. There is a Bible study included in the back of the book that I plan to do later. Liz shares areas of failure with honesty and humility. I seem to see my own failures, sins and disobedience from an authentic author rather than one who points the finger, writing from a prideful attitude. Thank you Liz Curtis Higgs for helping me to follow God closer with boldness,

Graciousness and Wisdom

Our study group just finished this Bible Study. We enjoyed it for the most part but there were a few times we thought 'that was a stretch to get that point'. The online videos that were to go with each week's lesson were hard to listen to because 1) the mic was not always on the 'guest' of the week & 2) you never see the guest's face. We elected to do the study without watching the weekly video teachings. It is good to be bold and to be courageous for Christ and to follow the examples that are set out in Scripture for our life journey. This 10 week study touches on just a few ways we can learn from those who have gone before.

I was hoping that this would be more of a devotional or topical study type book. Instead it seems to be a fiction novel with journal entries from the queen, based on biblical principals. However much of this book leaves room for speculation and cultural assumptions of those times. I've been encouraged by it for sure, but it wasn't what I was expecting.

This is my first book by Liz Curtis Higgs and I was blown away!!!! I am so tired of books that read

like stereo instruction...if your going to tell a story, tell a story!!! I loved how her mix of scripture and storing telling!!! I have been searching for something to excite me in bible reading and study. I am so tired of preaching, speak to my spirit and my imagination that is what God gave them to us for, to visualize the bible and she has got a reader in this book! Please read this book if you want something different!!!!

"It's Good to Be Queen", so challenging and inspirational and I would venture to say one of the best that Liz has written. There is a certain maturity that is captured and is challenging and refreshing to all ages. As an older woman I was encouraged to re-examine my perceived wisdom and the reality of my priorities in living for the Lord. I appreciated too that Liz has stood her ground and kept to what the Bible says and not written what the world wants to read. Love the way Liz uses the word 'good'. Repeating it in chapter headings is a gentle reminder to think about how it applies to my life. All the interesting facts and figures not only give good background material but also the confidence of a well researched book. Thank you Liz for all the time and effort spent writing and we know it is 'bound' with love for all your readers.

In our parish the church of the good shepherd, we started a Bible study group based on Liz's books Bad Girls of the Bible. The other day when discussing the next book we wanted to study there were a couple of recommendations made. A couple of the gals question, "don't we have anymore of Liz Curtis Higgs's books to study?" So we will continue using Liz's book with an occasional other author and his/her books sneaking in once in a while. We really enjoy Liz's sense humor, her care about introducing us to traditions, and customs of the biblical time . That surrounds each bad girl we have studied. I have learned more about my Catholic faith by reading Liz's books.

Liz Curtis Higgs does a staggering amount of research for her books. Her microscopic examination of the Queen o Sheba reveals a boatload of Biblical treasure. In addition to scripture references from throughout the Bible, she includes comments from theologians and even quotes from other more recent queens. One is able to receive her encouragements and admonitions because, rather than looking down from some exalted position, she speaks from the depth of her own life experiences. She makes queenly qualities seem attainable for us all! Her keen sense of humor and willingness to efface herself become poignant verbal embraces for her readers.

The format of this book is perfect to use over and over to work on specific character traits you

choose to study and pray about. Liz uses history, personal experience, the Word, and the experiences of her online girlfriends to help us learn more about ourselves. It's good to be truthful... and Liz is in this book. The biblical account of this queen is not an erotic romance and I love that Liz sticks to the Truth.

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