

# How to Use *It's Good to Be Queen* as a Bible Study

## A Leader's Guide from Liz Curtis Higgs

Right from the start, *It's Good to Be Queen* was designed as a Bible study, unveiling the *real* queen of Sheba and all she has to teach us about being bold, gracious, and wise (plus seven more worthy qualities!). Who knew this ancient queen would be such a role model for women today?



“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 God’s Word.”

—LYSA TERKEURST, *New York Times* best-selling author of *The Best Yes* and president of Proverbs 31 Ministries

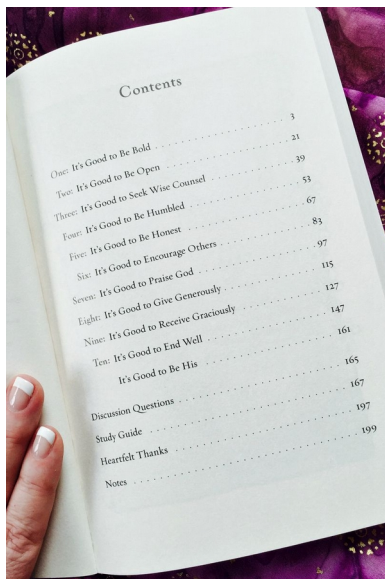
“Every page here sparkles not only with wit and warmth but with Liz’s signature, unmatched insights. No woman can afford to miss the epic wisdom of the queen of Sheba.”

—ANN VOSKAMP, *New York Times* best-selling author of *One Thousand Gifts* and *The Greatest Gift*

### What you’ll find inside

Verse by verse, we’ll follow the queen of Sheba on her journey to Jerusalem, recorded in 1 Kings 10:1-13. As I plumbed the depths of her story in forty different English translations of the Bible, I was astounded to find how each verse revealed a unique

aspect of her personality through her actions and words. So, in each chapter we’ll explore those fine attributes.



### How the chapters unfold

**One:** It's Good to Be Bold

**Two:** It's Good to Be Open

**Three:** It's Good to Seek Wise Counsel

**Four:** It's Good to Be Humbled

**Five:** It's Good to Be Honest

**Six:** It's Good to Encourage Others

**Seven:** It's Good to Praise God

**Eight:** It's Good to Give Generously

**Nine:** It's Good to Receive Graciously

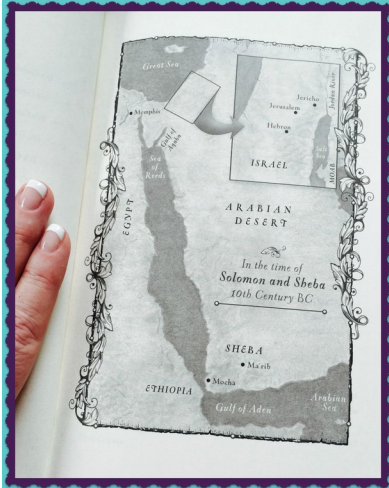
**Ten:** It's Good to End Well

It's Good to Be His

**Discussion Questions**

**Study Guide**

**Notes**



### **Everything you need is in the book**

Rather than creating a separate workbook, I included the **Study Guide** at the end of the book, featuring **three in-depth, three-part questions** per chapter. Women may want to use a notebook, digital tablet, or other device for taking notes. For Bible study leaders who like to know where various details in the text are drawn from, it's all there for you in the **Notes**.

### **Weekly preparation time**

For your members, it should take about **fifteen minutes** to read each chapter and perhaps **thirty minutes** to answer the questions. (If my estimate

doesn't match your experience, please let me know, so I can adjust those numbers here.)

### **Five-week study or ten-week study?**

If your group meets for **an hour or less** each week, and your time together includes prayer, refreshments, and socializing, a **ten-week study** may be the best plan for you, covering **one chapter** and its **corresponding questions** each time you meet.

If you gather for **ninety minutes or more** weekly, *It's Good to Be Queen* can work as a **five-week study**, with **two chapters** to read and **two sets of questions** to discuss when you're together.

### **Possible format for one chapter a week for ten weeks – 60+ minutes**

- 10 minutes – Gathering time
- 10-15 minutes – Session on Vimeo with Liz
- 25-30 minutes – Discussion of three Study Guide questions
- 10 minutes – Closing thoughts and prayer

### **Possible format for two chapters a week for five weeks – 90+ minutes**

- 5 minutes – Gathering time
- 10-15 minutes – Session on Vimeo with Liz
- 20-25 minutes – Discussion of three Study Guide questions for first chapter
- 10 minutes – Break
- 10-15 minutes – Session on Vimeo with Liz
- 20-25 minutes – Discussion of three Study Guide questions for second chapter
- 5 minutes – Closing thoughts and prayer



### Free videos waiting for you on [Vimeo.com](https://www.vimeo.com)

For *It's Good to Be Queen*, I wanted to try something different from the videos my publisher and I created for *The Girl's Still Got It* and *Bad Girls of the Bible* (though, of course, I *loved* doing those!).

This time, I invited **five wonderful women** of differing ages and stages to take turns sitting across from me, so I could share the highlights of each chapter, one-on-one. It's more personal than a presentation, and definitely more casual.

Here's the best part: **these videos are free!** You'll find all ten, plus a 60-second video invitation to use in your church, on [Vimeo.com/lizcurtishiggs](https://www.vimeo.com/lizcurtishiggs).

### My Weekly Bible Study Blog

I'll be blogging my way through *It's Good to Be Queen*, focusing on the Study Guide questions, beginning August 19 through October 28, 2015. You'll find the posts on my website [www.lizcurtishiggs.com/blog/](http://www.lizcurtishiggs.com/blog/) for many seasons to come.

### Fun Stuff



Women are having so much fun with this book, from taking pictures in tiaras to baking crown-shaped cookies for refreshments to dressing up in costume to creating tee-shirts for their small group. You know my theory: if we laugh while we learn, the truth stays with us.





### To help our Haitian sisters

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[www.vibellajewelry.com/authors-collection](http://www.vibellajewelry.com/authors-collection) to create uniquely designed, hand-crafted jewelry for our exclusive **Queen of Sheba Crown Jewels**, helping lift our Haitian sisters from the depths of poverty. You might consider purchasing a piece or two, knowing the money goes, not to me, but to a wonderful cause: our artisans in Haiti!

### For my Pinterest sisters



Finally, I couldn't resist creating a Pinterest board for our queen. Wait until you see all the Shebalicious orange!

[www.pinterest.com/lizcurtishiggs/queen-of-sheba](http://www.pinterest.com/lizcurtishiggs/queen-of-sheba)

Thanks for considering *It's Good to Be Queen* for your Bible study group.

As a special thank you, I'd love to send autographed peel-and-stick bookplates and colorful laminated bookmarks for each person in your group. Simply email **your mailing address** and the **number of people** in your study to [bill@lizcurtishiggs.com](mailto:bill@lizcurtishiggs.com). Then, watch your mailbox!



Your sister,

*Liz Curtis Higgs*