

Value Princess Pageant

Miss Values: Welcome to the interview part of our pageant. I'm excited to be here this evening as we crown the 2007 "Princess of Value" The 7 finalists for this year's values pageant are Miss Pious, Miss Whimper and Whine, Miss Self-Centered, Miss "10", Miss I Dunno, Miss Gossip, and Miss Phoney Baloney! For the interview portion of our pageant, each finalist will answer the question, "What do you value? Let's begin.

"Miss Pious, what do you value?

Miss Pious: (snooty voice, might use British accent) I've worked so hard I DESERVE to be here! Why, I get up every morning at 3:00 AM for my personal perfection! I pray for 20 minutes, read scriptures for 20 minutes, exercise for 20 minutes, and meditate for 20 minutes. I am VERY organized! I fast one day a week to prove my humility to my friends! I insist that we kneel in prayer every morning before our car pool leaves for school each day. I never miss an opportunity to bear my testimony. This lets everyone know how spiritually aware I am. Did I mention my dad is the Stake President? Everyone my age is so immature! I'll be glad to finally get to BYU so that I can associate with people on my same superior level!

Miss Values: (in a confused voice)uh, thank you for that interesting response, Miss Pious. Now Miss Whimper and Whine, what do you value?

Miss Whimper and Whine: (in a whiny voice) It really isn't fair that I wasn't first to tell you my inner feelings! Someone is ALWAYS making me be second or even LAST! My mother wouldn't buy me the \$700 dress I wanted, instead I had to settle for this ugly \$600 one! It even has dumb sleeves! I have been so busy. No one understands I don't have time to do housework, attend church, or listen to my friends' silly problems. I will probably lose this dumb contest because nobody has helped me the way they should. My father is too busy, my mother is preoccupied, and my sister doesn't really care! Oh well it's stupid anyway! I don't really want to win.

Miss Values:goodness, sorry to hear that Miss Whimper and Whine. Let's move on... Miss Self-Centered, what do you value?

Miss Self-Centered: (with Texas drawl) I am Sarah Belle Self-Centered from Big Me Little You, Texas! (big wink) I am plumb delighted to be here and let ya'll have a look at me! I knew I'd be perfect for this! It would further my career so much! None of these girls have what it takes to be a big success. I've been to Julliard's school of music and Boston's finest finishing school. My daddy's rich and my momma's good-lookin'. ALL the returned missionaries think I am the sassiest little filly in all Texas!

Miss Values: (less surprised) Well then. Miss "10" why are you here and what do you value?

Miss "10": (carries mirror) Isn't this totally awesome? Do you like my new hair do - I've been coloring it since the 3rd grade! It's essential to keep this fabulous bod a perfect 10! I have a pedicure on Tuesdays and Thursdays, a manicure on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and a facial every Saturday morning. I work so hard to look great that I can't POSSIBLY wear any clothes that aren't designer label! I only wear Lucky jeans, of course! I don't have time for school and books my beauty is all I need. Making myself beautiful is my numero uno goal.

Miss Values: (shaking her head in dismay) Okay, well, Miss I Dunno, what do you value?

Miss I Dunno: (in a confused voice) I dunno why I'm here! One of my friends thought it would be fun, so here I am. I dunno if I wore the right thing! My boyfriend picked this out for me. I dunno if I'll go to college - I'll have to wait and see what everyone else does. I dunno what my standards are. I'll just have to see what my friends do. Do you know why I'm here?

Miss Values: Miss Gossip, can you give us a better answer to the question what do you value?

Miss Gossip: (speaks while looking about nervously, as if checking for eavesdroppers) Guess what I heard today?!?... Miss "10" really isn't!!! She is BOWLEGGED! Get this: ... Miss Pious doesn't say personal prayers!!! She only says the out-loud-in-front-of-people kind of prayers! ... Don't tell anyone this ... but Miss I Dunno doesn't know how everyone laughs behind her back! ... Keep this quiet, too, but Miss Self-Centered will never win Miss Congeniality, because she doesn't have any friends! No one can stand

her! ... Now cross your heart and hope to die you won't tell ANYONE what I've told you!

Miss Values: (disappointed) Thank you, Miss Gossip. Miss Phoney Baloney, what do you value?

Miss Phoney Baloney: (speaks the main part of her speech loudly, and the parts in parenthesis sotto voce, or under her breath, as if we are hearing her thoughts) I'm so glad to be here with all you wonderful people!!! (This sure is a dull audience with no spunk.) I owe my family so much! My mother is my best fiend and I love her! (Sometimes my mother is so dumb and old-fashioned!) All the girls in the pageant have been so special to me and so helpful! (Have you ever seen such funny-looking girls that are so out of it?) All the kids at school have been so supportive of my entrance in this contest! (The kids I got to school with are such nerds! They think I like them, but I really think they're losers!)

Miss Values: You know, each of these young women has many great qualities, but I'm confused about their values. They don't seem to have any! What is their true purpose? What values can they use to help themselves win more than just physical joy - what values can they develop to help them attain eternal life? Let's give each of these young women time to think and another chance to share what they truly value.

Special musical number as girls change

Miss Values: Each of these young women has been given time to evaluate themselves and determine what is truly important in life. And now to hear

their responses and to crown our winners we turn the time over to our own Prince Charming, Bishop

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Bishop: It is my pleasure to be here tonight. I am anxious to interview these fine young ladies myself! Miss Pious, now that you have learned about the importance of righteous values, please tell us what value.

Miss Pious: I have been so busy telling everyone how righteous I am that I haven't taken the time to develop my personal faith. I need to stop putting others down and exercise my faith through quiet acts. I just didn't get it, but now I do. Alma taught the Zoramites in Alma 32:21 that "Faith is not to have a perfect knowledge of things; therefore if ye have faith ye hope for things which are not seen, which are true." I will remember that "I am a daughter of Heavenly Father, who loves me. I have faith in His eternal plan, which centers on Jesus Christ, my Savior." I hope you can forgive me for acting like such a hot-shot. I'd like to be known as a Princess Faith, rather than Miss Pious.

Bishop: (Miss Values gives Miss Pious a new banner with Faith written on it in white letters) Thank you for teaching us what you learned about the value Faith! Miss Whimper and Whine, what do you value?

Miss Whimper and Whine All I have done is whine, complain, argue, and moan and be generally disagreeable. I have inherited divine qualities from my Father in Heaven, but I ignored them by choosing to have a negative attitude. I have been so busy raining on everyone's parade that I have forgotten how great life and other people can be. Life is great ... I am great ... You are great ... I have great friends ... I live in a great country ... I am a member of a great church and I am a Daughter of God and He loves me! If I will follow the counsel of the apostle Peter who said, "Be partakers of the divine nature. ... Giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge

temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity" (2 Peter 1:4-7), I can develop the divine qualities I have inherited from my Father in Heaven. Then I can be known as Princess Divine Nature instead of Miss Whimper and Whine.

Bishop: (Miss Values gives Miss Whimper and Whine a new banner with Divine Nature written on it in blue letters) Divine Nature is an important value indeed! Miss Self-Centered, what do you value?

Miss Self-Centered: I have been so preoccupied with my own superiority that I can't get outside myself long enough to acknowledge my own individual worth, and the worth of those around me. Sometimes I acted superior when inside I felt inferior. Sometimes I said how great I am, when I really didn't feel great at all. Demonstrating my individual worth does not mean putting others down. Instead, it means remembering the counsel found in Doctrine and Covenants 18:10: "Remember the worth of souls is great in the sight of God". That scripture doesn't say that I am greater, more superior or more outstanding than anyone else, but instead, that all souls are important to God. We are all unique and special and have a divine mission given us by Heavenly Father. By striving to fulfill my divine mission, I can demonstrate my desire to become Princess Individual Worth, rather than Miss Self-Centered.

Bishop: (Miss Values gives Miss Self-Centered a new banner with Individual Worth written on it in red letters) I'm feeling better already after hearing you talk about how your Heavenly Father values your Individual Worth! Miss "10", what do you value?

Miss "10": I have really been an air head! I thought if I had a great bod everything would take care of itself. I sure was wrong. I need so much more than good looks and physical fitness to help me find the true success that will lead me to my Heavenly Father. From now on, I choose to follow the Lord's commandment found in Doctrine and Covenants 88:118 to "Seek learning, even by study and also by faith," and I will continually seek opportunities for learning and growth throughout my life. There are good books to read, wholesome movies to see, uplifting music to hear, and exciting classes and discussions to enjoy as I take advantage of the opportunities for growth around me. My faith will grow as I study the gospel from the scriptures, and so will my mind. I can be known as Princess Knowledge throughout my life, instead of Miss "10".

Bishop: (Miss Values gives Miss "10" a new banner with Knowledge written on it in green letters) We all have so much we can do to show we value our knowledge of the gospel. Miss I Dunno, what do you value?

Miss I Dunno: I have really had my head in the sand. In my desire to please others, I didn't make the choices I should have. Instead, I let others influence my decisions and didn't want to be held accountable for the results of those choices. When I don't make my choices with careful thought and consideration, I am missing out on chances to show my Heavenly Father that I love Him enough to obey Him. The prophet Joshua said to his people: "Choose you this day whom ye will serve... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15) I can choose to serve the Lord, like Joshua and his family. Elder Packer has said: "Our lives are made up of thousands of everyday choices. Over the years these little choices will be bundled together and show clearly what we value. The crucial test of life...does not center in the choice between fame and obscurity, nor between wealth and poverty. The greatest decision of life is between good and evil." (Boyd K. Packer, "The Choice," Ensign, Nov. 1980, p. 20) I will remain free by choosing good over evil and will accept responsibility for my choices. I will exercise my free agency wisely as Princess Choice and Accountability.

Bishop: (Miss Values gives Miss I Dunno a new banner with Choice and Accountability written on it in orange letters) You've inspired us to pay attention to the results of my choices. Miss Gossip, what do you value?

Miss Gossip: I seem to be able to do one thing extremely well, and that is gossip. Instead of destroying others by spreading rumors, I can choose to help build the kingdom through my righteous service. There are so many ways to serve if I will just look for them. For starters, I could try being a better sister. I am pretty impatient at home. I could also treat the girls in my young women's class with kindness and friendliness. I can help my family at home with chores without complaining. As I do these good works, I can follow the Savior who said: "Therefore let your light so shine before this people, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven" (3 Nephi 12:16). I'm going to put others first from now on and become Princess Good Works, instead of Miss Gossip.

Bishop: (Miss Values gives Miss Gossip a new banner with Good Works written on it in yellow letters) I know you will put

others first in your life and choose to do more good works, too. Miss Phoney Baloney, what do you value?

Miss Phoney Baloney: What am I thinking? Most of the time I am so fake with my comments and observations that I don't describe anything honestly. When I gush flowery comments or make fun of others, I am not being valiant in my testimony of the Savior. From now on, I will have the moral courage to make my actions consistent with my knowledge of right and wrong. I will make the words of Job my motto: "Til I die I will not remove mine integrity from me." (Job 27:5) I will show my love for Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ by choosing the right, even when no one is watching. I want to be known Princess Integrity, instead of Miss Phoney Baloney.

Bishop (Miss Values gives Miss Phoney Baloney a new banner with Integrity written on it in purple letters) I want you to be known as a person of Integrity, too.

Here we have seven young women who have all become royal princesses by using "the seven Young Women values to help them understand more fully who they are, why they are here on earth, and what they should be doing as a daughter of God to prepare for the day they go to the temple to make sacred covenants. By striving to develop these values through Personal Progress "which will help them prepare for their future roles as faithful women, wives, mothers, and leaders in God's kingdom. The personal progress program teaches young women to make commitments, carry them out, and report their progress to a parent or leader. These are patterns they will use throughout their lives to learn and improve as women. In the words of the First Presidency, you young women are "beloved daughters of Heavenly Father, prepared to come to the earth at this particular time for a sacred and glorious

purpose. You have the noble calling to use your strength and influence for good.... Heavenly Father has blessed you with talents and abilities that will help you fulfill your divine mission. Through personal prayer, scripture study, obedience to the commandments, and service to others, you can develop these gifts.

"Use your influence to lift and bless your family, other young women, and the young men with whom you associate. Honor womanhood, support the priesthood, and treasure faithful motherhood and fatherhood.

"As you participate in Personal Progress, you join with thousands of other young women who are striving to come unto Christ and stand as witnesses of God at all times and in all things, and in all places' (Mosiah 18:9). Counsel with your parents, leaders and mentors as you prayerfully choose goals that will help you cultivate feminine virtues, grow spiritually, and reach your divine potential. Take advantage of your time in Young Women by preparing to receive the sacred ordinances of the temple, to be a faithful wife and mother, and to strengthen the home and family."