

**“What a Coincidence! (Or is it?)”**  
**Esther: Living for God in a Godless Culture (Lesson #6)**  
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- Is the world governed by blind chance?
  - Are some people just luckier than others?
- Is my life the result of providence, and has God been working behind the scenes to bring me to where I am today?

**1. A sleepless night—coincidence or God-Thing? (1-2)**

- God can even guide the hearts of kings. (Pr. 21:1)

**2. A specific reading—coincidence or God-Thing? (2)**

- “The Word of God is living and active.” (Heb. 4:12)

**3. A perfect timing—coincidence or God-Thing? (3-5)**

- Trust the Lord to do what’s right “in its time.” (Isa. 60:22)

**4. A proud person is humbled—coincidence or God-Thing? (6-12)**

- “Pride goes before a fall.” (Pr. 29:23; 16:18)

⇒ In the Book of Esther, God is nowhere overtly mentioned, but God is everywhere covertly at work.

⇒ This is called providence: the hidden hand of God at work in history and in individual people’s lives.

⇒ Coincidence is the secular word for providence. (Driscoll)

- Coincidence is God’s way of remaining anonymous. (Einstein)

- Coincidences are spiritual puns. (Chesterton)

⇒ Personally: I choose today to trust in the providence of a loving God and merciful Savior, rather than view the developments of my life as coincidences.