

**The Living Way Church**  
**FINDING FAVOR WITH GOD (II)**  
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**Text: 1 Sam 2:26; Luke 2:52**

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**INTRODUCTION**

Do you know that you can \_\_\_\_\_ in your favor with God?

To favor someone means to give special regard to, to treat with goodwill, to show exceptional kindness, preferential treatment.

When you are shown favor, it means two things: First, you are treated better than others. Second, you are treated better than what you deserve.

The favor of God speaks of His divine goodwill, acceptance and pleasure towards His people.


Favor is not fair. The word ‘favor’ comes from the same root word as ‘grace,’ which means that God gives you much more than you deserve.

What does the favor of God do for you?

1. **Favor with** \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Favor of** \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Favor of** \_\_\_\_\_
4. **Favor in** \_\_\_\_\_
5. **Favor of** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOW TO ACTIVATE AND GROW IN THE FAVOR OF GOD?**

**I. Enter into Right \_\_\_\_\_ with God**

 **2 Cor 6:2** For He says, “In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.” I tell you, now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation.


God favors His children! He always makes a distinction between His people and the people of the world.


Favor flows out of relationship.


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**II. Live in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_**

 **Ps 84:11** For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does He withhold from those whose walk is blameless.

 **Prov 11:27** He who earnestly seeks good finds favor, but trouble will come to him who seeks evil.

 **Prov 12:2** A good man obtains favor from the Lord, but the Lord condemns a crafty man.

 **Prov 14:9** Fools mock at sin, but among the upright there is favor.

God favors the blameless, the upright, and the righteous! It pays to be good.


Do you believe that it is possible to be a good Christian in the workplace? Do you believe that you don’t have to compromise your faith in order to be a successful businessman?


Your belief determines your behavior.

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### III. Seek \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

 **Prov 8:33-35** Listen to my instruction and be wise; do not ignore it. 34 Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway. 35 For whoever finds me finds life and receives favor from the Lord.

 **Prov 13:15** Good understanding wins favor, but the way of the unfaithful is hard.

God favors the wise! It's wise to be wise!

Not referring to intellectual capacity, i.e. not IQ, but SQ – spiritual quotient.

The Lord will have mercy on the foolish, rescuing them from troubles, not giving them what they deserve. Better to receive His grace and favor, in giving us what we don't deserve.

How do you grow in wisdom?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ God (Prov 9:10)
2. Study His \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps 19:7)
3. Receive godly \_\_\_\_\_ (Prov 13:10)
4. Walk with the \_\_\_\_\_ (Prov 13:20)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord Jesus Christ (Col 2:3)

### CONCLUSION

**Ps 37:4** Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.

God favors those who favor Him!

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