

THE FAVOR OF GOD

What is favor?

Well finding favor means **gaining approval, acceptance, or special benefits or blessings**. There is also a close association among favor, grace, and mercy, which are sometimes used to translate the same Hebrew and Greek words (such as *ḥēn* and *charis*).

And here are several keys to unlocking the Favor of God in your life!!

1) Get Wisdom

Proverbs 4:1-8 AMP

“Hear, O children, the instruction of a father, And pay attention [and be willing to learn] so that you may gain understanding and intelligent discernment. For I give you good doctrine; Do not turn away from my instruction. When I was a son with my father (David), Tender and the only son in the sight of my mother (Bathsheba), He taught me and said to me, “Let your heart hold fast my words; Keep my commandments and live. Get [skillful and godly] wisdom! Acquire understanding [actively seek spiritual discernment, mature comprehension, and logical interpretation]! Do not forget nor turn away from the words of my mouth. Do not turn away from her (Wisdom) and she will guard and protect you; Love her, and she will watch over you. The beginning of wisdom is: Get [skillful

and godly] wisdom [it is preeminent]! And with all your acquiring, get understanding [actively seek spiritual discernment, mature comprehension, and logical interpretation]. Prize wisdom [and exalt her], and she will exalt you; She will honor you if you embrace her.”

Proverbs 8:32-35 NKJV

“Now therefore, listen to me, my children, For blessed are those who keep my ways. Hear instruction and be WISE, and do not disdain it. Blessed is the man who listens to me, Watching daily at my gates, waiting at the post of my doors. For whoever finds me finds life, and obtains favor from the LORD,”

2) Live Righteous and Blameless

The favor that human beings receive from God depends on his good pleasure and is often extended in response to prayer or righteous living.

Blameless means: A quality of life apparent in an individual against whom no just charge can be made. This is exemplified supremely in the blameless life and death of Jesus Christ. Though believers remain imperfect in this life, they are counted blameless in God’s sight on account of the atoning death of Jesus Christ.

Righteous means: those who live and act in accordance with God’s commands.

Matthew 6:33 nkjv “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

Psalm 5:12 Surely, Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.

3) Be Committed and Faithful

Noah found favor with God because of his faithfulness and obedience to God. When all of humanity was engulfed in their sinful desires Noah was committed to following God and honoring God with his life.

Genesis 6:7-9 NKJV

“So the LORD said, “I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.” But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.”

Faithfulness means: Commitment to a relationship with God or fellow human beings; seen in that loyalty, devotion and service which is a reflection of God’s own faithfulness. Scripture points to the faithfulness of Jesus Christ as an example for believers.

The word even shows us in the gospel according to Luke in the Second chapter of Jesus' upbringing.

He's now a young preteen and his parents go looking for him, make a long story short they find him 3 days later at the temple, sitting among the teachers both listening to them and asking questions.

And all who heard young Jesus were amazed by his intelligence and his understanding.

His folks were overwhelmed and his momma said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? She says Listen, yo daddy and I have been stressed out looking all over for you, and Jesus said this...

"Why did you have to look for me? Did you not know that I had to be in my Father's House?"

Now they most certainly didn't understand what he meant but he was obedient to them and

Luke 2:52 reads

"and Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and men.!

When Christ died on Calvary, the perfect sacrifice was presented, making it possible for all who believe to enjoy God's favor (2 Cor. 6:2).

