

# What is the favor of God, and how can I get it?

The best definition of the word favor is “demonstrated delight.” The favor of God can be described as “tangible evidence that a person has the approval of the Lord.” (Isaiah 66:2; 2 Chronicles 16:9)

Favor is closely related to grace in the Bible. Those who have received Jesus as their Saviour are saved by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8-9). They know the favor of God and that without faith, it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6; Romans 4:5). The most basic answer to “how can I get God’s favor” is “believe in the Lord Jesus.”

God seeks out those who love Him and love His commands so that He can bless, guide, and protect them (Psalm 37:23). This does not mean that everyone who is prosperous or healthy has found favor with God (Jeremiah 12:1; Psalm 37:7). Nor does it mean that those whom the Lord favors will never suffer difficulties. People in the Bible had the Lord’s favor but also suffered hardship (2 Corinthians 6:4; 1 Peter 2:19). Heroes such as Noah, Moses, Daniel, and Mary were favored of the Lord, but they also

struggled with difficulties like anyone else.

Those who are favored of God know that God is with them and that nothing can happen to them apart from His good purpose (Romans 8:28; Psalm 34:15) and know that their struggle to remain true to Him will not go unrewarded. In addition to outward evidences, God's favor can be felt in the spirit. The favor of the Lord allows us to rest in quiet confidence that our sins are forgiven (Romans 4:7), within the plan of God.

## **10 Keys to God's Favor**

### **1. Love God**

Love God with all your heart. Without loving Him, we cannot expect to gain His favor.

“My son, do not forget My teaching, but keep My commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity. Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.” (Proverbs 3:1-4)

### **2. Love people**

What are you doing for the Kingdom? What are you doing for others? If you want God's favor then start caring for people. Ruth found favor with Boaz because of the things she had done and James says 'faith without works is dead'.

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me'." (Matthew 25:34-40)

"Boaz replied, 'I've been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband—how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before. May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge'." (Ruth 2:11-12)

Ruth's was noticed for what she had done, she received more than she asked for, special treatment, protection, more than enough!

### 3. Hate what God hates

As you make a stand for God and His causes His favor is released upon you

"But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate."

(Revelation 2:6)

## 4. Give gifts and offerings

Abel's offering found favor with God but Cain's did not. Make sure your offering finds favor with God.

Giving gifts leads us to find favor with both God and man as we see from the example of Jacob who found favor with Esau following his substantial gift.

“And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.” (Genesis 4:4)

“I have cattle and donkeys, sheep and goats, male and female servants. Now I am sending this message to my lord, that I may find favor in your eyes.”

(Genesis 32:5)

## 5. Be faithful

Noah found favor with God due to his faithfulness. He walked faithfully with God and that led to favor.

“So the Lord said, ‘I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them.’

But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God.” (Genesis 6:7-9)

## 6. Be righteous/blameless

As we can also see in the example of Noah, being righteous and blameless is a key to finding favor. We also find this call to righteousness in the New Testament.

Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you.” (Matthew 6:33)

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

You can be blessed with favor. Favor leads to blessing.

## 7. Be submitted

Esther shows us how submission brings favor. She didn't take matters into her own hands. This is an ingredient to receiving favor. She exemplified submission, humility and confidence in God and won the favor of everyone who saw her.

“When the turn came for Esther to go to the king, she asked for nothing other than what Hegai, the king’s eunuch who was in charge of the harem, suggested.” (Esther 2:15)

## 8. Be humble/have humility

Through her humility Esther received immediate care and attention, provision, the best place, helpers, assistants and attendants. Furthermore, her favor created favor for all around her. Through our humility, let’s create an atmosphere of favor in our lives that can overflow to others.

“God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” (1 Peter 5:5)

## 9. Be honest

Honesty is a key to favor. Joseph found favor with Potiphar because he could be trusted.

“The Lord detests dishonest scales, but accurate weights find favor with Him.” (Proverbs 11:1)

“Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned.” (Genesis 39)

## 10. Get Wisdom

Wisdom is a key to favor. As Solomon makes clear in the Book of Proverbs.

“For those who find me find life and receive favor from the Lord.” (Proverbs 8:35)

As you use these 10 keys I believe you will see the favor of God on your life. And, remember, Favor comes in stages. You have to grow in it. You do not necessarily receive maximum favor all at once. “And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.” (Luke 2:52) If Jesus had to grow in favor then so do we!

God’s favor is lasting. “For His anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime.” (Psalm 30:5)

Weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning. Once you have God’s favor it last’s a lifetime. Do you want a lifetime of favor? Use these 10 keys to unlock God’s increased provision in your life and let it overflow to others.

Noah found favor, he was blameless, righteous and faithful. Joseph found favor with God, as did Esther.

God’s favor is for a purpose. When He favors you, it’s not for you to sit upon, but to do something with. You receive blessing so you can be a blessing!