

Soaring into Your Destiny: The Abundant Life

Week #12: Living in the Favor of God

1. Seeking His Face
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(1) Seeking His Face

- Favor, like mercy, is not something earned, but rather bestowed upon the righteous by the Lord's goodness and grace. Pursuit, diligence, excellence and refinement are all factors that can contribute in our walk.
- Proverbs 8:35 "For whoever finds me finds life and obtains favor from the Lord"
- 2 Chronicles 16:9 "For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of *those* whose heart *is* loyal to Him."
- 1 Chronicles 16:11 "Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!"
- Psalm 27:8 "When You said, "Seek My face," my heart said to You, "Your face, O LORD, I shall seek."
- Hebrews 11:16 "But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."
- Psalm 31:19 "How great is Your goodness,
- Proverbs 18:16 "A man's gift makes room for him and brings him before great men."
- Psalm 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 who walk uprightly."
- Esther 5:2 "And when the king saw Queen Esther standing in the court, she won favor in his sight, and he held out to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand. Then Esther approached and touched the tip of the scepter."
- Ephesians 2:8-9 "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

(2) Humility

- Walking in consistent humility before God and men is one of the greatest secrets in living a life filled with divine grace, protection, power and favor.
- Philippians 2:3-11 "Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing

to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.”

- Luke 14:11 “For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”
- Proverbs 22:4 “The reward for humility and fear of the Lord is riches and honor and life.”
- 1 Peter 5:6 “Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you.”
- James 4:10 “Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.”
- Proverbs 18:12 “Before destruction a man's heart is haughty, but humility comes before honor.”
- Psalm 51:17 “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.”
- Proverbs 3:34 “Toward the scornful he is scornful, but to the humble he gives favor.”

(3) Diligence

- Revelation 12:12 “And they overcame by the Blood of the Lamb, by the word of their testimony and they loved not their lives unto the death.”
- Proverbs 22:29 “Do you see a man skillful in his work? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before obscure men.
- Proverbs 11:27 “Whoever diligently seeks good seeks favor, but evil comes to him who searches for it.”
- Philippians 3:13 “Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead”
- Galatians 6:9 “And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”
- Genesis 39:4 “So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him, and he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had.”

(4) Excellence

- Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Esther, Daniel, David & Paul are all prime examples of walking in God’s favor.
- Favor does not mean that we are free from trials and testing, but rather it helps to give us the grace and strength to endure and ultimately shine in His delivering power.
- Daniel 5:12 “Because an excellent spirit, knowledge, and understanding to interpret dreams, explain riddles, and solve problems were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will show the interpretation.”
- Daniel 6:3 “Then this Daniel became distinguished above all the other presidents and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him. And the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom.”

- 2 Peter 1:3-4 “His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.”

(5) Chosen Vessels

- Deuteronomy 14:2 “For you are a people holy to the Lord your God, and the Lord has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.”
- 1 Peter 2:9 “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”
- John 15:16 “You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.”
- Isaiah 43:1-3 “But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.”
- Ephesians 1:3-4 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love”