

“ROYAL FAVOR”

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1. WHAT IS FAVOR?

Favor: Something done or granted out of goodwill, rather than from justice or for remuneration; a kind act; excessive kindness or unfair partiality; preferential treatment

Greek: *charis* (grace or gift)

Favor is actually a gift from God.

*“The Lord has done this for me,” she said. “In these days he has shown his **favor** and taken away my disgrace among the people.” Luke 1:25 (NIV)*

2. WHAT IS FAVOR GOOD FOR?

*“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his **favor** rests.” Luke 2:14 (NIV)*

*“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s **favor**.” Luke 4:18,19(NIV)*

Favor empowers you to release and demonstrate the Kingdom of Heaven in your life and the lives of others.

“And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.” Matthew 10:7-8 (NKJV)

3. EVERYONE IS LOVED BY GOD EQUALLY BUT NOT EVERYONE HAS THE SAME AMOUNT OF FAVOR. SO WE NEED TO INCREASE IN FAVOR WITH GOD AND MAN.

*“And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in **favor** with God and men.” Luke 2:52*

“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work

and gained five more. So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

“After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.’ His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!’

“The man with the two talents also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.’ “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!’

“Then the man who had received the one talent came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’ His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’” Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)

*If you search for good, you will find **favor**; but if you search for evil, it will find you! Proverbs 11:27 (NLT)*

You can actually willfully increase or decrease the favor over your life. You do this by faithfulness. The more faith you have, more favor will be poured upon your life.

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

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

When we seek God’s favor we actually seek His face. Because wherever the Kingdom is, the King is there also.