

FAVOR THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

A photograph of a long, narrow wooden plank bridge crossing a river. The bridge is made of many wooden planks and is supported by ropes. The river is calm and reflects the sky. The background is a lush green field with trees in the distance under a clear blue sky.

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Introduction

This message has been in my spirit for about eight years. I have been ministering it to others with dramatic changes coming to pass in their lives as a result.

This message will have a powerful influence upon your life—if you will allow it to minister to your spirit.

Many people, due to childhood experiences, bad situations in marriage, or other reasons, withdraw into a shell of fear, frustration, or negativism.

This truth will help such people release the Lord Jesus, who is within them, to have a full, exciting, and exuberant life. These

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people will begin living with excitement, expecting to meet happy people.

Favor will begin to flow.

You will reap what you sow. Expect good things to happen, and these will be the things that start happening to you.

Thoughts are the beginning of reality.

The Holy Spirit plants good thoughts into your mind. As you meditate upon these positive thoughts, they are transferred to your spirit.

Once these thoughts are planted in the spirit, life begins to grow. Your life is controlled by the things that you place in your spirit by way of your thought pattern.

Sow negatives into your spirit, and you will constantly meet sour people. This spirit brings out the meanness in others.

Jesus increased in favor with God and man.

He had so much favor that he constantly had to tell people to “keep quiet”

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about their healings. (See, for example, Matthew 9:30.)

He had so much favor that five thousand men plus women and children followed Him to a resort where He had planned a rest for Himself and His disciples.

He had so much favor that He nearly had to insult Pilate to get Himself crucified.

Favor teaching does not guarantee freedom from all problems and persecution. The religious leaders still demanded that Jesus be crucified.

Enjoy these strong positive teachings on favor, but maintain a balance. There is another side to everything.

You will always find some who will not like you, but you must never allow this spirit to operate within you. You must continue to be forgiving and kind.

There have been many instances of reconciliation between husbands and wives after they applied the truth of this message.

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Others have found job opportunities that would have been lost to them.

Pass this book on to others.

Favor Changes Insecurity into Self-Confidence

Nobody liked her. She didn't even like herself. She was good-looking, but she could not even get a date with a boy. Many other negative things filled the letter that she wrote to me.

“I don't blame them for not liking you. I am afraid that I could not like you myself.” This was my response to this dear, precious young woman.

This was somewhat of a shock treatment, but the words that followed gave

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healing to her distraught spirit. I said, “If you have no confidence in yourself, it is certain that others will tend to shy away from you.”

I sent her Scripture passages—which I am about to share with you—and I showed her how to confess favor and honor for herself with God and with others.

There was a dramatic change. Within a very short period of time she wrote back with words of victory. “Brother Buess, it is working. I am now engaged.”

Later, when visiting her city, she came to me and introduced me to her fiancé—another one. Not too long after this, she married the second man.

Whether it is a teenage girl who feels frustrated, a young man going for a job interview, or a wife seeking favor with her husband, these Scriptures, properly applied, will change your situation. In many cases there will be a very dramatic change in very few days.

Changing Insecurity into Self-Confidence

Many have an attitude of insecurity within themselves. This affects their attitude toward themselves and also toward others.

Insecurity, fear, and frustrations of childhood may cause the individual to have the wrong attitude toward life and his or her place in it.

For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. (Psalm 8:5)

Get all excited! God has crowned you with glory and honor!

Live expecting God's "honor system" to change your insecurity and frustration into success. God has crowned you with glory and honor.

Jesus prayed, "*The glory which thou gavest me I have given them*" (John 17:22). You have the same glory that Jesus had. You truly have been crowned.

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Imagine the Lord coming to you today and placing a crown of glory and honor upon your head.

You would live expecting things to happen. Doubt and insecurity would vanish.

Stand on God's Word. It is truth that sets you free. Faith comes by hearing the Word. Live expecting favor and honor to change your disappointments into success.

As you believe that God has crowned you with glory, honor, and favor, you will see success unfold before your very eyes.

If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

(John 12:26)

Most of you are truly serving the Lord. You merely need to know how to apply the truths of the Word to daily success.

Changing Insecurity into Self-Confidence

God has promised honor for you today. Past experiences and failures have conditioned your mind to accept disappointment and discouragement. Change your attitude, and let God be true and every man a liar. Let every experience be a lie. Bring every thought captive to Jesus. Make your thoughts line up with this Word. He is honoring you today. Expect miracles to unfold before you today. Favor and honor are changing your insecurity into success. Live with excitement!

Abundance of Favor Flows from God to You

God has no limitations. You have no limitations except ignorance, unbelief, and flesh. Learn to renew your mind with God's spirit and truth concerning favor with God and with man.

Change your negative confession of doubt and unbelief into a strong, positive confession. God favors you. He loves you. There is a river of favor flowing to you.

Take a swim in this river of love and life every day. You can watch tremendous

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transformations take place in your life daily. You will also see great transformations take place in your associates. You will begin to bring forth good in others rather than evil.

God...quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. (Romans 4:17)

Words are spirit. Jesus said that His words were spirit and life.

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

(John 6:63)

These spirit words have authority over the natural world.

Speak these words on favor over and over during the day until your spirit is revived. Many people confess doubt and failure over and over during their lifetime

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until their spirit is depressed and broken.

A strong, positive confession of God's Word concerning favor with God and favor with man will put life into your spirit.

God Gives Abundance of Favor

The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.

(Numbers 6:25)

The Lord is in the business of blessing you. He makes His face to shine upon you. Drink in this truth. Breathe it deeply into your spirit. Bathe in the beauty of this thought. God favors you today.

Say it over and over right now. "God favors me today. God honors me today. I am a success today. I have God's special favor upon me today. He makes His face to shine upon me today. He is gracious to me today. I am someone very special with the Lord."

Imagine yourself in a large crowd of people. Suddenly, the spotlight falls upon

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you. You are chosen for special honors. How great you feel that you have been chosen of all these people. A spirit of success and achievement comes into your spirit.

Now imagine yourself standing before the Lord. He calls you by name and says, "I am causing my face to shine upon you today. I am being gracious to you today. I am honoring you today."

How would you feel? You would get excited. You would leap for joy. You would lift up your head and get excited about being alive in Jesus Christ.

You would feel success flowing from within. How happy you would be. You probably would not be able to walk for days; you would be flying.

Good news! God has already chosen you, called you out, and spoken these words to you. Now, stand forth and speak them to yourself until your spirit picks them up and comes alive because of this great truth.

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Filled with God's Fullness

That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen. (Ephesians 3:17–21)

Make a bold confession: “I am being filled with God’s fullness. I am being rooted and grounded in love. God is doing exceeding abundantly above all that I ask or think. His mighty power is taking over in me.”

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Repeat this over and over, several times a day. Your spirit will soon begin to respond to this medication.

Nothing Is Impossible with God

For with God nothing shall be impossible. (Luke 1:37)

Do not confess your negatives. Confess the accomplishment of that which appears to be impossible.

Confess that you are a success. Confess that you like people and that they like you.

Confess that you are flowing in God's love, and that other people are being blessed through your life and ministry.

Confess that you are releasing God's miracle power, and that others are receiving healing, both in mind and body, through your words and ministry.

Nothing is impossible with God. He is within you, waiting to be released through your positive faith.

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So Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, if ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. (Matthew 17:20)

Get all excited!

God is in you!

Faith is in you!

His life is in you!

You can do things you never dreamed possible!

Begin to dream great things. Make larger plans. Meditate upon success in Jesus' name. Allow Jesus Christ to flow out through His Word of Faith. Encourage yourself today in success.

Expect the impossible to flow out through your life daily. Expect favor with people in every situation. Before leaving

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the house in the morning, speak words of faith to yourself and to your family or friends.

Expect nice situations during the day.

Turn bad situations into successes. Do not expect the negative. Have a positive attitude toward every situation. Jesus will soon flow freely through your life.

And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. (Zechariah 12:10)

She was at school when the teacher said, “Virginia, what in the world has happened to you? You are beaming with love and joy.”

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“Oh,” said the little girl. “The honey barrel fell over on me.”

God pours out the spirit of grace upon your house today. Grace means favor you do not deserve. This young lady had been filled with the Holy Spirit. She had been baptized in God’s love. Her definition of it was exactly right. God had dumped His honey bucket of love upon her.

“The truth makes you free,” declared the Lord in John 8:32. Speak this truth over and over. “God is pouring out upon me today the spirit of favor.”

Do not accept failure or defeat. Lift up your head as if you were a king. You reign in this life as a king, through Jesus Christ.

For if by one man’s offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.

(Romans 5:17)

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Repeat this confession until doubt flees away. You have been blessed with God's grace. God has poured out upon you a river of favor with God and with those about you. Reject the things you have been feeding into your mind. Accept only what the Lord has told you.

He pours out upon you a river of favor.

Swim in it.

Enjoy it.

It is all for you today. Face life with the expectation that something great will happen daily. It will.

Dwight L. Moody received such a divine flow of this river of grace and love that he had to cry out, "God, shut it off, I cannot stand anymore."

It is available for every one of God's children. May you be one of the many today who will tap into this divine resource.

Some men learn to walk in God's favor more easily than others. Let me introduce

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you to one preacher who learned to walk in the law of God's favor and success. When he would go to churches to hold a series of meetings, he would have such favor and success that his meetings would last two or three months.

Whenever he would leave such a church, the attendance had always doubled or tripled. The churches would continue in this success. This man was capable of passing his success on to others.

Later, he was called to a very small country church whose attendance was running under one hundred on Sunday mornings.

He called a church with an attendance of five hundred on Sunday mornings and challenged this church's pastor, saying, "In one year we will go around you in attendance."

The pastor of the larger church laughed at this; one year later, however, he was not laughing.

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I was with the pastor of the smaller church when he checked the attendance of the two churches. The smaller church's attendance had surpassed the larger church's by fifteen.

This man was acquainted with the operation of favor and success. He knew how to plan and think favor and success. He spoke favor. He lived in favor. He was a success. Why? With God, nothing is impossible. Let this truth take root in you, and you will never bring up the tail again.

This same man was called to appear before his boss while he was still employed in a plant.

"I heard you were using the empty building for preaching to the men," barked the angry president of the large company.

The reply, full of confidence and strength, flowed back in the affirmative. The president was so impressed that, before he knew what he was doing, he gave the man permission to use the building and

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ordered the company to buy song books, chairs, and a piano so the work could continue in a more definite way.

Expect to be kicked around, and there will be those who are eager to do it. Expect success and favor with God and man, and you will get exactly what you expect.

And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.
(Luke 2:40)

You can claim this favor, also. Jesus was human as well as divine. He was made like unto His brethren in all points.

Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.
(Hebrews 2:17)

You are to follow His steps.

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For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps.

(1 Peter 2:21)

You are to duplicate His ministry.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. (John 14:12)

“The grace [or favor] of God was upon him.” God’s favor is upon you today. Live like it. Think like it.

Expect good things to happen to you today. Do not leave the house without some spiritual exercise and prayer confessing this truth.

Then, confess it to your family. Get them to confess it together. You may have a friend whom you want to call to agree with you in this confession.

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“My children have trouble in school, what shall I do? Their grades have dropped too low. Can you help me?”

These were the words spoken to me by a good neighbor.

I said, “Yes. Confess daily with the children Luke 2:40.”

And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him. (Luke 2:40)

She had them repeat this verse daily. After repeating the verse, they would then repeat it in a personal way, saying, “We are growing in the Lord, we are waxing strong in spirit, and we are learning today. We have favor with God, with our school teacher, and with our fellow students.”

Within a few weeks, her children both improved their grades by two points. One went from F to C. The other went from D to B.

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Insecurity and frustration had developed in the children's spirits. This affected their attitude toward life and their studies. When they fed truth into their spirit, success began to flow from them again.

The truth really does set you free.

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God Brings You into Favor with God and Man

*Now God had brought Daniel into favour and
tender love with the prince of the eunuchs.*

—Daniel 1:9

Daniel was a captive. He was a foreigner. His people were hated in Babylon. There was no earthly reason for him to have favor with the leaders in this Gentile court.

Why did he have favor? He had favor flowing from his spirit. He expected good things to happen. He had a healthy attitude

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toward others, regardless of his surroundings. He did not allow his adverse circumstances to turn him sour.

He had a sense of success flowing from within. He knew deep inside that he was linked with the Lord. He had authority. He walked in strength and in victory. He may not have been fully conscious of this. It flowed out of him like a river. It was automatic.

He believed in the Lord. He and God made every situation come out in God's favor. He lived his life with excitement. The defeat and captivity of his people did not cause him to become discouraged. It challenged him to prove God under difficult circumstances.

Things in the natural looked grim, but Daniel knew that the spirit controls life. Rather than yielding to his surroundings and becoming a failure, he rose to that level of victory into which every child of God should rise. He determined to be a

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success by living in a spirit of favor and success.

As a result, Daniel became the prime minister of Babylon, the world power of his time.

He remained in a position of leadership even during political upheaval and change most of his life.

“Your neighbor is angry with you about your dog. All of the dogs in the neighborhood are over there in his yard all day and all night. He is very angry with you.”

This was the long-distance report that I received once when I was out preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. I had left my dog in the care of another neighbor.

“The neighbor who is keeping your dog is very upset about you and your dog,” the report reiterated.

This looked very bad to the natural eye. No one likes to have trouble with neighbors.

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I spoke to my wife, and said, “Honey, I want you to agree with me. We have favor with both our neighbors. They love us. We love them. God is working this out.”

This confession was continued from time to time during the next few weeks while we were out of town.

Upon arriving home, the first thing I did was apologize to my dear neighbor for the trouble my dog had caused him.

“Trouble you caused me?” exclaimed my neighbor.

“You haven’t caused me one bit of trouble. It wasn’t you; it was all of the other dogs that gave me fits. You had your dog tied; it was all of the neighbors who let their dogs run loose who made me angry.”

This neighbor continued to be a very close friend. When I would leave town on preaching tours, he and his wife would cut our lawn, trim our bushes, and perform other chores of maintenance when they

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didn't like the way our regular yard man did it. This was especially true when they knew we were coming home.

Our other neighbor, who had been in charge of our dog, walked in our house and said, "Brother Buess, I'll have you know that if you ever leave town again, I want you to give me the honor of keeping your dog. I love you."

Hallelujah! You get favor if you expect and show favor.

"Nobody likes us now. We have been filled with the Holy Spirit. Our church has relieved my husband from being departmental superintendent of the intermediates. I have been relieved from my teaching position in our church. Nobody likes us. It is so bad that when we walk down the street and pass our fellow church members, we know they are talking about us. What shall we do?"

"You have developed a persecution complex," was my reply.

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Instead of expecting good things to happen, they were expecting bad things to happen. Thus bad things happened.

I sent this couple the Scripture passages that I am sharing with you in this book. Seventy days later they answered my letter.

“We have confessed favor daily. We expect favor. We believe in success. We agree together before every committee meeting that we have favor. It is almost embarrassing. We seem to be like magnets. People seem drawn to us. We are like the hub of a wheel. Things seem to flow around us.”

Hallelujah! They changed defeat into success by confessing and living God’s Word.

Later, the husband told me about a job opportunity which was available. He said that the very people who had relieved him of his teaching position in the church were going to be the people who would decide

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whether he got the job or whether someone else did.

I encouraged him to apply the same principle of confessing favor and success. Several years have passed, and this man has held this very important position in the community all of these years. He was placed in this position within a few weeks after our conversation.

His testimony at the time was, “The very ones who were previously against me came to me one by one and said, ‘We are going to vote for you.’”

God brings us into favor with God and man.

“But I haven’t held a job for ten years. I am a very poor typist. No one will want an older woman over a younger woman.”

These were the words recently spoken to me by a middle-aged woman.

I encouraged her to confess favor and success regarding the job interview that

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she had scheduled a few days later. This she did faithfully. She spoke success into her spirit. She began to live with excitement. Her spirit ignited with favor and success. Jesus and His Word were working in this child of His.

“Just as the Lord brought Daniel into favor and success, He is also bringing me, Jane, into success,” was her confession.

“What did you do to those men?” came the voice over the phone the afternoon of the interview for this job. “All they can do is talk about you. They interviewed many applicants all day long; but when they came out, they began to talk about you instead of the applicant they just interviewed. You have the job, Jane.”

These were the words of a friend who worked in this office. Certainly, Jane received the job. Later, Jane told me, “Brother Bob, this job is a rat race. It is full of confusion. We are overworked. I don’t think I can keep up with the demands made on me.”

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I said, “Jane, we are going to confess favor and success for you in this situation.” Soon it happened. She was excited. The entire office was reorganized. New desks were placed in the office. She was somewhat perturbed when she found all of the other employees had nice desks, but she had none.

The manager of the office came to her and said, “Jane, we have something very special for you.” She was taken to another room, which contained one nice, big desk where she could work alone, separated from all of the confusion of the outer office.

“We want you in here where it is quiet, and where you won’t have to work so hard,” her manager explained.

She found herself with so little work to do that often she would relieve one of the other employees by doing some of her work. There was no earthly reason for her to have such favor.

You must remember that with God all

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things are possible. You must live in faith.

Without faith you cannot please God.

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.

(Hebrews 11:6)

Live with excitement, expecting miracles to flow. God working in you makes you a success. Praise the Lord!

And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand. And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house,

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and in the field. And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured. (Genesis 39:4-6)

But the LORD was with Joseph, and showed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison. And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it. The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing that was under his hand; because the LORD was with him, and that which he did, the LORD made it to prosper. (Genesis 39:21-23)

Standing there to be auctioned off as a slave certainly was no great inspiration or encouragement to young Joseph.

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Listening to his brothers as they planned to murder him would have given the average young man a very rebellious spirit toward society and family, but this was not Joseph's response. He went about his daily duties with a spirit of success. He did not hang down his head in defeat or self-pity. There were no thoughts of despondency or discouragement.

Life was a challenge to him. His victory was in the Lord, not in his surroundings. He knew that through the Spirit of God he could change any situation.

When Jesus Christ and His truths are allowed to control your mind and spirit, you can change your destiny.

When the inner man is fed "Jesus food," all things are possible.

When the inner man is defeated and broken, he can only go backward and be tossed by every problem that the enemy throws his way.

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Make the decision that you are the head and not the tail.

And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them. (Deuteronomy 28:13)

You are in charge of every situation.

You and the Lord tip the scales in your favor. Never look at outward appearances.

Always look to Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith.

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:2)

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Always expect good things to happen rather than bad. Bad things may come your way occasionally, but you can soon turn them to good.

If things seem to be going in reverse, just relax. Keep a constant attitude of success and favor flowing from God to you. Expect favor to flow to you even when it looks as if it is not. Extend favor and love to others. You must give favor to get favor.

You show mercy to obtain mercy.

You show love to have love flowing to and through you.

You give finances to release the financial flow in your direction.

You sow, and you reap what you sow.

Sow a healthy, positive attitude about your situation.

Soon your situation will change. Your spirit will arise and take control of the situation. Remember, God quickens the dead

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and calleth things that be not as though they were, and they become.

You are God's children. You are united to Jesus Christ. You, too, can speak things into being. Speak words of success. God will honor a good confession. He will always back His Word.

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. (Isaiah 55:11)

Looking to Jesus means that you stand on truths of Scripture and confess them instead of confessing what you see around you.

A missionary friend of mine picked up a hitchhiker who was an escaped convict. He immediately pulled a gun on the missionary and threatened to kill him. This frightened the missionary at first, but he

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quickly gained control of his thinking.

He told the man over and over that his gun was powerless over the situation.

The missionary said, "I am a man of God. I have Jesus in me. Greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world. You have no power over me. I have power and authority over you."

The convict continued to scream "shut up!" at him, insisting, "I'm going to kill you!"

The missionary continued to stand on the Word of God. He kept speaking his confession of faith. "Jesus Christ is in me. You have no authority over me. Greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world."

To make a long story short, the gun finally relaxed and dropped loosely in the seat. Soon the missionary prayed for the man, opened the door, pushed the man out, and went on his way to meet his wife and children in Mexico.

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This is a great example of looking to Jesus and His Word rather than one's circumstances.

Favor flows when you stand on the living Word of God.

Favor flows when you stand on the Word of faith. God's Word creates faith.

Circumstances do not always change.

Paul shouted himself out of jail one night. Later, he shouted for years and never did get out of jail; however, some of his greatest works were done right in jail.

One missionary fussed and argued with God because he was in jail. The Lord appeared to him and said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." The missionary became very excited about this precious truth. It came alive to him. Jesus became so real to him there in jail that he was almost disappointed when he was released.

Learn to move in God's love and favor regardless of your circumstances.

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The circumstances may not change, but it is possible to move into a spiritual realm that makes the circumstances fade into the background.

The spiritual life and victory into which you enter are so real that they flood your soul. A higher life feeds to you from the spiritual world. Joy comes. Victory comes.

One missionary was a prisoner of war in Japan during World War II. The guards would kick and beat him. He was harassed. The missionary was constantly moving away from the gruesome realities into the holy presence of the Lord. He knew when the war was over before the guards knew. He lived in the presence of the Lord in extremely adverse circumstances.

You can create your own circumstances by entering into the presence of the Lord just as he did.

Many have said, "Even death is so glorious; I can't understand how anyone would hate to die." God's presence brings

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you into complete victory in each and every circumstance.

Now let us return to Joseph. He was in a bad situation in the natural, but it was part of God's plan for his life. God desired that he should be there so he could deliver his entire family from starvation. Joseph could have "blown" it all with a defeated spirit. He did not know for years why he was sold as a slave, but later he saw the plan of the Lord.

As a slave he was so positive, alert, and successful in his speech and attitude that he was quickly promoted. He was put in charge of Pharaoh's entire house, his finances, and other important things.

And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath showed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art: Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I

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be greater than thou. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.

(Genesis 41:39–41)

Upon studying this passage you will find that everything this Egyptian had was placed in Joseph's charge. The man knew nothing of his finances, so Joseph had it all. The man only knew the things that were on the table to eat. Joseph was in charge of the house. His wife even liked Joseph. She preferred him to her husband. Joseph refused to be unfaithful to his master. Remember that rule. Joseph served his master.

You must give if you expect a return. When you sow good things, you reap good things.

Joseph was thrown into prison at the insistence of the enraged wife because Joseph would not commit a sexual sin with her. She framed him. She lied about him.

He was soon thrown into jail.

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Poor Joseph. First his brothers tried to kill him. Then they decided to sell him as a slave. Then he was sold again in the marketplace. He must be “beat” by now.

Oh, no! “Rejoice in the Lord always” was his philosophy. “Praise God, here I am in jail,” must have been his attitude.

“I am a success right here in jail,” he kept telling himself. Everything looked bad. If he had dwelled on the past, he could have become despondent. However, he kept his thoughts on victory.

Soon, the jailer saw success in this young man. It took him about two weeks to change his situation there in jail. Within weeks, he was running the jail.

But the LORD was with Joseph, and showed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison. And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the

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prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it. The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing that was under his hand; because the LORD was with him, and that which he did, the LORD made it to prosper. (Genesis 39:21–23)

Give Joseph one hour with the king, and he is running the entire country.

There was no defeat or failure in this man. Circumstances did not change his attitude.

If adverse circumstances hit you, rejoice. These are just getting you to the place where you need to be.

It is the valley of Achor (trouble) where the door of opportunity and hope opens to you. Read this story in Hosea.

Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto

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her. And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope: and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt. (Hosea 2:14–15)

God drew the children who were not where they should have been in their spiritual walk.

They were off of the path of holiness and righteousness. They were missing God's plan for their lives.

He drew them into the valley of trouble. It was there that they repented, prayed, and sought the Lord. God then turned this into a door of opportunity for them.

It was here that their first love was restored. Israel would sing as in the days of her youth. It was here that success came. He would give them vineyards from this adverse experience.

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Repent, and then rejoice your way through problems. Have a strong, positive attitude.

Expect favor. Expect miracles. Believe in miracles. With God all things are possible. Speak that to yourself today.

God brings you through the fire and through the water to a large and wealthy place.

Know what God says about things. Do not let problems control you. You can control your circumstances with an overcomer's attitude.

And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits. (Daniel 11:32)

Live expecting great things to happen. This is faith.

Know your Lord. Know His power. He can do everything. He is doing it through

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you today. He is never limited by your circumstances.

You may have a physical handicap. Praise God, let it work for you.

You may have a slower intellect than some. Praise God; smart fellows do not always bring home the best pay.

It is the lame who take the prey.

Thy tacklings are loosed; they could not well strengthen their mast, they could not spread the sail: then is the prey of a great spoil divided; the lame take the prey. (Isaiah 33:23)

It is the weak who become strong.

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. (Isaiah 40:29)

It is the worm with no backbone that God turns into a bulldozer with spiritual teeth that tear into any problem and cause it to dissolve.

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Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff.

(Isaiah 41:14–15)

God uses fools to confound the wise.

But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty.

(1 Corinthians 1:27)

Your success and favor do not depend upon your intelligence or ignorance, or upon your strength or weakness.

Rather, they depend upon your absolute conviction that your victory is in Jesus Christ and not in yourself.

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Make all thoughts in captivity to Jesus Christ.

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

(2 Corinthians 10:5)

Your thoughts may want to run wild with doubt and fear. Draw them back to the Scriptures about favor and success. Confess good things are happening to you today. Get excited about God's Word. Things will change for you right away.

You are married to God's Son. You are in the family of God.

Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God.

(Ephesians 2:19)

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You have a lot of pull with the “Top Ore.” He is the Lord of lords. He is the King of kings.

You are His beloved son. Live it up. Act like it. Live to the fullest of your inheritance. You are a joint heir with Jesus Christ.

And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

(Romans 8:17)

Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours.

(1 Corinthians 3:21)

*Yes, God Brings Us into Favor with
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Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his

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daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther obtained favour in the sight of all them that looked upon her. (Esther 2:15)

And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favour in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti. (Esther 2:17)

Esther walked before the king and others, and their hearts would skip a beat. She obtained favor in the sight of all who looked upon her.

Esther was an alien in the king's court. She was a Jew. The Jews were under severe attack at this time. Many were soon to die unless God intervened.

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Esther could have been very depressed and defeated.

Rather than submit to this attack of the enemy, she rose above the pressures and attempted to do the impossible.

She released a spirit of victory and favor which caused the king to put the royal crown upon her head, and she became the queen.

Still the planned persecution for her people continued. Her life might soon have been taken along with other Jews.

Still she refused to listen to the enemy who was placing the circumstances and thoughts against her.

She rose above her problems. She confessed favor with the king. The king granted her favor and blessings. Her people were saved. The enemy of the Jews was destroyed.

People all around you need help. Your family needs help. You are their deliverer through Jesus Christ. Get your eyes away

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from your abilities. Put them on God's abilities. Live as a believer. Come forth into your strength today.

Confess: "Esther obtained favor in the sight of all who looked upon her. I shall have favor today with people. I will meet nice people today. I shall have good relationships with people today. I shall favor and honor others today."

Keep this attitude going all day. Expect to meet nice situations. You can actually draw the good out of bad situations with this faith, victory, and favor spirit working in you and for you.

Remove all of the negative attitudes toward others from your thinking.

You are learning to move in the law of success and favor. This is the beginning of a real love life in God. You are now moving into the realm of complete transformation in your relationships with others.

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“Hello, honey, look what I have for you,” came the sheepish voice of her husband.

As the precious wife received from her husband a large, expensive box of candy purchased out of his love and devotion, she felt deep waves of excitement from the knowledge of what the Lord had done in the hearts of them both.

The following week the same husband marched home with a large package that contained a beautiful new coat, which his

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wife had desired for some time. This husband was not always so generous or so thoughtful toward his wife. His change of attitude came about only after his wife and children confessed daily, for two consecutive weeks, that they had favor with daddy, and daddy had favor with them.

They began to live expecting life to respond in daddy. Faith was working in their lives. God is not limited in any situation. God began to work things out. Miracles began to happen in this home.

You may have a situation on the job with your supervisor or with your employees. Apply this attitude of favor. Expect to meet exciting personalities alive with favor for you. Give them a break. You favor and honor them even if they, at first, verbally spar you.

One woman was cut deeply by a bitter tongue in her supervisor. This supervisor had been giving her trouble for months. She was at the point of quitting the job due

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to the extremely bad situation between them.

One morning this woman had been confessing favor with her supervisor. The first thing the supervisor did was to verbally spar her deeply with nasty, cutting words. Immediately the woman began to favor the supervisor with love and kindness. She said, "Forgive me if I have offended you."

Her heart nearly broke with love and compassion for her supervisor. Within minutes this supervisor was saying to her, "Friend, can I do anything for you? Please forgive me for being so irritable." This was the beginning of a beautiful relationship. Goodness began to flow out of this supervisor.

Draw the good from people rather than evil. You are responsible to guide people rather than gag them.

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*He that diligently seeketh good procureth favour:
but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him.*

—Proverbs 11:27

*They will not frame their doings to turn unto their
God: for the spirit of whoredoms is in the midst of
them, and they have not known the LORD.*

—Hosea 5:4

They would not frame or plan to do good. They were geared to the negative. They were geared to the self life. If anything offended them, they were on the defensive. They carried their feelings on

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their shoulders. They were full of vengeance. Hate was written on their faces.

And the pride of Israel doth testify to his face: therefore shall Israel and Ephraim fall in their iniquity; Judah also shall fall with them. (Hosea 5:5)

They were so negative and evil that it showed up in their faces. They were hard and harsh.

This spirit must be broken in your life. Diligently seek good from life. Expect good things to happen. They will surely come to pass. Proverbs 11:27 teaches you to diligently seek and do good things.

You must put your heart into being good. To the individual who does this, favor will flow. “He that diligently seeketh good receives favor” (Proverbs 11:27).

On the other side, if you diligently seek mischief, it will come. Constantly thinking about problems creates more problems.

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Expecting problems causes you to gear every thought and pattern of your life to the attitude of problems and trouble.

You have Jesus Christ in you if you are a believer. You have an obligation to draw the good from situations. All things work out for good to those who love the Lord.

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. (Matthew 6:33)

Draw near to the Lord.

Let your love and devotion be first and above all else unto the Lord.

Seek His righteousness.

Develop the spirit of love for the Lord and for others.

Minister unto the Lord by being kind to both the lovely and the unlovely. Make it your mission to be loving and tender toward others.

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Take Jesus with you out into life when you leave the church.

If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? (1 John 4:20)

Live to be a blessing to others.

If you do not love others, you really do not love God.

Treat others as if they were Jesus.

Determine to be kind to your fellow man.

Think of the kindness that you are going to give today.

You are now preparing the foundation of your day's activities. Expect things to happen today that never have happened before. Live by giving love. Live by giving a kind word. You are now moving into favor, the road to success.

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Confess this statement every morning:
“Today I will be a blessing to the Lord. I
will be a blessing to others.”

God's Nature Is to Favor Others

You are made in God's image. Through Christ Jesus, you have the ability to favor others and receive favor from others.

You are an heir of God through Jesus Christ.

Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

(Galatians 4:7)

You are a joint-heir with Jesus Christ.

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And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

(Romans 8:17)

You have God's ability within you through Jesus Christ.

Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

(2 Corinthians 3:5-6)

You are a worker with Christ.

We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.

(2 Corinthians 6:1)

You and Jesus are joined for redemptive reasons.

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Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. (Ephesians 2:5–6)

God's plan is for you to go forth in God's ability and power, and favor others just as the Lord favors others.

But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth. (Psalm 86:15)

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. (Psalm 103:8)

Just as God is a God of love, He is also a God of favor. He seeks to favor and honor you today. A strong, negative spirit will destroy your ability to reach out and receive much of this favor.

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Constantly confessing the negative will keep God's love from coming through to you. It is like a roadblock or a short in an electrical circuit.

God is reaching out His hand to favor you. You must stop thinking that it can not be done. You must stop thinking that you are not capable of receiving or giving God's favor. You must stop thinking that you are not worthy of His favor.

The Lord is merciful. He is gracious. He is plenteous in His mercy even though you may not deserve it. Come alive to the riches of His mercy and favor.

Now, release this same love and mercy and long-suffering to others. You are God's outlet for His love and mercy and favor to others. God's love and mercy flow through you. You are His ambassador and His coworker. You are joined to Jesus for redemptive purposes. Come alive to your responsibilities and opportunities of being heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ.

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Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. (Galatians 6:7)

When facing new situations, look for the possibility rather than the impossibility. Look for a miracle rather than defeat. Go beyond anything you have done in the past.

You must plan your present situation. Reach out beyond your present achievements. Get out of the “rut” by planning and expecting to go to new levels of favor and success. Dream big. Thoughts are the beginning of great achievements.

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

(Proverbs 23:7)

The thing that you think about and meditate on will soon be in your front yard.

God favors others, so you should constantly meditate on blessing others. When

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you sow good thoughts to others, then you minister good actions to them.

Scripture teaches that you are to give, and then the Lord will make men give unto you. Give good thoughts and actions, and they will in turn honor you. The Lord said, “Be merciful to obtain mercy.”

God is a God of love, favor, and mercy.

You must follow His steps. Gear yourself, and set yourself to be long-suffering and kind to others. Set yourself to be a blessing today. Exciting things are going to happen to you.

God is a God of favor, and He is constantly promoting those who learn to live in this law of favor. You draw on this favor in two ways.

First, you expect favor to flow from God to you and from others to you. Second, you favor others even when they may not be so kind to you.

God is merciful to the unmerciful. He

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is kind to the unkind. He is long-suffering with His enemies. Develop this attitude of praying for your enemy. Watch your life leap into a new role and exciting experience.

Every situation will not turn out just as you want it. You must learn to flow with the attitude and mind of the Lord. You will encounter situations that do not work out perfectly at first, even some that never fully seem to work out as you expect.

There will be plenty of daily situations, though, that will reward your efforts.

We have already mentioned Joseph. He went through hell from time to time, but he always applied the law of favor. He found new excitement in favor with each new situation. He stayed full of expectancy.

He refused to let circumstances control him. Each case of defeat was a source of challenge to him. He rose above his problems. The God of favor came through for him.

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A Thing to Remember

But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31)

Keep in mind there is a waiting period for your ministry. God is a God of patience. John called it a kingdom of patience.

Do not allow impatience to destroy your road to success through favor.

Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD. (Psalm 27:14)

Wait though He tarries.

I am weary with my crying; My throat is dry; My eyes fail while I wait for my God. (Psalm 69:3)

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The psalmist, later in the same passage just quoted, said, “Lord, some of my problem has been my fault, but one thing I know, that those who wait on you will never be ashamed. I know you will come through for me.”

O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee. Let not them that wait on thee, O Lord GOD of hosts, be ashamed for my sake: let not those that seek thee be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel. (Psalm 69:5–6)

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Special Favor and Success for Those Who Really Love the Lord

*Grace [favor] be with all them that love our Lord
Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.*

—Ephesians 6:24

God is a God of mercy and grace and long-suffering. He blesses every person in a general way. He sends blessings upon the just and upon the unjust.

There is a special favor for those who really love Jesus. This is the Peter, James,

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and John relationship. Peter, James, and John were the ones who received the mount of transfiguration experience. John was always next to Jesus, receiving great truths and love.

Draw near to God, and you, too, can be recipients of His special favors. Jesus said,

If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor. (John 12:26)

There is special favor above and beyond the general favor from the Lord unto those who move into that inner-circle group.

God is honoring you today with success and favor as you receive this into your spirit. It will be necessary for you to release this love and favor to others for it to be fully effective.

The Dead Sea is dead because it has no

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outlet. You become dead when you do not release God's blessings to others.

God Ministers Seed to the Man Who Is Busy Sowing

Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness.

(2 Corinthians 9:10)

As you give out love and blessings, God continues to fill your life with fresh love and blessings.

Electricity has no power until the circuit is completed. Love and favor have no power until your circuit is completed. You must let it flow on to others.

Loving the Lord Brings Benefits

I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.

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*Riches and honour are with me;
yea, durable riches and righteous-
ness.* (Proverbs 8:17–18)

Riches and honor flow to the individual who dares to put Jesus first in his or her life.

Success lies at your door, ready to be of service to you.

Faith releases the power of God. Success does not come from merely going to church and being a fairly good moral fellow.

Success comes when one stands on truth. Truth sets one free.

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. (Joshua 1:8)

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One of the fundamentals of the law of the Old and New Testaments is to love God and to love thy neighbor. Practice walking in love and meditating on God's Word in your heart, and you will soon be moving in success.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. (Psalm 1:2)

This man becomes strong like a tree planted by the waters. He brings forth fruit in his season. Whatsoever this man does, he prospers.

As you love the Lord through His Word, a new, fresh spring of success begins to flow through you. Continue to practice this meditation on the Word. You are loving God when you meditate on His Word.

Release this love to the Lord and to others, and success cannot bypass you anymore.

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Live believing that all things are possible with God. Live expecting riches and honor to flow to you from many sources.

Expect promotions to come. Expect impossible projects to come into existence.

Expect God to give you answers to the needs of humanity that He has never given before.

This is the greatest day to be alive. Resources lie at your hands to go forth and do great projects. Invent that which is needed to bring about fuel-saving automobiles, houses, office buildings, and other innovations.

Let God make you a success. Believe for the impossible for you, today. The only limitation that God has is your lack of understanding of His laws.

Riches from God are at your disposal.

Therefore let no man glory in men.

For all things are yours.

(1 Corinthians 3:21)

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Do not glory in others. All things are at your disposal. You have talents you do not realize. If you really want God to become angry with you, fail to develop the talents He has given you.

Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which has ten talents. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

(Matthew 25:28–30)

The Lord was angry with this man for hiding his talent in fear and failure. Be willing to make a mistake. Dare to do something for the Lord. Do not stand idly by praying and asking God to do things that you must do in faith. You must move forward by faith.

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For we walk by faith, not by sight.

(2 Corinthians 5:7)

God gives to the man who uses his talents, and he gets an abundance.

God takes from the man who will not use his blessings and gives to the one who uses his blessings.

I have noticed this in my life, too. I like to give to a successful person. I feel that he will use it for a good cause. A man who is small in his own mind is a poor investment.

God expects you to take what is at your hand and develop it. Many folks expect God to move for them. Faith says, "God has moved; now it is my move."

Moses prayed, "God, move; get this show on the road," to which God said, "You get the show on the road."

*And the LORD said unto Moses,
Wherefore criest thou unto me?
speak unto the children of Israel,*

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that they go forward: But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea. (Exodus 14:15–16)

Often you cry out to God when God is waiting for you to move mountains by faith.

Speak to your situation. God can do anything through you. Your faith has to release before God can move.

Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink. (Numbers 20:8)

“Look out there and see our lovely new church building,” said the pastor. The

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natural eyes of the great congregation could see nothing, but their spiritual eyes, trained to see the impossible, could see that lovely, international center church edifice sitting out there with the flags of many countries flying over it.

At this time all natural resources had been exhausted to raise money for that lovely building. There was no hope in the finance companies or the banks for this large amount of money.

John Osteen continued to have his congregation speak to the rock of natural limitations that stopped the construction of that building.

“I spoke to that rock of limitations,” cried Brother John Osteen. His people continued confessing and speaking with him.

The convention was underway. The building was not the major issue at present. They were concerned with the work of God at hand.

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At that very moment God interrupted the service. One man arose and pledged a large offering for the new building. Another arose and made another offering. Then a river of love flooded the congregation. Everywhere people were jumping up, pledging offerings toward this building. After the money was counted they had several thousand dollars.

They started the building by faith. They depleted their account on several occasions, but God always brought money in as they needed it. They paid cash for the entire building as they built it.

You, too, can speak to your rock of limitations. Expect good things to start flowing to you. Success comes as you confess, speak, and believe.

Never look to man for your resources.

Expect God to move on men, but never keep your eyes on particular men. Men will fail you, but God will never fail you.

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As you go for a job interview, expect favor, but believe and look to God for it. This particular job may not materialize. Keep looking to God. He will never disappoint you.

So let all thine enemies perish, O LORD: but let them that love him be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might. (Judges 5:31)

Most of you love the Lord. Where is your success? You have not fully realized that God wants to bless you, so you go around in your negative world of fears, doubts, and failures, thinking, “maybe someday I’ll make it.” You have blocked your faith.

Go forth, today, singing, “I love the Lord. God is blessing me. He honors me today. I am strong like the sun in full strength. I am strong like the Son in full power. God is with me. I am His honored son.”

Worship the Lord in this attitude. Live with excitement. Live in expectation.

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Special Favor and Success for Those Who Seek the Lord

*Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee
great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.*

—Jeremiah 33:3

Make a positive confession, daily, that you are a person of prayer. Keep this confession going. You may not be praying as you desire, but keep speaking it. Soon the positive will gain strength. You will find yourself flowing in the victory that your faith has created and spoken into existence.

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You must become a man or woman who walks hand in hand with God in fellowship, love, devotion, and prayer if you expect to succeed through His law of favor—the road to success.

There is no shortcut. You must walk in holiness.

Negative confessions that you are not a man of prayer, or that you never find time to read God's Word, merely create more defeat; they will cause you to continue putting off prayer and Bible study.

The more I confess by faith that I am a man of prayer, the more I find myself flowing in that vein. It is exciting to see God's law of favor and success bringing me into a fuller life in Christ daily.

The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing.

(Psalm 34:10)

In Judges 18:10 the children of Israel were urged to go into the land of promise.

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When ye go, ye shall come unto a people secure, and to a large land: for God hath given it into your hands; a place where there is no want of any thing that is in the earth. (Judges 18:10)

You are in that spiritual land of promise today through Jesus Christ and the fullness of His Spirit.

All things are yours.

You are His son or daughter.

You are His king.

You are His priest today.

Satan is under your feet.

Failure is under your feet.

Poverty is under your feet.

Come alive today. You are in the land of prosperity. Take it by faith. Live with this knowledge. God has brought you to a place of prosperity in Jesus Christ. You can do all things through Jesus Christ.

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*I can do all things through Christ
which strengtheneth me.*

(Philippians 4:13)

You are living in the land of no want. The Lord is your shepherd, and you need nothing.

God is the God of the supernatural. All things are possible with God.

You are in His business. He is working through you. He is doing the impossible through you today. Live expecting the impossible to begin to happen in your life.

Too long you have sown the negative. You have anticipated failure in many areas of your life.

You have expected problems in many areas. Your faith has been a dream rather than an actual experience.

Develop the attitude that says, "I can do all things through Jesus Christ."

He has blessed you with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus.

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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.

(Ephesians 1:3)

You are complete in Christ Jesus.

And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power.

(Colossians 2:10)

You are sharing the life of Christ. You are sharing His ministry. You share His miracles. You share His possibilities. Hallelujah! Come out of your shell of fear and insecurity.

God brought Daniel into favor with the princes about him.

Confess: "God is bringing me into favor and success today."

A friend of mine heard me minister on favor. He came alive. He began to confess favor and success. His ministry began to reach out into new areas.

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Different companies and ministries began to deal with him and look to him for his services. This opened an entirely new outlook on his ministry.

His own confession is, “I will confess success and favor until Jesus calls me home.” Praise the Lord!

If you will expect favor to flow to you from your Father’s table, then you can come and dine today. Living in doubt, fear, frustration, and I-cannot-do-it will only bring evil into your life.

The house of the wicked shall be overthrown: but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish.

(Proverbs 14:11)

This is God’s promise to you. He has said that your house will flourish. Live in prosperity today. Believe in favor from life today. Give others honor and favor.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace

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and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. (Psalm 84:11)

Jesus is your shield from failure.

He is your protector, and He will not withhold good things from you today.

The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. (Psalm 92:12)

It is God's plan to prosper you. It is Satan's plan to get you to accept failure. You must make your decision to follow the Lord's plan for you.

The enemy wants to make you sick, sad, and fearful. He desires to destroy you.

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. (John 10:10)

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Refuse the negative. Refuse failure. Arise into life abundant provided by Jesus Christ.

Rebel against the failure spirit that Satan has tricked you into accepting for your life.

God says you will flourish. Identify with this truth. It is the truth that sets you free. Do not look at your surroundings. Do not look at your present or past achievements. Look to Jesus. Look unto this truth.

“The righteous shall flourish.” Stand on this. Make every thought become a captive of Jesus Christ. Make each thought agree with this truth. You shall flourish like a palm tree.

A palm tree is a rugged tree. It can be mistreated or neglected, but it will still grow. Its surroundings may be detrimental to growth, but it reaches its fronds to heaven and its roots deep into the earth and draws from hidden resources contained therein.

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I saw a group of palm trees growing in a rock canyon in Arizona. There was nothing but desert all around, but here stood this grove of palm trees. People passing through had burned some of them, but they still grew.

Others had been bruised badly, but they still grew. There was no surface water, but their roots ran deep into the earth, reaching hidden waters.

Your church situation may not be perfect, but you can take hold of Jesus and draw from His power. You can root into the Word and flourish like these palm trees. You can be persecuted and actually thrive on it.

Your family situation may be sour, but you can still come into success. Your success is not dependent upon your surroundings, but it is dependent upon your attitude and understanding of your ability to reach into Jesus Christ and live in His strength.

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Confess Favor with Your Family

If there is a problem in the home with any family member, sit back and relax. Get in control of the situation. Believe that God is smiling upon you and your life. Confess that your children love you, and that you love your children. Confess that your husband loves you, and you love your husband. Confess that your wife loves you, and you love your wife.

Refuse to accept the negative in these areas. Refuse anything you see on the

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surface that would tend to discourage you. Take charge of the situation by believing in favor and success for your family.

Confess Favor in New Situations

When my wife and I come into a new situation, a new city, or a new church, we always confess favor with the people. We agree together that God will give us favor with the people, and that we will show love and favor to them.

It is exciting to see the Lord begin to change lives and cause people to see our ministry through the eyes of love.

We consider this a foundation stone in the success of our ministry.

As you come into new situations, live in excitement. Live expecting good things to come. This is putting your faith into action.

Confess Favor in Foreign Countries

Situations can be serious at border inspections. Seek the will of the Holy Spirit.

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Do only what a perfect God would have you do. Expect great things to happen even in a tight place. God can get you through places quickly. He can give you favor with the officers in charge, and great things will happen to you.

Missionaries in particular can take advantage of this as they travel and move from one situation to another. Many times they are in hostile areas. As they believe for favor, they will be surprised to see God perform miracles above and beyond what is expected or normal.

Many times God gives favor to you when you do not know how to confess favor and success. How much more will He do it when you know the law of God's favor?

One missionary was trying to get something across a checkpoint at the border, but he was not permitted to pass. He went to the next entry point.

They still stopped him. At the next entry point he discovered that they were

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calling ahead. The officers at each stop greeted him, saying, “Well, we have been expecting you.”

He began to confess favor and success just before arriving. He got out of his vehicle and told them exactly what he had in his truck. Then he said, “If you fellows don’t stop hindering the gospel of Jesus Christ, God will punish you. I am bringing this equipment here to help your country and your people. I plan to go through this gate with your permission.”

They called the official in charge over them, and he granted the missionary special permission to pass into the country.

Many missionaries could tell you hair-raising stories of their success and favor in situations like this.

One friend of mine was taking the Bible into a closed country. He carried one Bible in his hand, and he had Bibles sewn in his overcoat. The guard at the gate asked him if he had any more of the books like he

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had in his hand. He told them that he most certainly did. The guard motioned him on through the gate. We do not know what the Holy Spirit made the guard hear, but we do know that God gave favor to my friend.

Confess Favor at Work

Often things become serious between colleagues in a company. Go forth with victory; God is changing everything around. You will be so excited when you come home after a day of favor and success in situations that normally would have been defeat.

Confess Favor with People Who Have Disagreeable Personalities

Some men and women get up on the wrong side of the bed on some days. Others get upon the wrong side of the bed every day. You can sit back and see serious situations change in the lives of others as well as yourself. Project a spirit of love.

Business meetings sometimes become very tight and edgy.

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A man of success will be sensitive to the Holy Spirit. He will seek wisdom and confess favor. He will confess that God will put words in his mouth.

One man moved into a sour situation where men and women were being very inconsiderate with one another. The meeting was cold and icy.

Before entering, he confessed favor and success. He believed that they would respond favorably to the Christ-like spirit in which he walked. Within minutes of his arrival, the entire meeting's atmosphere became light-hearted and happy.

You get what you believe.

Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women,

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appointed. And Esther obtained favour in the sight of all them that looked upon her. (Esther 2:15)

Imagine yourself being like Esther.

Her greatest beauty came from her pleasant spirit, not her outward appearance. Feel yourself flowing in favor with those about you. As you do this, you will automatically begin to respond by giving others a smile and healthy respect. You will automatically begin to honor those about you.

Do Not Accept the Past as a Rule for Future Living

You can stay in the same old rut and be very little different until you go to be with Jesus, or you can enlarge your ministry.

Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the LORD. Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth

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the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.

(Isaiah 54:1–3)

You can do this. You are supposed to do this. Sing your way to victory. Confess victory and favor before it becomes a reality.

Enlarge your ministry and outreach by faith. Soon, you will see the favor begin to work. It is important to sense the will of the Spirit of God for your life. Spend time in prayer concerning new outreaches. Confess favor and guidance in each situation. Then, slowly step forward into new areas. These may include purchasing land, constructing new buildings, enlarging your business, or entering new ministries such as soul-winning or radio and television ministry.

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Do not move out too quickly. Test the Spirit for guidance and approval as you move out. Be willing to withdraw certain steps and move in other directions at the guidance of the Spirit.

Someone said, "I do not want to get in the flesh and fail God."

You are better off getting in the flesh and failing than just sitting there and rotting without trying to succeed. You will be in the spirit more times than you had thought.

Let success live in your spirit. When you exercise the fundamentals of faith, God begins to do what you formerly considered impossible.

Make yourself available to receive favor and honor.

If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

(John 12:26)

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Jesus said, “if a man serve me, him will my father honor” (John 12:26).

Write down on a piece of paper things that you desire to accomplish through favor—the road to success.

Make a list of areas in which you need favor for the immediate future. Then make one that deals with the visions you have in your spirit for victories in the more distant future.

Look at the past and decide to improve upon your situation. Expect God to help you move out of your rut through favor, the road to success.

I always have a confession that deals with distant future things in my ministry. There is growing involved in favor.

But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

(2 Peter 3:18)

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Confess that your ministry is beginning to mature.

Confess that your life is taking on new responsibilities.

Make a list of those things that you desire to come to pass in your life. Some will take weeks and months. Others will come to pass almost immediately.

When you have reached certain goals, move out for greater goals. Never allow yourself to reach the point of “having arrived.” Discouragement and disillusionment will set in rapidly if you do.

One man whom I recently counseled was at the point of physical sickness because he retired without a retirement plan. He was so sick and confused that he found it difficult to get out of bed in the morning. If he had had a program in mind upon retirement, he would have moved into a new challenge which would have driven him forward and lengthened his life.

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Success comes as you push forward in favor. You are to go from one glory to a new glory.

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

(2 Corinthians 3:18)

Bring Your Dream into Reality

After you have prayed and confessed favor in a new situation, then put it into action. Step out and do the thing you never did in the past.

This may be to start a new prayer group or a new ministry outreach. It may be starting a new branch business or adding new departments within your present business.

Try not to get yourself so far out to sea that you cannot get back to land if you

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find yourself moving in the wrong direction or pattern.

Keep Yourself in Balance

There is a thin line between the will of God and the will of the flesh. Make a bold confession that you are moving in His will and that He is guiding you.

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.

(John 16:13)

God is guiding you today. Expect this favor. Confess this guidance.

Refuse the negative, self-pitying confession of, "Poor old me. He never guides me." This is destructive to favor and guidance. Get yourself into the victory lane by taking a healthy and positive approach to your situation.

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Do not move out without prayer, sound advice, and serious thought. Faith does not always follow human advice. Train yourself to know when God is leading you beyond the natural. Keep in balance to the best of your ability.

Refuse to move out on fleshly impulses.

Keep yourself completely surrendered to Jesus Christ.

May your constant desire be to know and to follow God's will for your life.

Learn to recognize the ego of self which wants to gain esteem. Your desire to be a success is to bring glory to the Lord Jesus Christ.

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A Teenage Girl Receives a Job

A young woman stood in one of our services in Alexandria, Louisiana, and gave a glowing report.

She said, “Brother Buess, I want to give testimony on what favor did for me after hearing you preach the Word of God on favor a few months back. I went in for a job interview. I was too young. I was only going to be there three months, and the employer wanted a permanent employee. I had confessed favor on the way for the

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interview. I had confessed favor the day before with regards to this interview.

“The man read my application and then turned to me and said, ‘Why do you think I should hire you?’

“I am a blessing everywhere I go,” was her response. “I am a blessing to my employer,” she continued.

The employer responded, “I thought I had a girl hired for this job before you came along, but now I am not certain.”

“I need a full-time, permanent girl,” said the employer. “I can’t understand why I am hiring you knowing that you are leaving in three months.”

She stayed with this man for the three months. He was well pleased with her.

In fact, as she was making final plans to leave the office when her employment period ended, the employer said to her, “Can you find me someone else who is full of life and victory such as yourself? I have

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never had such a pleasant experience with any employee.”

A Missionary Finds Favor with Businesspeople

Recently a friend of mine found favor in very important operations of his missionary enterprises.

After hearing this message on favor, he began diligently to apply this truth. He compared it to a river of favor everywhere he turned. Different ones began to contact him to help him promote the work of the Lord.

A Banker Finds a Powerful Tool for Operating a Bank

Recently where I had been ministering, a banker approached me. He began to tell me what a blessing the message on favor had been to him.

As I listened, he told me that he keeps the book *Favor: The Road to Success* in

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the bank to distribute to his employees and customers.

He was excited. He said, “I go to work excited. I anticipate the law of God’s favor working in our bank. It is like going to church. I expect favor to flow in the office with the employees and with our customers.”

Recently he made a visit to one of the other banks with which he was affiliated. He said, “I was shocked into reality. It was like a rat race.” It was some time before he visited another bank after he had learned the law of favor. This bank knew nothing of the law of favor. Confusion reigned. He said, “Man, was I glad to get back to peace and favor with God and with my associates.”

I was in a southern state recently when I was approached by another banker. He had a similar testimony about favor with God and with man. He had given a copy of *Favor: The Road to Success* to a customer

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who had been having some serious financial trouble. The customer was so excited that he placed this book under his pillow and slept on it. He was excited about God's word on favor and honor both with God and with man.

The banker brought this customer to church with him that day to meet me. The customer had a testimony that he wanted to share with me on the results of God's favor in his life.

He said, "After I placed God's word under my pillow, a miraculous thing happened to me. A man came up to me and gave me an outright gift of several thousand dollars. My crisis was met. I was able to get out of the financial pressure I was under."

By the way, this book on favor has many Scripture passages from the Bible. This is what the man was referring to when he placed this book under his pillow. It was not that he considered this book on

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favor as the Bible. He was excited about God's word in it.

A Father Shares How His Son Found Favor at School

I was in western Texas at a meeting when a brother in Christ came in just as the service was about to begin. He approached me and said, "Sometime I would like to give you a testimony about how my son found favor to be a great blessing in his life."

I told him to tell me quickly.

He said, "My son was failing every subject when he was passed to the ninth grade in high school. About that time he was handed a copy of your book on favor. He read it and was fascinated. He read it again several times. He began to claim favor with God and man. He claimed favor with the teachers and fellow students. He confessed that as Jesus increased in wisdom, he too would increase in wisdom."

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The testimony continued. “My son has just recently graduated from high school. He confessed favor for four years. It worked. He was on the A honor roll. This means that he was on the honor roll every time during his last four years in school.”

Praise the Lord for people like this finding favor with themselves and those about them.

As you develop confidence in yourself, your whole world changes. Your outlook changes. The real you can come alive and manifest itself. The Lord Jesus can come forth and manifest His personality and His mental ability in you.

700 Club Believes in Claiming Favor

Pat Robertson has given away thousands of these books on favor to the people who watch *The 700 Club*. He has given it to all of his employees. Everywhere we go we run into people who received this message from *The 700 Club* as a gift.

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Continuing Testimony on Favor

I have had people stand in line three and four at a time to tell me how this message on favor has changed their lives.

One girl said, "This book saved me."

Another girl standing by said, "Me too. I was just about washed out when I received this message on favor, and God helped me to get it all together again."

Favor on the Job

I have had many people testify to a complete about-face in attitudes on the job.

They were getting stomped and trampled before they applied these favor truths.

Then things began to change. They were treated with respect and honor.

Honor is in you. Believe in the Jesus of honor, and He will flow through you. When your attitude changes, people change.

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Keep Going over These Scriptures

One man came to me and said, “I thank you for reminding me to get in favor again.”

He said, “I really had this working but I gradually began to taper off, and it was not working as well as before.”

To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

(Romans 1:7)

Grace is favor that you do not deserve or merit.

Grace or favor is like a brake on an automobile.

It is there for you to use. Use it and enjoy it.

Favor works in every believer to a measure, but once you begin to stir it up, it will work in many more areas.

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I Never Dreamed I Could Apply This in That Area

Many people have come to me with problems. When I tell them to confess favor, they look at me in amazement. “Oh, I never dreamed of applying favor in this situation.”

I have found that you move into favor by levels. You learn to confess it in one area and forget it in another. So keep at it. It keeps unfolding into greater dimensions.

The Testimony of Ruth and Favor

And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after him in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter.

(Ruth 2:2)

Ruth was a Gentile living in Israel. This made her the underdog. She was certainly of the minority race.

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Take a look at her spirit. “Let me go to the field...I shall find grace (favor).” She had a very positive attitude about life. She was sure she would be successful. She confessed favor before she left the house.

How did her confession turn out? There was no doubt about it—God was working. Her confession of faith in herself and in God being with her was paying off well.

And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her hap was to light on a part of the field belonging unto Boaz, who was of the kindred of Elimelech. And, behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said unto the reapers, The LORD be with you. And they answered him, The LORD bless thee. Then said Boaz unto his servant that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel is this? And the servant that was set over the reapers answered and said, It is the

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Moabitish damsel that came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab: And she said, I pray you, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves: so she came, and hath continued even from the morning until now, that she tarried a little in the house. Then said Boaz unto Ruth, Hearst thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens: Let thine eyes be on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them: have I not charged the young men that they shall not touch thee? and when thou art athirst, go unto the vessels, and drink of that which the young men have drawn. (Ruth 2:3-9)

Normally a Gentile would not be received with such kindness, but this was a person of a different nature. She believed in favor instead of racial problems or

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rejection. The workers of Boaz recognized something in her and gave her permission to work in the field with the other maidens.

When Boaz arrived from Bethlehem, the first thing he said after he greeted his men was, “Whose damsel is this?”

It must have been love at first sight. Her strong spirit of favor disarmed this great man. He ordered the men to leave her alone, and he let her drink of their water and eat of their food.

And Boaz said unto her, At meal-time come thou hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar. And she sat beside the reapers: and he reached her parched corn, and she did eat, and was sufficed, and left. (Ruth 2:14)

Then after this he ordered his men to drop some barley on purpose and let her glean among the sheaves.

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And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and reproach her not: And let fall also some of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave them, that she may glean them, and rebuke her not.

(Ruth 2:15-16)

Ruth had so much favor with Boaz that she actually proposed to him.

After they were married, Ruth gave birth to Obed, who became the father of Jesse, who became the father of David.

So Ruth, the Gentile woman, had so much favor with God that He overlooked His law forbidding the marriage of an Israelite with any other people.

She became part of the lineage which brought the Messiah, Jesus Christ, to the world.

Praise the Lord!

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I Never Dreamed I Could Have This Nice a Job

One woman stopped me before church one day and said, "I have read your message on favor. I began to apply it. I now have the best job that I have ever had in my life. Before I read this message I never would have had confidence to apply for this job. The word on favor built up my confidence. I just applied for a job that yesterday I would not have dreamed possible for me. I know I have that job and I am thrilled with Jesus."

I rejoiced with her. Hallelujah!

A Salesman Rejoices in Favor

"They told me never to come back. I did go back. They said, 'We do not like your product or your company, do not come back.' Then I read your message on *Favor: The Road to Success*. I stood in front of that business, confessed favor, and went back again. Now it is one of the best

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customers I have. They turned completely around when I changed my attitude about God's favor and my own confidence in God working in me."

This is one example of many similar testimonies that I receive often.

I Have No Job, What Shall I Do?

A pastor encouraged the man who had just recently joined his congregation's fellowship. Then the pastor said, "By the way, let me share a book with you which has been a blessing to many in our fellowship."

John took the book and was instantly captivated. He read it and reread it. He confessed the Scriptures on favor. Later he applied for a job about which he knew nothing. They hired him and sent him to school for special training. He was with the company less than a year when I met him. His take-home pay for one week was more than the average person makes in one year.

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Needless to say, John gives these books away by the bundle.

By the way, John is a fictitious name, but the story is true.

A Pastor's Testimony on Favor

“I have been teaching from your book on favor for a year now. It has turned our church around. Our people are blessed. Would you please come and share with us on favor?”

I went. I was blessed. The people were blessed.

My Own Testimony

“You really do not have to bother with this...”

“Oh, yes, let me see if this won't work out better.”

He kept fumbling through sets of schedules.

“You really don't need to bother about this.”

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“Oh, no bother, let me see something else, it may work out in this way.” He kept going through more books.

“Please do not bother, it will be all right just as it is now.”

“Oh, no, just a minute, I believe I have it.”

I had asked this man if it were possible to do a particular thing.

To tell you the truth, I have forgotten what it was I was trying to do. It could have been a change in a schedule on a plane or something of a similar nature. His response was emphatically in the negative.

I then thanked him and was about to leave when he began to contradict everything that he had previously said.

The thing he said could not happen happened even while I insisted that he forget it and he kept insisting that he believed it would happen.

Praise God for His favor.

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A Negative Report on Favor

“I do not believe in favor. It does not work,” someone once told me.

“Why not?” I responded.

“I confessed favor for a certain job, and I did not get it. It does not work.”

I replied, “It is not supposed to work in every situation. God is sovereign. He knows what will work out right in each situation. If you had favor in every situation, you may get the wrong job, the wrong mate, or the wrong whatever.”

Do not give up. If favor does not work in each situation, do not throw up your hands in disgust.

Keep pressing forward. Usually things begin to happen right away.

Other things take more time.

Some things are not supposed to happen. Hang loose and rejoice always regardless.

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Paul's Testimony of Favor or Grace

But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

(1 Corinthians 15:10)

“It is not me. It is the grace and favor of God which makes me what I am,” said Paul. God’s favor changed Paul. His favor was given to Paul, and Paul responded by walking in it.

Favor is like a train. You choose to get on the train and cooperate with the train. Unless you jump off of the train, it will carry you where you are going.

Do not jump in and out of favor. Hang in there by faith and it will bring you through.

Remember, you stay on your train by faith. Favor or grace is poured out on you

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just as it was on Paul, and it will take you to great heights in the Lord.

Paul tells us that God's favor took him from being a murderer to being a soul-winner.

Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth.

(Colossians 1:6)

“It has been working all over the world. It has been bringing forth tremendous changes in lives. Heathen are being changed. Fruits abound everywhere. I also expect the same to happen to you.”

This was Paul's confession about grace or favor. It has brought forth fruit everywhere it goes.

Walk in favor, dear one.

You too will have grace—fruit in which to rejoice.

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Favor is a choice. You can choose life and success by choosing to walk in favor, or you can choose to be a bum, and with very little effort, you soon will accomplish your mission.

Choose to be a winner. When athletes set out to win in the Olympics, they pay a price. They work at it daily.

You have to put forth effort to keep favor flowing.

*That being justified by his grace,
we should be made heirs according
to the hope of eternal life.*

(Titus 3:7)

Paul's testimony attests that it is by his favor and grace that you have been made an heir with Jesus.

It is like a set of twins. One is pulling the other along and saying, "Come on. We can do it. Just step out in grace, and we can do it together."

Jesus has made you an heir with Him

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by His favor. Learn to submit to His guidance. He will lead you forward. Expect favor to bring you into the full ministry of Jesus.

Scriptures on Favor

And Laban said unto him, I pray thee, if I have found favour in thine eyes, tarry: for I have learned by experience that the LORD hath blessed me for thy sake. (Genesis 30:27)

And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty. (Exodus 3:21)

And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required. (Exodus 12:36)

And the child Samuel grew before the LORD ...And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the LORD, and also with men. (1 Samuel 2:21, 26)

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And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found favour in my sight. (1 Samuel 16:22)

Thou hast granted me life and favour, and thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.
(Job 10:12)

For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield. (Psalm 5:12)

For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. (Psalm 30:5)

LORD, by thy favour thou hast made my mountain to stand strong. (Psalm 30:7)

For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto them. (Psalm 44:3)

Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion:

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for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come. (Psalm 102:13)

Remember me, O LORD, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people: O visit me with thy salvation; That I may see the good of thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, that I may glory with thine inheritance. (Psalm 106:4-5)

My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: or length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. (Proverbs 3:4)

For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD. (Proverbs 8:35)

He that diligently seeketh good procureth favour: but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him. (Proverbs 11:27)

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A good man obtaineth favour of the LORD: but a man of wicked devices will he condemn.

(Proverbs 12:2)

Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors is hard.

(Proverbs 13:15)

Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous there is favour.

(Proverbs 14:9)

The king's favour is toward a wise servant: but his wrath is against him that causeth shame.

(Proverbs 14:35)

In the light of the king's countenance is life; and his favour is as a cloud of the latter rain.

(Proverbs 16:15)

Many will entreat the favour of the prince: and every man is a friend to him that giveth gifts.

(Proverbs 19:6)

The king's wrath is as the roaring of a lion; but his favour is as dew upon the grass.

(Proverbs 19:12)

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A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold. (Proverbs 22:1)

He that rebuketh a man afterwards shall find more favour than he that flattereth with the tongue. (Proverbs 28:23)

Many seek the ruler's favour; but every man's judgment cometh from the LORD. (Proverbs 29:26)

And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have I had mercy on thee. (Isaiah 60:10)

And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. (Luke 1:30)

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man. (Luke 2:52)



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