

Subject: Exposed to Favor (Min. Samantha and Min. Maxine)

## **How to Position Yourself to be "Exposed to Favor"**

While favor is unmerited, there are spiritual principles that create an environment for it to manifest.

### **I. Set up for favor:**

#### **1. Seek God First (Matthew 6:33):**

- A. Prioritize your relationship with Him above all else.
  - a. Engage in prayer, worship, and study the Scriptures. This fosters a deeper connection with God, which can lead to experiencing His favor.

#### **2. Live Righteously (Psalm 5:12):**

- A. Present your bodies living sacrifice: Romans 12:1
- B. Walk in obedience to His Word. While not earning favor, righteousness aligns you with His heart. James 4:7

**3. Humble Yourself (James 4:6):** God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble. A humble heart is a magnet for His favor.

#### **4. Practice Faith (Hebrews 11:6):**

- A. Believe God for the impossible. Expect His goodness and His intervention.
- B. It's impossible to please God without faith

5. **Speak Favor (Proverbs 18:21):** Declare God's favor over your life, your family, your work. Words have power.

6. **Be Diligent and Excellent (Proverbs 22:29):** Work heartily as unto the Lord. Excellence often attracts attention and favor.

A. People that received God's favor weren't sitting down doing nothing (David, Joseph, Noah, Abraham, etc.)

7. **Serve Others (Galatians 5:13):** Favor is often given to those who are positioned to be a blessing to others for Kingdom purposes.

A. Position yourself to gain favor

## II. Living in the Light of His Exposed Favor

1. **Cultivate a favor-minded perspective:** Understand that you are crowned with favor and loved by God, not because of your own merits, but because of His grace. Declare this truth boldly, even when facing challenges.
2. **Allow your life to be a testament to God's goodness:** When God blesses you, recognize it as His favor and share your testimony. Let others see that your success, strength, or breakthrough is not of your own making, but a result of His divine hand.
3. **Embrace the process of exposure:** When God's light shines on your life, it may reveal areas of sin or darkness that need correction. Embrace this as a grace-filled opportunity to repent and align more fully with His will.
4. **Walk in integrity and faithfulness:** A life of honesty and obedience attracts favor from both God and others, according to Proverbs 3:3–4.
5. **Expect breakthrough and divine connections:** When you act on what is on God's heart, He can respond with overwhelming favor.

This can lead to open doors, new opportunities, and connections that you could not have achieved on your own.

### **Closure:**

Recap: God's favor is real, powerful, and transformative. It's His unmerited advantage that can be seen and known.

Call to Action:

Are you living in a way that positions you to be "exposed to favor"?

Are you acknowledging and giving thanks for the favor you already see in your life?

Are you trusting that even in challenging seasons, God's favor can be at work, turning situations around for your good and His glory?

### **Luke 2:52**

Even Jesus, the Son of God, grew in favor with God and man as He lived a life of obedience and righteousness. Understand, once again, the Father did not bless Jesus in His humanity because He *earned* it with obedience and righteous behavior. Because Jesus resonated with His Father's heart and the knowledge of Who He was as a Son, He was obedient and behaved righteously. Favor was upon Him because He was a Son, Who knew Who knew His Father and Who knew Who He was. Out of that place He could manifest His Sonship loving as His Father loves. We too can grow in the realization of God's favor as we grow in knowing our Father and Who we are as sons and daughters. Out of that place we will love as He loves;

obedience and righteous living will result. God's pleasure and favor will be evident.

Pray