## FINDING FAVOR WITH THE KING

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Everyone wants favor. We all want to be liked. None of us want to be hated. We all want others to think well of us. Whenever we find favor in people's eyes, it makes life easier.

We generally ask favors of our friends or those with whom we share a relationship. No one expects much success when requesting favors of strangers. Asking favors of total strangers is not something we do very often. Most of us understand that influence only comes from intimacy. A stranger might hold open a door for you when asked, but they probably wouldn't give you an open line of credit by agreeing to cosign for you a new house or a new car.

The level of favor you receive is probably linked to the level of relationship you have developed. How well do they know you? Have you proven yourself to them over a period of time?

Esther won the king's favor because she won his heart. She convinced him that she wanted him more than she wanted his kingdom.

How did she win his favor? By listening to the king's chamberlain. She won his favor because she learned what the king liked and didn't like.

Do you want the King's favor? Then learn what He likes and dislikes. God favors those who seek to please Him.

I want to please God! I want God's favor on my life! I want to live a life that is pleasing and acceptable in His sight. I want to find favor with the King.