

## Favor and Influence

**Favor (Greek)** = graciousness of manner or act; possessing the divine influence upon the heart and its reflection in life; to be acknowledged with special honor.

**Knowledge** of the Word of God

brings us **illumination** from the Holy Spirit,  
which in turn reveals **revelation** to us.

When revelation is realized, **transformation** can take its course

Then the **manifestations** of God's purposes are released in us and through us.

### FAVOR DEMANDS TWO DIRECTIONS

**Luke 2:52** - *And Jesus increased in wisdom (in broad and full understanding) and in stature and years, and in favor with God and man. AMP*

- **You Can Have Favor With God And Not Possess Favor With Man.**
- **You Can Have Favor With Man And Not Have Favor With God.**

**Luke 1:28-31** - *The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." 29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. NIV*

- **Favor Drafts You Into God's Purposes And Releases A Divine Covering Over You.**

### CHASING GOD, RECEIVING FAVOR

**1 Sam 16:6-12** - *When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD." 7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either." 9 Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the LORD chosen this one." 10 Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The LORD has not chosen these." 11 So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered, "but he is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives." 12 So he sent and had him brought in. He was ruddy, with a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; he is the one." NIV*

- **God Places His Favor On People Who's Hearts Are Completely Chasing After His.**
- **It's The Glory Of God To Raise Up Champions Out Of Humble Places.**

**1 Sam 16:14-23** - *Now the Spirit of the LORD had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD tormented him. 15 Saul's attendants said to him, "See, an evil spirit from God is tormenting you. 16 Let our lord command his servants here to search for someone who can play the harp. He will play when the evil spirit from God comes upon you, and you will feel better." 17 So Saul said to his attendants, "Find someone who plays well and bring him to me." 18 One of the servants answered, "I have seen a son of Jesse of Bethlehem who knows how to play the harp. He is a brave man and a warrior. He speaks well and is a fine-looking man. And the LORD is with him." 19 Then Saul sent*

messengers to Jesse and said, "Send me your son David, who is with the sheep." 20 So Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a skin of wine and a young goat and sent them with his son David to Saul. **21 David came to Saul and entered his service. Saul liked him very much, and David became one of his armor-bearers.** 22 Then Saul sent word to Jesse, saying, "Allow David to remain in my service, for I am pleased with him." 23 Whenever the spirit from God came upon Saul, David would take his harp and play. Then relief would come to Saul; he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him. NIV

- **Hurting People Are More Open To Allow People Of Favor In Their Lives Than Those Who Do Not Possess It.**
- **Favor Will Affect The People That You Are Called To Impact Even If You Serve Under Them**

**Prov 3:1-4** - My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, 2 for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity. 3 Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. 4 Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. NIV

**Joseph** served Pharaoh and ruled a nation...

**Daniel** served Nebuchadnezzar and ruled a nation...

**Esther** served a king and helped to set a nation free...

- **Favor works through you to literally bind demons off of those who you are called to influence.**

**1 Sam 24:16-18** - When David finished saying this, Saul asked, "Is that your voice, David my son?" And he wept aloud. 17 "You are more righteous than I," he said. "You have treated me well, but I have treated you badly. NIV