

## **FAVOR WITH MAN By Jarrod Davidoff August 30, 2020**

**1 Samuel 2:26** Now the boy Samuel was growing in stature (reputation gained by ability or achievement) and in favor both with the Lord and with men.-*NOTE GROWING*- as you mature the Lord will favor you even more

Today I want to share with you that God wants to PERSONALLY favor you and He also wants to bring you into favor with people

**Luke 2:52** And Jesus kept increasing (NOTE AGAIN IT GROWS-If you can handle it) in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

### **1. SEEK THE FAVOR OF GOD ABOVE ALL ELSE**

**Galatians 1:10** For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ.

**Proverbs 29:25** The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe.

**Proverbs 29:26** Many seek the ruler's favor, But justice for man comes from the Lord.

You see if man can promote you then man can demote you. Yet if God favors you there is nothing anyone can do to hinder the favor and promotion.

As children of God we seek favor with God as our only source and our primary source and when we put Him FIRST He grants us favor with **the right men and women on earth to fulfil our destinies.**

However its important that we do not SEEK to be man pleasers, because in doing that we may compromise our favor with God.

You are going to be tested in life regarding compromise. Maybe some of you have passed the test, some not and some are yet to be tested.

## **2. DEVELOP YOURSELF AND ADD VALUE**

**Colossians 3:23** And whatever you do (YOU HAVE TO DO SOMETHING), do it heartily (SERVE THE LORD WITH JOY. IT PAYS TO SERVE THE LORD), as to the Lord (DO IT UNTO THE LORD, ADD VALUE WHEREVER YOU ARE) and not to men (You may be doing it for men, but do it UNTO THE LORD. This speaks of excellence.

**2 Timothy 2:15** Study (ministry, business, music, sports , etc. The 10 000 rule average of 20 hours a week for 10 years. You never stop learning, so keep reading and studying) to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

**Joseph** added value wherever he was even in prison and because of that he found favor with man **WHEREVER** he went ...in Potiphar's house , in the prison and in the Palace.

**Nehemiah** sought to rebuild the walls of the city, his heart was to be that change that he wanted to see, and God gave him favor with the King

**Daniel, Shadrack , Meshack and Abednego** studied the language of the chaldeans, they learnt from the scribes in Babylon and then Gods favor came on them and they also found favor with the King who made them governors over his regions

**Daniel 1:9** Now God granted Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the commander of the officials,

## **TO DEVELOP YOURSELF AND ADD VALUE YOU NEED TO:**

### **1. EMBARK ON SELF DEVELOPMENT**

Includes studying in your field of influence, becoming the best at what you do, working in such a way that you make your heavenly Father proud

Set short term achievable goals yourself.

Become an expert. What's stopping you. THE NEXT STEP.

I knew God had called me yet I needed to get equipped.

-I went to bible college for 2 years. I did 3 years of Evangelism explosion studying 3 levels of evangelism including apologetics.

Reinhard Bonnke books

Evangelism books

Revival books

DVDS

Bill Graham

Podcasts, videos, sermons

-I travelled with Reinhard Bonnke on 20 campaigns around the world

-I volunteered my team to be involved with other evangelists crusades to help and to learn from them.

## **2. ADDING VALUE**

Serving where you see there is a need, not because you get paid but because it's your passion to always give your best as a testimony to God! To better yourself and help better people, processes and environments

-I went to the Inner City of JHB and started doing evangelism, helping the church grow, I emptied my bank account and bought a sound system, keyboard, moonbags, etc

If you were to leave your work or church would there be a major vacuum. I even made sure that before I left my church, I raised up successors.

### **3. FAITHFULNESS BRINGS FAVOR WITH MAN**

**Proverbs 25:19** Like a broken tooth or a lame foot is reliance on the unfaithful in a time of trouble

It's a major challenge to rely on people that are unreliable. I see people with great potential and if they are faithful they will get promoted by the Lord or their leader or boss.

When I joined my church I was looking to be faithful to the Lord.

show up on time. Be early. Saturdays in Joubert Park. I was there before 10am

Be prepared. Speakers ready, follow up materials, organized the band, I'd called nearly 50 people a week

Be consistent-I was there every Saturday for about 3 years. 1997 to 1999. Maybe broke mid Dec till mid Jan so about 4 weeks off a year. Help build team-I built a team of 50 volunteers

**Proverbs 22:1** A good name is to be more desired than great wealth,

Favor is better than silver and gold.

As you are faithful and consistent, you will gain favor from your leaders. They will trust you that if they give you a job to do you will get it done.

Men that have influence want to surround themselves with other men and women that are faithful.

Flaky people are like a broken tooth or a lame leg you just cannot rely on people that are UNFAITHFUL

If you want favor with man – increase your faithfulness.

Be faithful in Eternity Church or your church.

Be faithful to the house God has called you to. That's where your blessing will come, your breakthrough, your divine revelation, your assignment, your spouse, etc

1. I was faithful as a member of Rhema in South Africa
2. Faithful serving in the church in weekly one on one evangelism and then Sat street ministry
3. Faithful heading up weekly Sat outreach in Joubert Park
4. Faithful as Rhema evangelist doing outreaches for the church, campaigns around the country
5. Faithful going on Reinhard Bonnke crusades

Because of my faithfulness the Lord kept open doors of opportunity for me.