

### **My FAVORite People** Experiencing God's Favor In Family & Friends



## **My FAVORite People** Experiencing God's Favor In Family & Friends 1.The MEANING of Favor

 $\rightarrow$  The word "favor" in the Bible has its roots in the concepts of approval and acceptance; being well thought of  $\rightarrow$  God extends His favor (or grace), in kindness and compassion toward us as an expression of His acceptance/approval

**My FAVORite People Experiencing God's Favor In Family & Friends 1. The MEANING of Favor** 2. The EXAMPLES of Finding Favor +Jesus (Luke 2:52) "and Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men" +Samuel (1 Sam 2:26) "Now the boy Samuel was growing in stature and in favor with both God an men"

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# +ESV- "Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you"

+NKJV- "Let not mercy and truth forsake you" +CJB- "Do not let grace and truth leave you" +NIV- "Let love and faithfulness never leave you" +NLT- "Never let loyalty and kindness leave you"



1. In Proverbs Kindness and faithfulness are often associated with two behaviors



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  →Generosity
  - Prov 22:9 He who is **generous** will be blessed, For he gives some of his food to the poor.



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Prov 11:24-27 There is one who scatters, and yet increases all the more, And there is one who withholds what is justly due, and yet it results only in want. 25 The **generous** man will be prosperous, And he who waters will himself be watered.

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26 He who withholds grain, the people will curse him, But blessing will be on the head of him who sells it. 27 He who diligently seeks good seeks **favor**, But he who seeks evil, evil will come to him.



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→<u>Refreshment</u>

Prov 25:13 Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest Is a faithful messenger to those who send him, For he **refreshes** the soul of his masters.



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Philemon 7 For I have come to have much joy and comfort in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been **refreshed** through you, brother

Philemon 20 Yes, brother, let me benefit from you in the Lord; **refresh** my heart in Christ.

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  → Refreshment
  - 1 Corinthians 16:17-18 I rejoice over the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have supplied what was lacking on your part. 18 For they have **refreshed** my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such



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2 Corinthians 7:13 For this reason we have been comforted. And besides our comfort, we rejoiced even much more for the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been **refreshed** by you all



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  - 2 Timothy 7:16 The Lord grant mercy to the house of Onesiphorus, for he often **refreshed** me and was not ashamed of my chains



#### ARE YOU A VERY REFRESHING PERSON? OR A VERY DRAINING PERSON?



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- 1. talk only about themselves
- 2. constantly complain
- 3. refuse help and advice
- 4. always seeking drama
- 5. playing the victim
- 6. very demanding
- 7. always expect the worst

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