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## A Leader Needs God's Favor!

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*This study/devotional is prepared for government leaders in the executive, legislative and judicial branches of Kansas government. We trust that these summary notes are inspiring and encouraging. Sorry: We will not have study notes for next week (November 9) due to my travel.*

### INTRODUCTION

Do you count your blessings? You are truly blessed if you have favor with God as well as with your constituents (or your supervisor). The term "favor" is a noun of Latin origin. It means "a friendly disposition". "Partiality" is a synonym. "To pardon the guilty is a favor; to punish them is an act of justice" (Webster)<sup>1</sup> How do we gain favor?

### FINDING FAVOR

*Proverbs 8:35 For whoever finds me (wisdom) finds life and receives favor from the LORD.*<sup>2</sup>

### FAVOR FROM MAN

Don't make people angry: ***"The king's anger is like a lion's roar, but his favor is like dew on the grass" Proverbs 19:12).***

Please those in charge: ***"When the king smiles, there is life; his favor refreshes like a spring rain" (Proverbs 16:15).***

Act wisely and do not bring shame on others or on the administration: ***"The king's favor is toward a servant who acts wisely, but his anger is toward him who acts shamefully" (Proverbs 14:35).***

Don't be a fool, breaking the laws of God or of man: ***"Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous there is favour" (Proverbs 14:9).***

### FAVOR FROM GOD

Be obedient/submissive to authority: ***"Then he (the boy Jesus) returned to Nazareth with them (his parents) and was obedient to them...Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people" (Luke 2:51-52).***

Listen to the Word of God and act on His truths: ***"And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favor with the LORD and with men" (1 Samuel 2:26).***

Live and act rightly (do what is right in the eyes of man and with God): ***"For surely, O LORD, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield" (Psalm 5:12).***

Be honest, have integrity, revere God, and avoid evil: ***"Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land (Job 1:10).***

Be faithful in every situation and every assignment: ***The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because the LORD was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did (Genesis 39:23).***

### CONCLUSION

Do these instructions seem impossible to follow? Remember that all things are possible with God (Hebrews 11:6).

#### A Prayer:

***Father God, here I am, trying to please You and these people. Please help me to learn from You and from those whom You have put in my life. Please be patient with me. I pray in the Name of Jesus. Amen.***

<sup>1</sup> Noah Webster. American Dictionary of the English Language. (Webster) 1828.

<sup>2</sup> The Holy Bible, New Living Translation (Tyndale House Publishers) 2007.

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