

20 WISDOM WAYS
20 WAYS PEOPLE LOSE FAVOR

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Isaiah 14:12-15

Favor is precious. Favor gives you an advantage over other people. However, it is also very **FRAGILE**. As quick as you can receive favor is as quick as you can lose it.

It is easier to initially receive favor than to **RESTORE** it. When Lucifer lost favor with God he never was able to restore it. Isaiah 14:12-15 says, "King of Babylon, morning star, you have fallen from heaven, even though you were as bright as the rising sun!

In the past all the nations on earth bowed down before you, but now you have been cut down. You told yourself, "I will go up to heaven. I will put my throne above God's stars.

I will sit on the mountain of the gods, on the slopes of the sacred mountain. I will go up above the tops of the clouds. I

will be like God Most High.” But you were brought down to the grave, to the deep places where the dead are.”

Reading the wisdom below will help prevent you from losing the favor you have. These twenty items listed below are the most common reasons why people lose favor with God and with people.

1. **SPEAKING THE WRONG WORDS:** Speaking the wrong words will give people the wrong impression of you. Life and death is in the power of the tongue.
2. **BECOMING DISLOYAL:** If you betray the person who favored you they will lose favor with you.
3. **BEING INCONSISTENT:** Being inconsistent will dilute your credibility. The life of a person who is not trustworthy will be hard.
4. **LYING:** Telling lies will destroy credibility, trust and favor. Honest people will be blessed.

5. **ARROGANCE:** Pride comes before a fall. People fall from grace because they forget their favor came from God.

6. **THINKING THE WRONG THOUGHTS:** Thinking wrongful thoughts will inspire negative behavior. Exhibiting sinful behavior will cause you to lose favor with God. Exhibiting offensive behavior will cause you to lose favor with people.

7. **NEGATIVE ATTITUDE:** Having a negative attitude will move people away from you. You cannot keep favor when people do not want to be around you.

8. **LACKING IMPROVEMENT AND GROWTH:** People maintain their favor with the individual who gave it to them by consistently improving who they are. Jesus grew in favor because he was growing and improving. Luke 2:52.

9. **LACKING INTEGRITY:** When you fail to do what you say you are going to do people will not trust nor favor you. The life of an untrustworthy person is hard.

10. **LISTENING TO PEOPLE'S OPINIONS RATHER THAN THE HOLY SPIRIT:** The Holy Spirit is never wrong. However, people could be wrong. Listening to the words of the Holy Spirit will always lead you toward receiving the favor of God and people.

11. **MAKING FOOLISH DECISIONS:** When you make foolish decisions you will instantly lose favor. Foolish decisions offend people. Foolish decisions angers God. Foolish decisions hurt your reputation.

12. **BEING RULED BY ANGER:** If anger rules you, favor will draw away from you. People respond negatively to anger. However, they react positively to kindness.

13. **EMOTIONALLY UNSTABLE:** People who are emotionally unstable lose the favor they have because

they are not trustworthy. If people cannot trust you to be who you are they will not trust you with what they have.

14. **DISHONORING AUTHORITY:** Promotion comes from those who are above you. If you dishonor the people who are above you, favor will walk away from you.

15. **DISRESPECTING AUTHORITY:** People who disrespect authority are upsetting the people who have the right, power and authority to exalt them. When you disrespect people in authority you will instantly lose favor with God.

16. **SPEAKING THE WRONG WORDS AT THE WRONG TIME:** Words have the power to heal, restore, curse or damage. When you say the wrong words at the wrong time you can destroy your credibility and your reputation. This will result in a loss of favor.

17. **TURNING AWAY FROM GOD:** God is the person who exalts the humble. He is the source of every good thing. If you turn away from God, **EVERY** good thing will turn away from you.

18. **LEANING ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING:** People who lean on their own understanding take things into their own hands. This is dangerous. Relying on yourself and not God will increase the probability of you making mistakes that will cause you to lose favor with others.

19. **REJECTING WISDOM:** Rejecting wisdom is the introduction to poverty. Smart people with no wisdom end up broke. Rich people with no wisdom end up poor. If you reject wisdom your ending destination is poverty.

20. **LISTENING TO FOOLISH COUNSEL:** Foolish counsel will cause you to do harmful things to others and

yourself. People who adhere to foolish counsel, self destruct. Fools only attract more foolishness, not favor.

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