

HOW TO CREATE A HARVEST OF FAVOR

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Proverbs 19:17

Favor has to be **GIVEN** before it can be received. Favor is a seed of **GOODNESS** you give to other people. The seed of goodness is not payment for what people do for you. It is not an exchange for a service. It is an act of **KINDNESS** done for someone.

This sounds simple because it is simple. God rewards **EVERYONE** for the good things they do unto others. Proverbs 19:17 says, "*Being kind to the poor is like lending to the Lord; he will reward you for what you have done.*"

Offering goodness to people **CREATES** favor from the Lord! You can live a life full of favor if you have a heart of selflessness. If you can care about others more than yourself favor will overwhelm you. If you can give to

others more than you give to yourself favor will chase you down.

FAVOR IS NOT A MIRACLE

Favor is **NOT** a mystery. It is not a miracle. It is a predictable and planned event. You can **SCHEDULE** favor with God by the goodness you show to others. Dr. Mike Murdock says it like this, "what you do for others God will do for you."

The mercy you show to others God will show to you. The forgiveness you show to others God will show to you. The generosity you give to others God will give to you. The pleasure you give to others God will give to you. The opportunities you give to others God will give to you.

GOD WILL GIVE

The rewards will come **THROUGH** people but it is **FROM** God. Luke 6:38 says, "*Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together,*

and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

Do not confuse the vehicle with the messenger. The person who God uses to reward you may not like you, care for you or enjoy you but the Lord will use them because they have what He wants you to receive.

ALL GOOD THINGS COME FROM THE LORD!

Never focus on the person who rewards you. Focus on the reward. Sometimes focusing on the person will cause you to reject the reward because of who is giving it. However, God can use anyone or anything to bless you.

1st Kings 17:4-6 says, *"You may drink from the stream, and I have commanded ravens to bring you food there." So Elijah did what the Lord said; he went to Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and lived there. The birds brought Elijah bread and*

meat every morning and evening, and he drank water from the stream." NCV

Ravens are not gentle creatures. They are dangerous animals that eat flesh. God used a creature that is toxic and dangerous to humans as a benefit to the prophet Elijah. The Lord used the raven to bring food to the prophet Elijah in the desert day and night so he won't starve.

What if Elijah focused on the raven and not the reward. He would have died in the desert from starvation. Do not limit God with your limited understanding. When favor is being brought (goodness) to you focus on the **REWARD**, **NOT** the one issuing it.

DO NOT GET WEARY IN WELL DOING

Galatians 6:9 says, "*And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.*" KJV

Continue to do good despite how others treat you. Doing good will never go unrewarded. You may not be appreciated or honored by the people you've helped but the Lord has another group of people assigned to be good to you. When you give favor to others **YOU** are building a harvest of favor for yourself in the process.

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