

The Benefits of God's Favor
The Heart of a Giant Killer – Part 4
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Intro:

1. It started with the prophet Samuel anointing David.

I Samuel 16:13 (NLT)

2. The favor of God can give you "suddenly moments".

I Samuel 18:1-4 (NLT) *his tunic, sword, bow, and belt.*

3. Jonathan gives the symbols of royalty to David.

A. God's favor gives us protection.

1. Protection in Battle.

I Samuel 18:6-9 (NLT)

2. God's protection is greater than the enemy's evil intent.

I Samuel 18:10-11 (NLT)

3. Saul recognized the Favor of God that was on David.

I Samuel 18:12 (NLT)

B. God's Favor gives us position.

Finally, Saul sent him away and appointed him commander over 1,000 men, and David faithfully led his troops into battle.

I Samuel 18:14-16 (NLT)

1. God's favor leads to success in life.

Psalms 67:1-2 (NLT)

I Samuel 18:30 (NLT)

2. When people honor God, and follow him whole heartedly, God gives them success.
3. God wants us to pray and believe for change.

C. Bible verses that illustrate this point.

- a. **Genesis 39:3b (NLT)** *the Lord was with Joseph, giving him success in everything he did.*
- b. **Deuteronomy 16:15b (NLT)** *honor the Lord your God at the place he chooses, for it is he who blesses you with bountiful harvests and gives you success in all your work.*
- c. **Deuteronomy 30:9a (NLT)** *"The Lord your God will then make you successful in everything you do..."*
- d. **Joshua 1:7-8 (NLT)**
- e. **I Chronicles 22:13a (NLT)** *For you will be successful if you carefully obey the decrees and regulations that the Lord gave to Israel through Moses.*
- f. **2 Chronicles 26:5b (NLT)** *And as long as the king sought guidance from the Lord, God gave him success*
- g. **2 Samuel 23:5 (NLT)** *"Is it not my family God has chosen? Yes, he has made an everlasting covenant with me. His agreement is arranged and guaranteed in every detail. He will ensure my safety and success.*
- h. **2 Kings 18:7a (NLT)** *So the Lord was with him, and Hezekiah was successful in everything he did.*
- i. **2 Chronicles 31:21b (NLT)** *Hezekiah sought his God wholeheartedly. As a result, he was very successful.*

Psalms 112:1-2a (NLT) *...How joyful are those who fear the Lord and delight in obeying his commands. ² Their children will be successful everywhere;*

Next Steps: Today I am:

1. Stepping in to a faith relationship with Jesus.
2. Asking God for the strength to live for Him whole heartedly.
3. Believing God and praying for success in my life.
4. Praying for 5 friends to come to salvation this Easter.