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# The Favor Factor

## WISDOM

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Proverbs 8:1, 35 “Listen as Wisdom calls out! Whoever finds me finds life and **receives favor from the Lord.**”

## **THE STORY OF THE WISE MEN AND THE WISDOM THAT ATTRACTS GOD’S FAVOR**

Matthew 2:1-11

### **1. Wisdom Aligns with GOD’S THOUGHTS.**

Matthew 2:2 “We saw His star rising and have come to worship Him.”

Matthew 2:4 “He called together all the chief priests and the experts in the Scriptures and tried to find out from them where the Messiah was supposed to be born.”

**Favor doesn’t come by  
prophetic declaration.**

**Favor is an outcome of aligning  
with God.**

1 John 5:7 “There are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.”

Isaiah 55:8-9 “My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,’ says the Lord. ‘And My ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so My ways are higher than your ways and My thoughts higher than your thoughts.’”

Romans 12:2 “Let God change you inside with a new way of thinking. Then you will be able to understand and accept what God wants for you. You will be able to know what is good and pleasing to Him and what is perfect.”

2 Corinthians 10:5 “We break down every thought and proud thing that puts itself up against the wisdom of God. **We take hold of every thought and make it obey Christ.**”

## **2. Wisdom Acts on GOD'S TRUTH.**

Matthew 2:9 “After the wise men heard the king, they left. They saw the same star they had seen in the east, and **they followed it**. The star went before them until it stopped above the place where the Child was.”

James 4:17 “Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.”

Romans 2:21-23 “Well then, if you teach others, why don't you teach yourself? You tell others not to steal, but do you steal? You say it is wrong to commit adultery, but do you commit adultery? You are so proud of knowing the law, but you dishonor God by breaking it.”

James 1:22 “Do what God's teaching says, don't just listen and do nothing. When you only sit and listen, you are fooling yourselves.”

**Favor doesn't come by chance.**

**Favor is an outcome of acting  
on God's truth.**

Psalm 119:99-101 “I am wiser than all my teachers, because Your written instructions are in my thoughts. I have more wisdom than those with many years of experience, because I have obeyed Your guiding principles. I have kept my feet from walking on any evil path in order to obey Your word.”

### **3. Wisdom Advances GOD'S AGENDA.**

Matthew 2: 11 “The wise men came to the house where the Child was with His mother Mary. **They bowed down and worshiped Him.** Then they opened the boxes of gifts they had brought for Him. **They gave Him treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.**”

Proverbs 11:30 “...He who wins souls is wise.”

Ephesians 2:10 “For we are God’s handiwork, **created in Christ Jesus to do good works,** which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

Luke 12:15 “Then Jesus said to them, ‘Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; **a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.**’”

**Favor doesn't come from earthly possessions and pleasure.**

**Favor is an outcome of eternity-focused living.**

Psalm 90:12, 17 “So teach us to **number our days** that we may get **a heart of wisdom. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us**, and establish the work of our hands; yes, establish the work of our hands!”

*Pray this prayer by faith:*

“Lord, help me to see beyond the temporary pleasures and possessions of this life. Give me wisdom to pursue what truly matters. Give me wisdom that aligns with Your thoughts. Give me wisdom that acts on Your truth. Give me wisdom that advances Your agenda. Show me Your favor, Lord. Let it rest on me. Let my life be established in You for all eternity. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

**Memory Verse: Proverbs 8:1, 35**

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