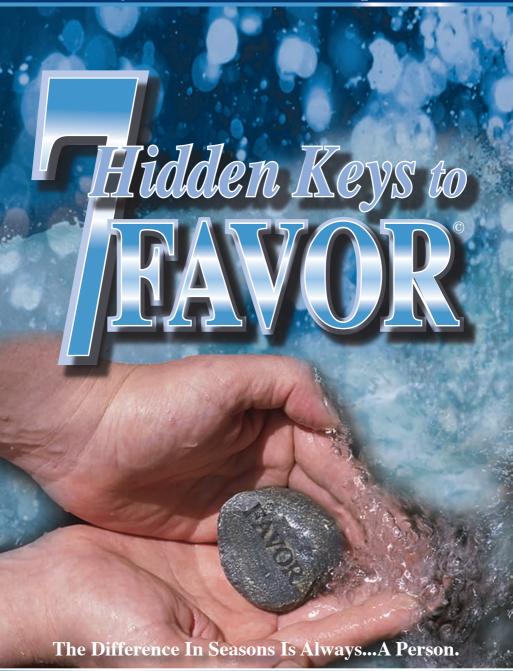
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ANY UNCOMMON SUCCESS WILL REQUIRE UNCOMMON FAVOR FROM SOMEONE

Favor Is The Secret To Uncommon Success.

Favor Is The Difference Between Your Present And Your Future. Favor does not go to those who need it but to those who *value* it.

Favor creates envy. In Joseph's life we see that Favor stirred anger toward him.

Favor will cost you! When you receive Favor you will also experience attack.

Why should you desire Favor? Because you will succeed more quickly with Favor than you will without it.

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Lee Iacocca writes in *Straight Talk* about the Favor that came from his mentor.

Bill Gates, the wealthiest man in America, discusses how he, as a college student, wanted an opportunity to experiment and try something new. He received Favor!

You cannot work hard enough to get everything you deserve. You cannot work long enough to be debt-free. It will require Uncommon Favor to take giant steps into an Uncommon Dream. "The Lord thy God

shall bless thee in all thine increase, and in all the works of thine hands," (Deuteronomy 16:15).

Many Do Not Realize That They Are Desperately In Need Of Favor. The people of Nineveh did not realize they needed Favor until Jonah cried out in judgment.

Uncommon Men Are Humble Enough To Pursue Favor. "Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would shew the king the interpretation," (Daniel 2:16).

Pursuing Favor With God Qualifies You To Receive Favor. You Have No Right To Anything You Have Not Pursued. "Ye have not because ye ask not," (James 4:2). David sought Favor. "Make Thy face to shine upon Thy servant: save me for Thy mercies' sake," (Psalm 31:16). "The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing," (Psalm 34:10). "He shall pray unto God, and He will be favourable unto him," (Job 33:26). "And Jehoahaz besought the Lord, and the Lord hearkened unto him," (2 Kings 13:4).

Uncommon Favor Should Be Pursued, Requested And Celebrated. When the servant of Abraham knelt and asked God to show him Favor, it was appropriate.

God Is The Source Of Favor. He responds to faith and pursuit. Within hours, Rebekah was en route back to Isaac because of the Favor of God.

Any Uncommon Success Will Require Uncommon Favor From Someone.

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THE DIVINE PURPOSE OF FAVOR IS TO ENABLE YOU TO ACHIEVE YOUR ASSIGNMENT

Wise Men Study The Law Of Favor.

14 Facts You Should Remember When You Desire Favor

- 1. Favor Is A Gift From God. What is Favor? Favor Is Not An Accident, But A Deliberate Design By God To Reward You For Acts Of Obedience Invisible To Others. "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land," (Isaiah 1:19).
- 2. Favor Is When God Causes Someone To Desire To Become A Problem-Solver In Your Life. It may be a relative, your boss or a stranger. According to the Scripture, God is the Catalyst for linking you to the Golden Connection with someone who blesses you. "And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee:...that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought," (Isaiah 60:10-11). "...that the mountains might flow down at thy presence," (Isaiah 64:1).
- 3. Favor Is An Attitude Of Goodness Toward You, Not An Exchange Or Payment For Something You Have Done. The world uses

"favors" as a substitute for Favor. Favors usually are actions designed to manipulate. "My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not," (Proverbs 1:10). "For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil: But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell," (Proverbs 5:3-5).

A congressman may say to a lobbyist, "I will push this bill through if you will give me \$25,000 for another project." That is an exchange. It is a transaction. You intimidate and obligate others through favors, not Favor. That is the satanic substitution for the Divine Plan of Favor. You will always resent anyone you owe.

Satan has always attempted to imitate God. He envies the success of God, the strength of God and the love that God has generated toward Himself. So, he emulates God.

- 4. Favor Is The Divine Way To Success.
- **5. Favor Is An Attitude Designed To Reveal The Heart.** "O satisfy us early with Thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad according to the days wherein Thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil. Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants, and Thy glory unto their children. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it," (Psalm 90:14-17).
- **6. Favor Is An Exception To The Rule, Not A Normality.** Millions struggle without seeing significant progress. "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it," (Psalm 127:1).

- 7. Favor Is The Willingness, Desire And Participation Of Someone To Help You Advance Or Obtain Something You Want. Noah obtained protection through the Favor of God. Jonathan showed Favor to David and David showed Favor to Mephibosheth, his son.
- 8. Favor Is A Current, Always Moving Toward You Or Away From You. "And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And Mary said, Behold, the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her," (Luke 1:30, 38).
- 9. Favor Is A Gift From God To Enable You To Achieve Your Assignment. Mordecai knew this and told Esther, "...thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14).
- 10. Favor With Others Is Necessary To Complete Your Assignment From God. Moses realized this to enable him to do what God had told him to do. "...and in the hearts of all that are wisehearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee," (Exodus 31:6).
 - 11. Favor Is Proof Of The Love Of God.
- 12. Favor Will Increase Dramatically When You Aggressively Cooperate With The Laws Of God. "And Moses said unto the Lord, See, Thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and Thou hast not let me know whom Thou wilt send with me. Yet Thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in My sight. Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in Thy sight, shew me now Thy way, that I may know Thee, that I may find grace in Thy sight: and consider that this nation is Thy people.

And He said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest," (Exodus 33:12-14).

- 13. Wise Hearts Search For Opportunities To Sow Favor. "A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion," (Psalm 112:5). "The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him," (Proverbs 20:7).
- 14. Any Good Seed Guarantees Eventual Favor...Even Years After It Is Planted. The king could not sleep. So, he read. Then he remembered a good deed was unrewarded.

So he had Mordecai rewarded for stopping the assassination attempt. Haman had to celebrate it publicly. "Then took Haman the apparel and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, and brought him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaimed before him, Thus shall it be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour," (Esther 6:11).

The Divine Purpose Of Favor Is To Enable You To Achieve Your Assignment.