

Wisdom:

Aligning our living and thinking according to God's truth, purposes and design.

"Wisdom is His character in the many practical affairs of life."

Louis Goldberg

³Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. ⁴Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

Proverbs 3:3-4 (NIV)

WISDOM FINDS FAVOR

“When a person works an eight-hour day and receives a fair day’s pay for his time, that is wage. When a person competes with an opponent and receives a trophy for his performance, that is a prize. When a person receives appropriate recognition for his long service or high achievements, that is an award. But when a person is not capable of earning a wage, can win no prize, and deserves no award—yet receives such a gift anyway—that is a good picture of God’s unmerited favor.”

G.W. Knight

Favor: Grace, unmerited goodwill, special kindness.

Aligning our life with God's blessing, grace, and favor that positions us for increased influence, supernatural turnarounds, limitations broken, dreams awakened, missed opportunities redeemed, and wide open new doors of divine possibilities!

“Grace is God's undeserved favor, his unmerited love. It is something that God gives us or does for us or enables us to do that we did not earn or deserve.”

J.I. Packer

Favor is unexpected.

God's character is consistent.

And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Luke 2:52 (NIV)

Favor Flows Through Relationships

“A person of steadfast love and faithfulness can be trusted. You have nothing to fear from such a person. You have everything to admire in such a person. God is in that person. And he wants to make you more like himself. So many people have been let down by Christians. They do not believe anymore, because they did not see the reality of God in God’s people. They saw people wearing crosses around their necks but without binding steadfast love and faithfulness around their necks. The fraudulence of that makes people angry. And they have a right to be angry. So the Father is saying here to his children, “My steadfast love and faithfulness to sinners—let that be your persona. Wear that reality in public, because it’s who Jesus is. I want you to be like him right out in the open, for other sinners to see and have hope.” When people see Jesus in us, we find favor and good success. There is no other way. We would not want it any other way.”

Ray Ortlund

**Favor puts you in the right place,
at the right time, with the right
people.**

Steve Martin

Comedian, Actor



“Back then I wasn’t mean with people. I was removed. I was always somewhere else in my head.”

A theater director described Martin as having a “deep emotional distance.”

“Talking to Steve Martin is like talking to nobody.” - Tommy Smothers.

“I used to get great satisfaction from my work. It gave me my reason to respect myself, and I realized that unless I was continually working, people wouldn’t like me. And there’s kind of emptiness left.”

**Favor Grows Through
Stewardship**

How to Grow in Favor:

1. Be Loving
2. Be Loyal