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# Expecting More: By Increasing in the Favor of God

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In the scripture it tells us that we first increase in the favor with God and then with man. Your “vertical relationship” with God should always be given priority over your “horizontal relationship” with people around you. (See the 10 commandments, as an example.)

*“And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.”*

**Luke 2:52**

Because of the perfect work that Jesus did on our behalf on the cross, we are righteous by His blood and we are greatly blessed, highly favored and deeply loved. Good things come our way, because of Jesus. We expect to live a life of being more than conquerors, because of Jesus. We expect to overcome this present world, because of Jesus. We expect to walk in divine health, because of Jesus. We expect to increase in wealth and abundance to advance the Kingdom of God, because of Jesus.

### How do we know that we are highly favored?

**Ephesians 1:6** tells us that by God’s grace, God made us accepted in the Beloved. In the original Greek text, the word “accepted” is the word ‘chariot’, which means “highly favored”.

The truth is that God is a loving and giving God (John 3:16) and His favor is at our disposal all the time in an unlimited fashion. Our access to this favor is to believe and receive it by faith. When we stop relying on ourselves and start trusting in the promises of what is and who God is then the power of God will reign in our lives.

*“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”* **Romans 5:1-2**