

Summer Fun



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Part 2: Living with Expectation

*"For I know the plans I have for you,"
declares the Lord,
"plans to prosper you and not harm you,
plans to give you a future and a hope!"
(Jeremiah 29:11)*

Expect God's Favor

God's promise: "Whoever finds Me, finds life and receives **favor** from the Lord." (Proverbs 8:35)

"May the **favor** of the Lord our God rest upon us and give us success." (Psalm 90:17)

"God has crowned us with glory and **favor**." (Psalm 8:5)

"God wants to pour out the incredible wealth of His **favor** and kindness upon us." (Ephesians 2:7)

Definition

Favor: to assist, to provide with special advantages,
to receive preferential treatment.

God wants to make your life easier. We should expect preferential treatment, not because of **who** we are, but because of **whose** we are. We can expect things to work to our advantage because of who our Father is.

You've got an advantage in life.
You've got an edge.
You have the favor of God.

How to Raise Your Level of Expectation

1. Program your mind _____

"Set your mind and keep it set on the higher things." (Col. 3:2)

"According to your faith, it will be done to you." (Matthew 9:29)

Low expectations
will trap you
in a life of mediocrity.

2. Hang on _____

Job prayed, "God, I know that You have granted me *favor*."
(Job 10:12)

God's promise: "If you will have hope to the end, divine *favor* will come to you." (1 Peter 1:13)

One touch of God's favor can
turn everything around.

3. Trust God _____

"All things work together for good for those who love God."
(Romans 8:28)

"I can't get away from God's goodness! His blessings chase me down everywhere I go." (Psalm 23:6)

Remember this:
"God's got a crush on you!"