



## TALK IT OVER

Favor with Others

### BOTTOM LINE

Favor with God leads to favor with others.

### CONVERSATION STARTER

What is something on your bucket list? Tell us about something you have already crossed off.

### THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

### RESOURCES

- The Daily:  
[newpointe.org/thedaily](http://newpointe.org/thedaily)
- See this article on [How a Christian can cultivate favor with people.](#)

### KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

*When people draw favor from the Lord, even their enemies are at peace with them.* Proverbs 16:7 CEB

Jesus: *“As I have loved you so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples.”* John 13:34-35 NIV

We want to let our communities know we are FOR anyone and everyone. It’s okay to not be “okay.” But God’s not going to let you stay that way. Much of the perception of the Church has been “what” or “whom,” they were against. Godly acceptance allows us to communicate that GOD is FOR people, not against.

If we would have the same patience with people and processes that a gardener has with their garden, we would see a tremendous shift all around us.

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John 1 says that Jesus neighbored with us and gained favor with man. The same priorities He had are the ones we must cultivate: Love, Serve, Forgive. Where are you currently strongest? Weakest? We cultivate love by attention, acceptance, and affection. How does this work if you have major disagreements? What does service feel like without humility and patience? How do you cultivate forgiveness in your heart with repeat offenders or people who are not repentant? How is cultivating favor different from negative people-pleasing?

### ACTION STEPS (This or one of your own)

I will actively cultivate favor with people by intentionally loving, serving, and forgiving.

My Action Step: \_\_\_\_\_  
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