

7 WAYS TO STAY IN GOD'S FAVOR

For the week of Mar. 24, 2019

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GOAL: To know the importance of staying in God's favor

GET GOING:

- Have you ever been in a situation where you had incredible favor with someone, and then all of the sudden lost it? Maybe a friend, family member, or someone in the workplace? What was that like?
- No one is ever above reproach. While God loves us unconditionally, our actions have consequences. Is staying in God's favor something you think about on a regular basis? Weekly? Daily?
- Review the 7 ways to stay in God's favor from this weekend, and discuss the one that stood out to you the most and why:
 - Never be fooled into thinking it's your church or our church, but rather God's church! (Matthew 16:18-19)
 - Never be seduced by human praise, influence, or power. (Galatians 1:10)
 - Never be misguided into justifying that your way is the "only way" and the "best way" or the "right way." (Matthew 23:12)
 - Never be tempted with an attitude of entitlement. (Philippians 2:3-4)
 - Never get hoodwinked into building YOUR kingdom instead of GOD'S kingdom. (1 Chronicles 29:11)
 - Never put your faith and trust in what you can do, but rather what God can do through you. (Psalm 20:7)
 - Never hide and cover up your own struggle with human depravity and personal sin. (Proverbs 28:13; Psalm 69:5)



KEEP GROWING:

- When crises happen in the church, it gives a bad name to the church and Christianity. What would you say to someone who is struggling with Christianity because of the moral failings of a public Christian figure?
- This weekend, Pastor Ron shared three key terms: theology, philosophy, and methodology. How would you define those in your own words?
- One of the main points that was shared this weekend is so important: never be tempted with an attitude of entitlement. Have you ever found yourself feeling entitled in your life?
- As a Christian you're entitled to be a servant and to die to yourself. Is there any area in your life where you're not living this out? What do you need to put to death in your life to reflect Christ more and carry on the ministry of reconciliation?

MEMORY VERSE:

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others" (Philippians 2:3-4).

"Entitlement is when I get a false impression that I deserve more than I really deserve, because I think more of myself than I ought to".

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