

THE TIME OF GOD'S FAVOR



7 Ways to Get
POSITIONED for PROMOTION

FAVOR DEFINED

- approval, support, or liking for someone or something
- an act of kindness beyond what is due or usual
- *give unfairly preferential treatment to.*

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God wants to give YOU an unfair
advantage.



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WHO NEEDS FAVOR?

- Are you going through **transition**?
- Are you awaiting **restoration** in some area of your life?
- Are you convinced there is a “**next level**” assignment for you?

1. SPEND TIME WITH THE KING

- If you want an unfair advantage in this world, the secret is gaining access to insider information and high-level resources.
- That's exactly what you get when you spend time listening in on the King's conversations.

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The king said to me, “What is it you want?”

- *Nehemiah 2:4*

“ Then I prayed to the God of heaven, and I answered the king, “If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my ancestors are buried so that I can rebuild it.”

- Nehemiah 2:4-5

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...because the gracious hand of my God was on me, the king granted my requests...The king had *also sent army officers and cavalry with me.*

- *Nehemiah 2:8-9*

1. SPEND TIME WITH THE KING

- The temptation in tough circumstances is to be focused on yourself and insensitive to the needs of others.
- Nehemiah was exactly the opposite. Although he was a slave held in a foreign land, he was concerned about other people.

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- As we spend time with the King, he'll give us the "insider information" and resources we need to secure the victory.
- Nehemiah's heart was to see restoration. In the process, he transitioned into a new career and received his "next level" assignment.

1. SPEND TIME WITH THE KING

- Is it possible that your next assignment is tied to helping *other people* — even entire cities or nations - experience restoration?
- Could it be that the favor of God will be poured out upon you as you notify the King that you are willing to go where you are needed to serve others? To serve something larger than yourself?

2. HUMBLY SERVE IN DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES

- Abigail's family under threat of death; she prepared a feast for the very man threatening their lives.
- We see the same thing in the life of Nehemiah. He was in exile, likely of noble birth, yet: "I was cupbearer to the king." Far from his homeland, he clearly served with distinction.

“ Abigail acted quickly. She took two hundred loaves of bread, two skins of wine, five dressed sheep, five seahs of roasted grain, a hundred cakes of raisins and two hundred cakes of pressed figs, and loaded them on donkeys.

- *1 Samuel 25:18*

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Why have I found such favor in your eyes that you notice me—a foreigner?

- *Ruth 2:10*

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“Let me go to the fields and pick up the leftover grain behind anyone in whose eyes I find favor.”

- *Ruth 2:2*

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So Ruth gleaned in the field until evening. Then she threshed the barley she had gathered.

- *Ruth 2:17*

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Joseph found favor in [Potphar's] eyes and became his attendant.

- *Genesis 39:4*

3. BE DILIGENT IN THE MUNDANE

- Be diligent in developing your skills, rather than frustrated because your “hard work isn’t paying off.”
- Frustration is the opposite of favor and a sure sign that you are NOT positioned for promotion.

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I'm passionately involved in the process and emotionally detached from the outcome.

- *Cec Murphy, ghostwriter of **Gifted Hands***

3. BE DILIGENT IN THE MUNDANE


- Be ready in season and out of season.
- Don't wait for your "big moment."
- Focus on skill-development instead of accomplishments or accolades.

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- You have no idea which skill God will use to elevate you.
- David was a talented song writer and musician, but the skill God used to catapult him forward into his destiny was the skill of killing things with a slingshot!

3. BE DILIGENT IN THE MUNDANE

- Same for Abigail. It was her ability to “make a lot of food in a hurry” and to stay calm in a crisis that impressed the future King. If she had showed up to meet 400 hungry men, empty handed, I’m not sure it would have turned out as well.



Travel is to make a journey or to have an adventure to somewhere by bicycle, train, airplane, car, motorcycle, or boat. It could be an exploration to somewhere new planned or unplanned to meet new people, new things and new places. There are different types of adventures waiting for you to explore.

There are lots of places to explore. Places could be urban or suburban. Some people loves to be with nature to free their minds and refresh their souls, but some like to be in the city. You will get lots of benefits such as exploring new culture.

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“Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will serve before kings; he will not serve before obscure men.”

- *Proverbs 22:29*

3. BE DILIGENT IN THE MUNDANE

- Nehemiah handled a cup.
- Abigail made a feast for a paramilitary group.
- Noah built a boat.
- David tended sheep.
- Joseph was a house slave.

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- God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.
- Everyone loves to shine in the spotlight; most of us can “rise to the occasion.”
- God is looking for those who are diligent when no one’s watching, being faithful with a little.

4. DON'T BELIEVE YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES

- Don't believe your circumstances, they can deceive you. Believing circumstances can lead to either panic or pride, depending on whether or not things are "going your way."
- Believing GOD leads to peace, no matter what's happening in your circumstances.

4. DON'T BELIEVE YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES

- Abigail would have believed she was doomed to live and died married to an alcoholic husband.
- David would have believed he would live in a cave forever.
- Joseph would have believed he had no future but to die in prison.
- Noah would have believed rain was a fiction.

5. SET ASIDE SEASONS OF PRAYER & FASTING

- One of the most obvious ways to release reliance on your own strength, to cease striving and give God room to work, is through seasons of prayer and fasting.
- The fact that it makes us weak is exactly why it makes us so strong!



"Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish."

- Esther 4:16

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If I have found favor with the king...

- *Esther 5:8*

5. SET ASIDE SEASONS OF PRAYER & FASTING

- **Esther**- after a 3-day fast, the Jews were spared annihilation.
- **Moses**- after a 40 day fast, received the 10 commandments
- **Daniel**- after a 21 day fast, God blessed Daniel with wisdom beyond that of anyone else in the empire.

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- **Hannah-** after weeping and fasting, miraculously conceived the prophet Samuel.
- **Paul-** received the call of God while fasting
- **Peter-** was fasting on a rooftop when God gave him a new revelation and called him to take the gospel to the Gentiles

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- **Jehoshaphat-** After fasting, a vast army was miraculously defeated.
- **Solomon-** humbled himself in fasting and prayer and God blessed him with a great kingdom and made him the richest man who ever lived.
- There are many more examples throughout the bible and church history.

5. SET ASIDE SEASONS OF PRAYER & FASTING

- Almost every major breakthrough in my life and ministry has occurred after a season of prayer and fasting.

6. HONOR YOUR WORD

- Life happens. Circumstances change. Often we agree to do something, then a sea of complications come rushing in. Unforeseen events unfold that make it difficult to follow through with our commitment. It happens to all of us.

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- But the person who will honor his or her word, especially when doing so is much harder than the original plan suggested, that person is positioned for favor in the sight of both God and man.
- Ruth is an excellent example of this. It would have been easier for her to walk away from her mother-in-law and go back to her family.

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

- Proverbs 3:3-4

“ Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain? The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart...

- Psalm 15

“ whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others; who despises a vile person but honors those who fear the Lord...

- Psalm 15

“ who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind; who lends money to the poor without interest; who does not accept a bribe against the innocent...

- Psalm 15

“Whoever does these things will never be shaken.

- Psalm 15

7. HONOR GOD WHEN LIFE IS UNFAIR

- When we relinquish self-protection, we invite God's protection. When we refuse to fight for ourselves, God rushes in to fight on our behalf. And God doesn't fight fair. He fights with supernatural favor.

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And I will make the Egyptians favorably disposed toward this people, so that when you leave you will not go empty-handed.

- Exodus 3:21

“ The Lord made the Egyptians favorably disposed toward the people, and Moses himself was highly regarded in Egypt by Pharaoh's officials and by the people.

- Exodus 11:3

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The Lord had made the Egyptians favorably disposed toward the people, and they gave them what they asked for; so they plundered the Egyptians.

- Exodus 12:36

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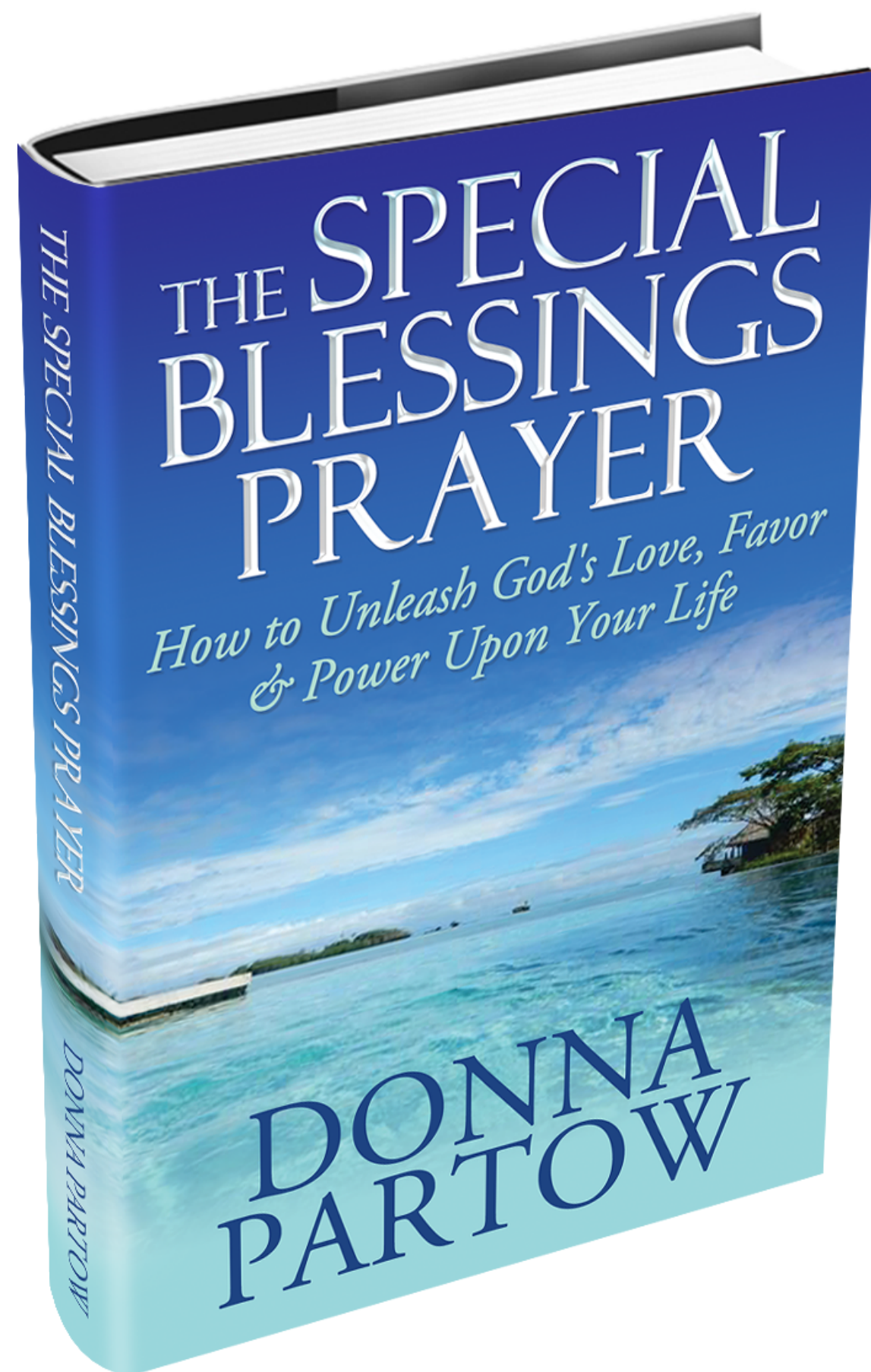
FOR REVIEW

1. Am I spending time with the king?
2. Am I humbling serving, even when circumstances are difficult?
3. Am I being diligent to develop skill, even seemingly mundane skills?
4. Am I believing God or my circumstances?

FOR REVIEW

5. Am I routinely setting aside seasons of prayer and fasting?
6. Am I honoring my word?
7. Am I honoring God when life is unfair?

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