

Hidden Principles of Favor with God and Those Over You – Part 4

Nehemiah 2:1-8, NKJV

I. Insight on Attitude

1. What most people call a problem, people with a positive attitude often see as Opportunities.
2. People with a positive attitude:
 - i. Will attempt things that others will not.
 - ii. Will make decisions based on Who God is—not what God is doing.
 - iii. Will make decisions based on what things could be, not what they are.
 - iv. Will attract and influence others to go further faster than they ever dreamed.

II. Our Attitude and Action can bring the favor with God and those in Authority over us.

1. The right fear is not the absence of fear; it's knowing when and how to push through fear.
2. It takes faith and wisdom to know how and when to push through fear.
3. Right faith and wisdom leads to the right behavior.
4. Loyalty expressed and lived out brings favor with God and those in authority over us. (Psalm 75:6-7, KJV; 1 Samuel 2:7, NKJV; Nehemiah 2:5, NKJV)
5. Favor of God is God's Presence and Power to accomplish His Purpose.
6. If you could ask God to do one thing today what would it be?

III. Results of the Favor of God (Nehemiah 1:7-8, NKJV)

1. Prayer + Planning + Performance = Privilege, Promotion, and Progress.
2. Grace of God is given but the favor of God cost.

IV. Leadership Principles

1. Managers focus on solving today's problems, leaders focus on solving tomorrow's problems. (Proverbs 22:3, LB)
2. Leaders prepare for success rather than worry about failure.