

Finding Favor For Such A Time As This

(Psalm 90:17 NIV) May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands.

(Esther 1:10-12 NLT) On the seventh day of the feast, when King Xerxes was in high spirits because of the wine, he told the seven eunuchs who attended him—Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas—to bring Queen Vashti to him with the royal crown on her head. He wanted the nobles and all the other men to gaze on her beauty, for she was a very beautiful woman. But when they conveyed the king's order to Queen Vashti, she refused to come. This made the king furious, and he burned with anger

(Esther 2:1 NLT) But after Xerxes' anger had subsided, he began thinking about Vashti and what she had done and the decree he had made.

(Esther 2:8-9 NLT) As a result of the king's decree, Esther, along with many other young women, was brought to the king's harem at the fortress of Susa and placed in Hegai's care. Hegai was very impressed with Esther and treated her kindly. He quickly ordered a special menu for her and provided her with beauty treatments. He also assigned her seven maids specially chosen from the king's palace, and he moved her and her maids into the best place in the harem.

- ✓ Favor can be lost and found.
- ✓ Favor brings blessing.
- ✓ Favor opens doors.
- ✓ Favor gives the best possible outcome.

(Luke 2:52 NIV) And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

(Psalm 5:12 NIV) Surely, Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.

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1. Be enjoyable.

(Esther 2:9 NIV) The girl pleased him and won his favor. Immediately he provided her with her beauty treatments and special food. He assigned to her seven maids selected from the king's palace and moved her and her maids into the best place in the harem.

2. Listen to wisdom.

(Esther 2:15 NIV) When the turn came for Esther to go to the king, she asked for nothing other than what Hegai, the king's eunuch who was in charge of the harem, suggested. And Esther won the favor of everyone who saw her.

(Proverbs 8:35 NLT) [Wisdom says] For whoever finds me finds life and receives favor from the lord

(Proverbs 13:15 NIV) Good judgment wins favor, but the way of the unfaithful leads to their destruction.

3. Stay attractive.

(Esther 2:17 NIV) Now the king was attracted to Esther more than to any of the other women, and she won his favor and approval more than any of the other virgins. So he set a royal crown on her head and made her queen instead of Vashti.

(Proverbs 3:3-4 NIV) 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.

4. Maintain favor.

(Esther 5:8 NIV) If the king regards me with favor and if it pleases the king to grant my petition and fulfill my request, let the king and Haman come tomorrow to the banquet I will prepare for them. Then I will answer the king's question."

(Esther 7:3 NIV) Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have found favor with you, O king, and if it pleases your majesty, grant me my life—this is my petition. And spare my people—this is my request.

(Proverbs 10:32 NIV) The lips of the righteous know what finds favor.

(Esther 4:14 NIV) For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?