

**Two Fifty Two**  
**Growing in Favor with God**

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**Luke 2:52**

**Favor Misconceptions:**

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II. **Favor is Something I** \_\_\_\_\_.  
<sup>40</sup> There the child grew up healthy and strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God's favor was on him. **Luke 2:40**

III. **Favor is Always** \_\_\_\_\_.  
<sup>9</sup> But he said to me, "My grace is enough for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." **2 Cor. 12:9 NET**

**Growing in Favor with God:**

I. \_\_\_\_\_ **Favor.**  
<sup>6</sup> Then he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and spread the mud over the blind man's eyes. **John 9:6**

II. \_\_\_\_\_ **Favor.**  
So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. **2 Cor. 12:9b**

III. \_\_\_\_\_ **Favor.**  
<sup>8</sup> God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. <sup>9</sup> Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. **Ephesians 2:8-9**

**Additional Notes**

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### Growing in Wisdom

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II. **Favor is Something I Earn.**

<sup>40</sup> There the child grew up healthy and strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God's favor was on him. **Luke 2:40**

III. **Favor is Always Pleasant**

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### Growing in Favor with God:

I. **Recognize Favor.**

<sup>6</sup> Then he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and spread the mud over the blind man's eyes. **John 9:6**

II. **Celebrate Favor.**

So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. **2 Cor. 12:9b**

III. **Accept Favor.**

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