

"Growing in the Favor of God"

Luke 2:41-52

I. Fundamentally favored.

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- Favor is a part of your supernature. (Psalm 139:13-16; Jeremiah 1:5)
- Your supernature must be nurtured. (Deuteronomy 11:19: I Samuel 30:1-6; Jude 1:20)
- Favors will grow to fullness. (I Corinthians 13:12; I John 3:2-3)

II. Seeking God's Will for our lives.

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- -Internally (John 16:13, Romans 11:29)
- -Instruction (Jeremiah 3:15; Ephesians 4:11-16)
- -Ignition (Acts 1:8; 2:4; 4:31; Galatians 5:22-23)

III. Surrendering to God's Way in our lives.

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- Seasonal (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; I Peter 5:10; I Peter 6:14)
- Strengthening (Colossians 1:11-14)
- Supplying (Psalm 18:30-36)

IV. Succeeding by God's Word through our lives.

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- Grow in WISDOM! (Colossians 2:3; James 1:5)
- Grow in **STATURE!** (I Samuel 16:7; I Corinthians 6:19-20)
- Grow in **FAVOR with God!** (Psalm 84:11; Proverbs 3:4)
- Grow in **FAVOR with Humankind!** (Proverbs 22:1(16:7); Romans 12:18)