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# LIVING THE DREAM

IF YOU HAVE A  
HEART FOR GOD HE HAS A  
DREAM FOR YOU



**“These patriarchs were jealous of their brother Joseph, and they sold him to be a slave in Egypt. But God was with him and rescued him from all his troubles. And God gave him favor before Pharaoh, king of Egypt. God also gave Joseph unusual wisdom, so that Pharaoh appointed him governor over all of Egypt and put him in charge of the palace.**

**Acts 7:9-10 (NLT)**

**DREAMERS LIVE  
FOR THE FAVOR  
OF GOD**

# **Favor:**

**Something done or granted out of goodwill rather than from justice or repayment; the state of being approved or held in high regard.**

**The approval and support of God and man, which lead to opportunity and blessing.**

<sup>38</sup> So Pharaoh asked them, “Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God?” <sup>39</sup> Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one so discerning and wise as you. <sup>40</sup> You shall be in charge of my palace, and all my people are to submit to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you.” <sup>41</sup> So Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I hereby put you in charge of the whole land of Egypt.”

Genesis 41:38-49 (NIV)



<sup>42</sup> Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his finger and put it on Joseph's finger. He dressed him in robes of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. <sup>43</sup> He had him ride in a chariot as his second-in-command, and people shouted before him, "Make way!" Thus he put him in charge of the whole land of Egypt. <sup>44</sup> Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I am Pharaoh, but without your word no one will lift hand or foot in all Egypt."

**Genesis 41:38-49 (NIV)**

<sup>45</sup> Pharaoh gave Joseph the name Zaphenath-Paneah and gave him Asenath daughter of Potiphera, priest of On, to be his wife. And Joseph went throughout the land of Egypt. <sup>46</sup> Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from Pharaoh's presence and traveled throughout Egypt. <sup>47</sup> During the seven years of abundance the land produced plentifully.

**Genesis 41:38-49 (NIV)**

**<sup>48</sup> Joseph collected all the food produced in those seven years of abundance in Egypt and stored it in the cities. In each city he put the food grown in the fields surrounding it. <sup>49</sup> Joseph stored up huge quantities of grain, like the sand of the sea; it was so much that he stopped keeping records because it was beyond measure.**

**Genesis 41:38-49 (NIV)**



**Favor Opens Doors (Genesis 41:14)**

**Favor Positions You (Genesis 41:40)**

**Favor Makes Room for You (Genesis 41:43)**

**There are many reasons God saves you: to bring glory to himself, to appease his justice, to demonstrate his sovereignty. But one of the sweetest reasons God saved you is because he is fond of you. He likes having you around. He thinks you are the best thing to come down the pike in quite a while. If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it. If he had a wallet, your photo would be in it. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Whenever you want to talk, he'll listen. He can live anywhere in the universe, and he chose your heart. And the Christmas gift he sent you in Bethlehem? Face it, friend. He's crazy about you!**

*Max Lucado*



**<sup>1</sup>My child, never forget the things I have taught you.  
Store my commands in your heart. <sup>2</sup>If you do this, you  
will live many years, and your life will be satisfying. <sup>3</sup>  
Never let loyalty and kindness leave you! Tie them  
around your neck as a reminder. Write them deep  
within your heart. <sup>4</sup>Then you will find favor with both  
God and people, and you will earn a good reputation. <sup>5</sup>  
Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on  
your own understanding.**

**Proverbs 3:1-12 (NLT)**

**<sup>6</sup> Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. <sup>7</sup> Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the Lord and turn away from evil. <sup>8</sup> Then you will have healing for your body and strength for your bones. <sup>9</sup> Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. <sup>10</sup> Then he will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine.**

**Proverbs 3:1-12 (NLT)**



**<sup>11</sup> My child, don't reject the Lord's discipline, and don't be upset when he corrects you. <sup>12</sup> For the Lord corrects those he loves, just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights.**

**Proverbs 3:1-12 (NLT)**

# **1. Store Up His Commands in Your Heart**

**My child, never forget the things I have taught you.  
Store my commands in your heart. If you do this, you  
will live many years, and your life will be satisfying**

**Proverbs 3:1-2 (NLT)**



## **2. Be Loyal and Kind in A Deep Way**

**Never let loyalty and kindness leave you! Tie them around your neck as a reminder. Write them deep within your heart. Then you will find favor with both God and people, and you will earn a good reputation.**

**Proverbs 3:3-4 (NLT)**

# **3. Never Rely on What You Think**

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.**

**Proverbs 3:5 (NLT)**



*Billy Graham's friend and fellow evangelist Charles Templeton left the ministry and said he didn't believe in God anymore.*

**Graham told him, "I've discovered something in my ministry: When I take the Bible literally, when I proclaim it as the word of God, my preaching has power. When I stand on the platform and say, 'God says,' or 'The Bible says,' the Holy Spirit uses me. There are results. Wiser men than you or I have been arguing questions like this for centuries. I don't have the time or the intellect to examine all sides of the theological dispute, so I've decided once for all to stop questioning and accept the Bible as God's word."**

**But Billy, Templeton said, "You cannot do that. You don't dare stop thinking about the most important question in life. Do it and you begin to die. It's intellectual suicide."**

**"I don't know about anybody else," Graham replied, "but I've decided that that's the path for me."**





# **4. Acknowledge and Seek His Will in All You Do**

**Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.**

**Proverbs 3:6 (NLT)**

# **5. Don't Be Impressed With Yourself**

**Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the Lord and turn away from evil. Then you will have healing for your body and strength for your bones.**

**Proverbs 3:7-8 (NLT)**



## **6. Honor God With Your Wealth**

**Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. Then he will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine.**

**Proverbs 3:9-10 (NLT)**

# **7. Don't Reject Heavenly Discipline**

**My child, don't reject the Lord's discipline, and don't be upset when he corrects you. For the Lord corrects those he loves, just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights.**

**Proverbs 3:11-12 (NLT)**

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