
*Esther 7:3 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.**"⁴ For I and my people have been sold for destruction and slaughter and annihilation. If we had merely been sold as male and female slaves, I would have kept quiet, **because no such distress would justify disturbing the king.**"*

Esther 7:5 King Xerxes asked Queen Esther, "Who is he? Where is the man who has dared to do such a thing?"⁶ Esther said, "The adversary and enemy is this vile Haman."

Esther 7:8 Just as the king returned from the palace garden to the banquet hall, Haman was falling on the couch where Esther was reclining. The king exclaimed, "Will he even molest the queen while she is with me in the house?"

*Prov. 13:15 Good judgment **wins favor**, but the way of the unfaithful leads to their destruction.*

*Prov. 3:3 Let **love** and **faithfulness** never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.
4 **Then you will win favor** and **a good name** in the sight of God and man.*

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Building Good Will, Finding Favor and Building Trust

Creating a Relational Tool Box—part 7

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Queen Esther

*Esther 3:5 When Haman saw that Mordecai would not kneel down or pay him honor, he was **enraged**.⁶ Yet having learned who Mordecai's people were, he scorned the idea of killing only Mordecai. Instead Haman looked for a way to **destroy all Mordecai's people**, the Jews, throughout the whole kingdom of Xerxes.*

Esth. 4:11 "All the king's officials and the people of the royal provinces know that for any man or woman who approaches the king in the inner court without being summoned the king has but one law: that he be put to death. The only exception to this is for the king to extend the gold scepter to him and spare his life. But thirty days have passed since I was called to go to the king."

Esther 4:13 Mordecai sent back this answer: "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape."¹⁴ 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 royal position for such a time as this?"

Esther 4:16 "Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law; and if I perish, I perish."

Creating Good Will

Prov. 11:27 He who seeks good finds good will...

Prov. 11:17 A kind man benefits himself (good will).

Good will is “b_____ -ability” about your goodness.

Prov. 14:9 Fools mock at making amends for sin, but good will is found among the upright.

Finding Favor

| Good Will | Favor |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Believe-ability | Inclined toward you |
| Attitude | Action |

Luke 2:52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.

Luke 1:30 But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God.”

Acts 2:46b They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Prov. 13:15 Good understanding wins favor, but the way of the unfaithful is hard.

Prov. 10:32 The lips of the righteous know what finds favor, but the mouth of the wicked only what is perverse.

Building Trust

Exodus 18:21 But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. ²² Have them serve as judges for the people at all times...

Trust is not given; trust is b_____.

What creates lack of trust?

Prov. 11:13 A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy person keeps a secret.

You're only as trustworthy as your t_____ record.

Esther earns and wins favor. How?

Esther 5:8 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.”