

Stewards of God's Grace Part 6
Grace to Face Anything and Everything

Gen 6:8 (NIV)

8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

Romans 8:28-29 (NIV)

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. 29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

Romans 8:31 (NIV)

31 What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?

**IF GOD IS FOR YOU DOES IT REALLY
MATTER IF SATAN OR ANYONE ELSE
IS AGAINST YOU?**

Romans 8:35, 37-39 (NIV)

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Things that can't separate us from God's love,
favor and grace.**

- **Trouble**
- **Poverty**
- **War**
- **Sickness**
- **Death**
- **Demons**
- **Other people**
- **Circumstances**

**Things that can separate us from God's love,
favor and grace.**

1. Pride.

James 4:6-7 (NIV)

6 But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Things that can separate us from God's favor and grace.

1. Pride.

Matthew 6:1 (NIV)

1 "Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

Things that can separate us from God's favor and grace.

2. Striving to stay in control rather than submitting to God.

Acts 16:6-8 (NIV)

6 Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. 7 When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. 8 So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas.

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2. Striving to stay in control rather than submitting to God.

Acts 16:9-10 (NIV)

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Things that can separate us from God's favor and grace.

3. Unwillingness to forgive.

Matthew 6:14-15 (NIV)

14 For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Things that can separate us from God's favor and grace.

Matthew 18:23-27 (MSG)

²³ "The kingdom of God is like a king who decided to square accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he got under way, one servant was brought before him who had run up a debt of a hundred thousand dollars. ²⁵ He couldn't pay up, so the king ordered the man, along with his wife, children, and goods, to be auctioned off at the slave market. ²⁶ "The poor wretch threw himself at the king's feet and begged, 'Give me a chance and I'll pay it all back.' ²⁷ Touched by his plea, the king let him off, erasing the debt.

Things that can separate us from God's favor and grace.

Matthew 18:28-30 (MSG)

28 "The servant was no sooner out of the room when he came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him ten dollars. He seized him by the throat and demanded, 'Pay up. Now!' 29 "The poor wretch threw himself down and begged, 'Give me a chance and I'll pay it all back.' 30 But he wouldn't do it. He had him arrested and put in jail until the debt was paid.

Things that can separate us from God's favor and grace.

Acts 7:57-60 (NIV)

⁵⁷ At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, ⁵⁸ dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

Is there an area of your life where you are not experiencing the grace and favor of God at this time?