finding favour

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man needs help

genesis 2:18

The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man... For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

favour of God comes with a wife

proverbs 18:22

He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the LORD.

1 peter 3:7

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

1: be considerate

Live with this in mind:

- Your spouse is a gift of God to you.
- •You will be held accountable for how you treat your spouse.
- Your wife is the key to God's favour.
 (thus key to accomplish life purpose)

2: treat her with respect

respect:

admiration, dignity, honour, worth, value, priority

- a. in service.
- b. in speech.
- c. in heart and mind.

to activate the favour a: serve in respect

philippians 2:3-6

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider [your spouse] better than yourselves. Do not look only to your own interests, but also to the interests of [your spouse]. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being like God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant...

b: talk with respect

ephesians 4:30-32

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all <u>bitterness</u>, <u>rage</u> and <u>anger</u>, <u>brawling</u> and <u>slander</u>, along with every form of <u>malice</u>.

Be <u>kind</u> and <u>compassionate</u> to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you

b: talk with respect

colossians 4:6

Let your conversation be always <u>full of grace</u>, seasoned with salt, so that you may know <u>how to answer</u> everyone.

to activate the favour c: a heart full of respect

matthew 12:35-36

The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. But I tell you that men will have to give account on the Day of Judgment for every careless word they have spoken.

to activate the favour c: a heart full of respect

ephesians 4:26-27

In your anger do not sin: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.