

The Lifestyle God Favors

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How does a lifestyle God favors look?

• Liturgical lifestyle. (v. 42-43)

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- A life of prayer.

"And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed." (Mark 1:35 ESV)

- A life in the Word.

"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success." (Joshua 1:8 ESV)

- A life of fellowship.

• Communal lifestyle. (v. 44-46)

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"...so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well." (1 Thessalonians 2:8 NIV)

• Missional lifestyle. (v. 47)

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- They evangelized the lost.
- They disciplined believers.
- They raised leaders.

A lifestyle that God favors is a life yielded to the Lord and empowered by the Holy Spirit.