



Evidence of  
**Grace**

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# Evidence of Grace

The continuous flow of grace in the life of a man is an outcome created by the act of starting a relationship with God and the discipline of staying in His presence all the days of his life. Grace is visible and not imaginary. What better time to discuss the evidence of grace than now when people of different nations, races, presidents, former presidents, legislators, the highly placed and ordinary citizens celebrate Grace in the life of a man- Evangelist Billy Graham.

The evidence of Grace is seen in its transforming power in action and not only in words. It is seen, tangible and not merely professed. It can be traced to one's connection with the Almighty God.

**Let's take some examples:**

And Jesus increased in wisdom  
and stature and in favor with God  
and man.

*Luke 2: 52 KJV*

## WISDOM

To advance in wisdom is to grow intellectually or mentally. Wisdom is “the quality of being wise; the power of judging rightly and following the soundest course of action, based on knowledge, experience, understanding.”

While one should give attention, especially when young, to his education, he should “give diligence” to gain knowledge of life and how to successfully navigate through life .... that knowledge is delivered by Grace in a way superior to an education at the finest academic institutions.



## STATURE

To advance in stature is to develop physically. Jesus developed a strong, healthy body. Our bodies are to be instruments of our service, temples of God and without an healthy body, we are completely useless here on earth! There are three essentials to a strong body: eat proper food, exercise moderately and keep it free from diseases. While man can strive to achieve the first two, the third is the prerogative of the Almighty God and given as an evidence of Grace upon a man's life.





## **Favor with Men**

This is to develop socially. It has to do with human beings living together as a group in a situation which requires they have dealings with one another. Man is created a social being: to live one with the other. It is not in man's nature to live alone . He is to be a gregarious being. We need to learn to love people. It makes it easy to live with them. Jesus associated with all kinds of people -- publicans, sinners, Samaritans -- because He loved them . Jesus always tried to influence those with whom He associated to be better people setting the proper example of behavior before them. He displayed Charisma at its finest level.. clearly an evidence of Grace upon him.

## **Favor with God**

This is the spiritual development that ought to characterize every child of God. The importance and value of our spiritual life is of greater value than all the amassed wealth to be found in the world. Advanced spiritual development is manifested in correct spiritual knowledge , the application of the word of God to one's life which results in proper character development and worthwhile service to the Lord and others and Freedom from 'spiritual disease ' : being pure and "unspotted from the world" by keeping one's lusts in check. These are no mere feats, possible only as an evidence of Grace upon a man's life living in a perverse and corrupt world!



The evidence of Grace upon a man is so distinct, it is observable.

### **Acts 4:13 King James Version (KJV)**

*13. Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.*

The first example of the evidence of Grace was that of Jesus. Lest, on the basis that we believe he is deity or super human (whichever we believe is

not the salient point here, I believe he is actually both!), *let's consider another example. Those who encountered God through him: just as human as we are , but learnt to walk in God's presence.*

Peter and John were described as unlearned and ignorant men by the standards of their day but they obviously were men with clear evidences of Grace. For they saw their boldness which by human standards should be alien to ignorant , second class rated beings as they were categorized. Boldness is not often baseless, it flows from superior knowledge, competence, riches etc and every thing else rated as superior by public opinion... so something else must be the source of their boldness ... it must be Grace for they took knowledge, ie they were aware that they had been with Jesus. Being in the presence of God would provide evidence of Grace in us faster than any human intervention and it is never late to start !! May be it's difficult to go back to college , or to start that big business , or even run for a big position, the Grace that flows from God's presence would transform us faster into a place of accomplishment even when it seems we are past our prime.

They perceived Grace in the lives of Peter and John... ie they became aware through their senses. Grace upon a man's life is never hidden, it is always evident.



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