



How to be an Influencer in a Nearly Impossible to Influence Culture



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The motivation to live right, do right,  
and therefore earn God's favor is  
foreign to Christianity.

**Religion:** I obey therefore I am  
accepted.

**Gospel:** I'm accepted therefore I obey.

*Tim Keller*



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The God who made the world and everything in it, who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives life and breath and everything to everyone.



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## Grace Defined:

### Hebrews 4:16

*Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

*Grace: God's Help when you need it.*



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**Grace Defined:**

**Unmerited Favor; Loyal Love; Gift.**

**Justice:** getting what you deserve

**Mercy:** not getting what you deserve

**Grace:** Getting what you don't deserve

**God's Riches At Christ's Expense**



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Hebrews 2:9 but we see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by God's grace he would experience death on behalf of everyone.



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- Grace can't be recognized or received until we are aware of how undeserving we really are.
- Grace always meets us where we are, but never leaves us where it found us.
- Grace is found when we trust in Jesus Christ alone.

*Ephesians 2:8-9 <sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- <sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast.*



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“Give your heart to Christ and he returns the favor.”

*Max Lucado*

*Ezekiel 36:26* *“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.”*

*Galatians 2:20* *“It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me.”*