

Today's Theme

“U Gotta Bless”

Series Title:
“Staying Encouraged”
Part 22 9/27/20

What Is A Blessing?

Blessing is defined as God’s *favor*.
Something for which we are *grateful*.
Receiving someone’s *approval* or *support*.
A father giving an *OK* in a *marriage* proposal.
The doing of *good* into the *life* of another NJW.

Why Does God Bless us?

1. Because He *loves* us.

2 Cor 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort,

2. So we *can* be a *blessing* to others.

2 Cor 1:4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

(1) Blessings *flow* from God.

(2) Blessings *need* to *flow* through us.

3. To have us *fight* against evil.

Rom 12:17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. . . 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Luke 6:35 But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.

Ways To Bless Others (Big Picture)

1. Give a *gracious* response towards others.
VS: Being *curt* or *sarcastic*.
2. Show *generosity* towards others.
VS: *Keeping* all for *self*.
3. Have honest *curiosity* about others.
VS: *Showing* normal *disinterest*.
4. Willing to *hear* the *perspective* of others.
VS: Living *closed minded*.
5. Do *acts* of *kindness* regularly.
VS: Being *consumed* with *self*.

Homework For This Week

1. Find 3 *different* ways to *bless* someone.
2. Fill *out* each *index* card 20 words or less.
(No names needed)
3. *Mail* envelope by *Wednesday* afternoon.

Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”