



THE LORD'S FLOCK GROWTH DIGEST

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BLESSING BLOCKER, BLESSING BRINGER

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From the beginning of time, we have been granted extraordinary blessings so that we will be fruitful (Gen. 1:28). Sadly, modern society thinks that blessing means only material things. On the contrary, God blesses us in so many ways. Jesus is the blessing bringer and life in His kingdom is truly blessed.

1. What is the Purpose of Blessings?

1.1. To be productive, producing much fruits.

“Be fruitful and multiply” (Gen.1:28).

1.2 To extend God’s blessing.

When God blesses us, He means that we have to share with others (Gen.12:1-3).

1.2. To be a beginning and anointing to know the purpose of God.

As we obey God’s will, He will make us prosper (Ecc. 5:17-19).

2. Source of Blessings

God gives us wealth, possessions, and the ability to enjoy them (1Tim.6:17). All creation is dependent upon Him (Deut. 7:12-13).

3. Are we blessing bringers or blessing blockers?

We all have the power to bestow blessings: fathers to their children (Gen.49:28); blessings between brothers and sisters; grandparents to grandchildren (Gen. 48:8-9; Heb. 11:20-21; Deut.33:1). Similarly, the leaders and elders bless their congregations (Deut. 32:1); and priests extend blessings, “The Lord be with you.” Thus, everyone can bless others (Gen. 1:22, Gen.5:2; Gen. 9:1). A bringer of good news is a bringer of blessings, and blessings extend to our children (Ps. 112).

On the other hand, we are “blessing blockers” if we disobey God due to the desires of our flesh (Prov 16:2). We need to meditate on God’s word to remain firm against desires for immediate wants (Gen24 -25).

4. Unleashing the blessings

4.1 Prayer. Like Jabez ((1 Chr. 4:10), we have to pray to enlarge our territory in service and in giving.

4.2 A meaningful touch. We should not hesitate to show our love to others by embracing or kissing someone (Gen.27:26) and by laying our hand on the head accompanied by prayers (Gen.48:14; Acts 8:17-20). We have the blessing and healing power of Jesus (Acts 3).

4.3 A spoken message. Let us use the words of God. A blessing has to be spoken (Prov.18:21). Let us say only those which will edify our children (Eph. 4:25).

4.4 Enriched view of self. Let us be positive.

4.5 Focus on potential. Let us be optimistic.

4.6 Active commitment. We should accompany our faith and prayers with helpful action to see the blessing fulfilled.

4.7 Use the Scripture to bless (Eph. 3:20-21).

4.8 Share our treasures. Be rich in good deeds; be generous. Be blessings to others. Let us not be discriminating when sharing (1Tim. 6).

Conclusion: Let us not leave unclaimed blessings with God. Let us be rich in blessings, and not be discriminating in helping others. Let us be blessing bringers (2 Cor. 1-7; Eph. 1:3-6).

Reflection:

- 1) Do you stop and think of your blessings? Do you let blessings flow through you and then to others?
- 2) Think about the opportunities to bless others that came your way but did not push through. What do you think happened?

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