



THE WORD *Alive*

The Preaching Ministry of
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BLESSED FOR SUCCESS

Genesis 27:1-41

WE ALL HAVE A DEEP NEED TO BE BLESSED.

V.34 When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and said to his father, "Bless me, even me also, O my father!"

36 And he said, "Have you not reserved a blessing for me?"

38 And Esau said to his father, "Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, O my father." So Esau lifted his voice and wept.

BLESS:

- To bend the knee; to bow down before in submission, homage, praise or worship;
- To bestow goodness or favor upon; to grant prosperity or well being;
- To bestow property, authority or position;
- To express favor and acceptance.

We have the capacity to bless others in a manner that will have a positive impact on generations to come.

Consider 5 elements of blessing...

1 – A MEANINGFUL TOUCH

26 Then his father Isaac said to him, "Please come close and kiss me, my son."

- Touch communicates warmth, acceptance, affirmation and even fosters physical health.
- Symbolically it is used to transfer power, position or blessing from one to another.

2 – A SPOKEN MESSAGE

27 "So...he blessed him and said, "See, the smell of my son Is like the smell of a field which the LORD has blessed;"

- Silence may breed uncertainty and insecurity.
- Negative words may lead to apathy, hostility or depression.
- Positive words of blessing inspire, motivate and encourage others toward a preferable attainable future.

3 – ASCRIBE WORTH TO THE ONE BEING BLESSED

- A blessing conveys a recognition that the person is valuable, important, honored and has redeeming qualities.

-Vivid "word pictures" convey blessing to others in a creative and meaningful way.

27 "...he blessed him and said, "See, the smell of my son Is like the smell of a field which the LORD has blessed; 28 Now may God give you of the dew of heaven,"

4 – PICTURE A SPECIAL FUTURE

28 Now may God give you of the dew of heaven, And of the fatness of the earth, And an abundance of grain and new wine; 29 May peoples serve you, And nations bow down to you; Be master of your brothers, And may your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be those who curse you, And blessed be those who bless you."

A blessing should:

- cast the vision and goals for a meaningful future that is attainable;
- accentuate the potential, character and gifts possessed to achieve that preferable future;
- express positive feelings that foster growth and development!

1 Thessalonians 2:19 - 20 19 For who is our hope or joy or crown of exultation? Is it not even you, in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming? 20 For you are our glory and joy.

2 Timothy 4:8 8 in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

1 Peter 1:3-4 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you.

Philippians 1:6 6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

5 – AN ACTIVE COMMITMENT TO FULFILL THE BLESSING

- With the bestowal of blessing comes responsibility to do all in our power to insure the success of the one blessed.
- Provide the necessary resources and commitment to see the blessing through.
- Employ Godly discipline where necessary.
- Seek strength, guidance and wisdom from the Lord.
- Commit to the Lord the one being blessed through prayer.

COMMITMENT

Today more than ever people are in need of a blessing.

We have the capacity to bless for the success of others as we allow ourselves to be instruments of the Lord to convey His love, mercy and provision for the encouragement and well being of others and commit to the fulfillment of that blessing. **Will you commit this day to allow your life to serve as a blessing for others?**