

Big Idea - I Am Most Blessed When I Bless Others

Ephesians 2:10 NLT For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Prov 11:25 The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped.

Matthew 5:16 In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see

James 2:26 Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works

I Am Called to Bless Other Christians

Galatians 6:10

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

1 Peter 4:10

God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings.

Roman 12:13

Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Hebrew 13:16

Don't forget to do good and to share what you have with those in need, for such sacrifices are very pleasing to him

I Am Called to Bless God

Psalms 96:2-3

Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Psalms 34:1

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth

Luke 24:52 ESV And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God

I Am Called to Bless Those who Don't Bless Me

1 Peter 3:8-12

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

Matthew 5:45-48 MSG

When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the energies of prayer, for then you are working out of your true selves, your God-created selves. This is what God does. He gives his best—the sun to warm and the rain to nourish—to everyone, regardless: the good and bad, the nice and nasty. If all you do is love the lovable, do you expect a bonus? Anybody can do that. If you simply say hello to those who greet you, do you expect a medal? Any run-of-the-mill sinner does that. In a word, what I'm saying is, Grow up. You're kingdom subjects. Now live like it. Live out your God-created identity. Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God lives toward you.

Luke 6:27-28

But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you

Response

This week I will bless another Christian, I will bless God, and I will bless someone who can't or won't bless me back.