

Doctrine of Blessing

How to be Blessed

1. Much, if not most, of the blessings of life are traced to common grace and the general benevolence of a great and good God.
2. Abraham was blessed of the Lord and in turn became a blessing to others.
 - *Genesis 12:2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:*
3. Like his father Abraham, Isaac was blessed of the Lord.
 - *Genesis 26:3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee [Isaac], and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father.*
4. For those who would like to be blessed of God and man, there are some simple steps that can be taken.
 - Be kind to the children of Israel. *Genesis 12:3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.*
 - Honor thy father and thy mother. On his dying bed, Isaac blessed his sons. *Genesis 49:1 And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days. ...49:25 Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb:*
 - Obey the directives of the Lord in a specific area. Israel was instructed to construct an altar of sacrifice to the Lord in order to be blessed. *Exodus 20:24 An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt offerings, and thy peace offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: in all places where I record my name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee.*
 - Gospel obedience to the judgments of the Lord, in the Old Testament and in the New Covenant, will produce a blessing. *Deuteronomy 7:12 Wherefore it shall come to pass, if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep, and do them, that the Lord thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which he sware unto thy fathers: 13 And he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee: he will also bless the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep, in the land which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee.*

- Loving the Lord will produce a blessing. *Deuteronomy 30:16 In that I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the Lord thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.*
- Show kindness to the poor. *Deuteronomy 15:10 Thou shalt surely give him, and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him: because that for this thing the Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto.*
- Keep the appointed meeting times with the Lord. *Deuteronomy 16:15 Seven days shalt thou keep a solemn feast unto the Lord thy God in the place which the Lord shall choose: because the Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thine increase, and in all the works of thine hands, therefore thou shalt surely rejoice.*
- Do not charge interest to another Christian on a personal loan. *Deuteronomy 23:20 Unto a stranger thou mayest lend upon usury; but unto thy brother thou shalt not lend upon usury: that the Lord thy God may bless thee in all that thou settest thine hand to in the land whither thou goest to possess it.*
- Forgive a debt of the most needy. *Deuteronomy 24:13 In any case thou shalt deliver him the pledge again when the sun goeth down, that he may sleep in his own raiment, and bless thee: and it shall be righteousness unto thee before the Lord thy God.*
- Leave a little extra for someone on purpose. *Deuteronomy 24:19 When thou cuttest down thine harvest in thy field, and hast forgot a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go again to fetch it: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow: that the Lord thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hands.*
- Show respect to those who are in a position to help you. *Ruth 2:4 And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said unto the reapers, The Lord be with you. And they answered him, The Lord bless thee.*
- Fear the Lord. *Psalm 128:4 Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord. 5 The Lord shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life. 6 Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel.*
- Give praise to the Lord in worship. *Psalm 134:2 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord. 3 The Lord that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.*

5 A profane person will seek a blessing for selfish reasons as Esau did.

- *Genesis 27:4 And make me savoury meat, such as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat; that my soul may bless thee before I die.*

- *Hebrews 12:15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; 16 Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.*
- 6 Some people will seek and receive a blessing, as Jacob initially did, but in the wrong way.
- *Genesis 27:26 And his father Isaac said unto him [Jacob], Come near now, and kiss me, my son. 27 And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the Lord hath blessed: 28 Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine: 29 Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee.*
- 7 It is possible to receive a father's blessing in the right way. Again, Jacob becomes an example.
- *Genesis 28:1 And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan. 2 Arise, go to Padan-aram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother's father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Laban thy mother's brother. 3 And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people;*
- 8 Spiritual leaders should seek to give a blessing to others as Moses did.
- *Numbers 6:22 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, 23 Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them, 24 The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: 25 The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: 26 The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.*
- 9 Ultimately, the heart must always remember, it is the Lord that commands the blessing.
- *Deuteronomy 28:8 The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.*
- 10 A good heart will not only seek God's blessing but will want to bless the Lord.
- *Psalms 63:4 Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.*
 - *Psalms 145:2 Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.*
 - *Psalms 145:10 All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee.*
11. In times of divine deliverance, God's people will learn to praise Him and thus be blessed by Him.

- *Jeremiah 31:23 Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; As yet they shall use this speech in the land of Judah and in the cities thereof, when I shall bring again their captivity; The Lord bless thee, O habitation of justice, and mountain of holiness.*