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What does it mean to be blessed to bless?

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will

bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Genesis 12:1-3

I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

Genesis 22:17-18

1. There's a relationship between obedience and being blessed.

2. We are blessed to be a blessing to others.

You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.' *God, having raised up his servant*, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness."

Acts 3:25-26

And if you are **Christ's**, then you are **Abraham's offspring**, heirs according to promise.

Galatians 3:29



We are to chosen to be instruments of God's grace and blessings

For I have chosen him, that he may **command his children and his household after him** to **keep the way of the LORD** by **doing righteousness and justice**, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him."

Genesis 18:9

We are to be a blessing by walking in God's way





We are to be a blessing by walking in God's way

- Doing righteousness and justice
- Teach and disciple others

We are to be a blessing by living and working in community

- 1. Accept the realities of the public sphere we became part of, in spite of all its ambiguity.
- 2. Work constructively and conscientiously for the government and for social benefit.
- 3. **Preserve our integrity**

But **seek the welfare of the city** where I have sent you into **exile**, and **pray to the LORD** on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Jeremiah 29:7

Live as You Are Called

Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches. Was anyone at the time of his call already circumcised? Let him not seek to remove the marks of circumcision. Was anyone at the time of his call uncircumcised? Let him not seek circumcision. For neither circumcision counts for anything nor uncircumcision, but keeping the commandments of God.

1 Corinthians 17:17-19

Each one should remain in the condition in which he was called. Were you a bondservant when called? Do not be concerned about it. (But if you can gain your freedom, avail yourself of the opportunity.) For he who was called in the Lord as a bondservant is a **freedman of the Lord**. Likewise he who was free when called is a bondservant of Christ. You were bought with a price; do not become bondservants of men. So, brothers, in whatever condition each was called, there let him remain with God.

1 Corinthians 17:20-24

In CHRIST Be Blessed and Be a Blessing to All the Families of the Earth

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