

Unlocking the Blessedness

I. Humanity & Blessing

BLESSING – a transmission or deposit of God’s favor & protection. Benefits for which we are thankful.

A. Being Human is Being Blessed

Gen 1:26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our **image**, after our **likeness**. And let them have dominion ...over all the earth ...”

27 So God created man in his own image,...
male and female he created them.

28 And God **blessed** them. And God said to them, “Be **fruitful** and **multiply** and **fill** the earth and subdue it,”

B. Blessing – Be Fruitful and Multiply

Fruit – That which transmits goodness, nourishment and a blueprint for future potential. Carries the DNA

Multiply – Enlargement. Exponential Impact.

C. Abraham the Prototype

Gen 12.1 Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go ... 2 And I will **make of you a great nation**, and I will **bless you** ..., so that **you will be a blessing**. 3... **in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed**.

Eph 1.3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has **blessed us** in Christ with **every spiritual blessing** in the heavenly places,

II. Finding the Center

A. Family is the School of Life *Formation of the Image*

Transformation from Selfishness to LOVE

B. Personal Transformation

Created for God's Fellowship, Communion

The Processes of the Heart

JOYS SORROWS HOPES FEARS

The work of truth and grace in our lives is to transform these.

On our own we can be happy, sad, hopeful, or afraid of things that are not significant.

1. Transformation of Fear

Luke 12.4 "I tell you, my friends, **do not fear** those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do.

5 But I will warn you whom to fear: **fear him** who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him!

From Temporal to Eternal --> That which is limited to the unlimited

Prov 9.10 The **fear of the LORD** is the beginning of wisdom,...

2. Sanctified by Truth – set free from fear by love

6 Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. 7 Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. **Fear not; you are of more value** than many sparrows.

3. Purpose of All Truth is Love

1 Tim 1.5 NKJV Now **the purpose of the commandment is love** from a pure heart, *from* a good conscience, and *from* sincere faith,

This **love opens our eyes**, allowing us to see **the intrinsic value that our Father places upon our lives, our souls.**

**WORD OF GOD INFORMS– GENETIC EXPRESSION REQUIRES
HOLY SPIRIT ENCOUNTER TRANSFORMS – CONFORMS !!!**

4. Transformation occurs when our FEARS, JOYS, HOPES and SORROWS are changed by TRUTH and ENCOUNTERS with the Holy Spirit. We can love what God loves,. **Love purifies us.**

1 John 4.16 ... whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. 17 By this is **love perfected** with us, so that we may have **confidence for the day of judgment**, because as he is so also are we in this world. **18** There is **no fear in love**, but **perfect love casts out fear**. ...

C. Freedom from Things That Hold Us –

Types of Goodness (Goods)

1. Temporal – money, reputation, position, family (children)

2. Natural – beauty, gracefulness, elegance, intelligence, talents

3. Sensory – that which delights our senses, which we see, hear, taste, imagine.

4. Moral – virtues, works of mercy, justice, service, good judgment

5. Supernatural – charismata, anointing, power

6. Spiritual – union with God, the wine cellar (**Song 2:4; 6:3**)

All of the First Five can disappoint, can cloud our hearts, turn us away from love. They cannot infinitely satisfy.

2 Cor 6.10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; **as having nothing, yet possessing everything.**

11 We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; **our heart is wide open.**

Matt 16.25 ESV For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

III. Free To Steward Blessing

The Universe of Full of Goodness Genesis 1 “Good 7x”

Rom 8.28 NKJ And we know that **all things** work together **for good** to those who **love God**, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

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Blessed are the Poor in Spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven; meek...inherit the earth;

Deut 28.11 And the LORD will make you **abound in prosperity**, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your livestock and in the fruit of your ground, within the land that the LORD swore to your fathers to give you.

EXCESS GOODNESS - More than you can contain

CHILDREN – family and future generations

LIVESTOCK – profession, stewardship, husbandry

LAND – resources, potential

12 The LORD will open to you his good treasury, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hands. And you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.

OPEN (UNLOCK) TO YOU - access granted personally

STOREHOUSE OF GOODNESS - infinite solutions

RAIN IN SEASON – unlocking the potential

BLESS ALL THE WORK – Divine favor & protection on every aspect

LEND TO MANY NATIONS – Become a resource

NOT BORROW – Your source in in the Unseen Realm

IV. Conclusion

May the Lord Bless You

Lord, make me an instrument of Your **peace**.
Where there is hatred, let me bring **love**.
Where there is injury, let me bring **pardon**.
Where there is discord, let me bring **union**.
Where there is doubt, let me bring **faith**.
Where there is error, let me bring **truth**.
Where there is despair, let me bring **hope**.
Where there is sadness, let me bring **joy**.
Where there is darkness, let me bring **light**.

O Divine Master,

grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen