

Called to Be a Blessing
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1. WE HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO DO THE WORK OF HIS (CHRIST'S) KINGDOM.

1 Peter 3:9 AMP

"Never return evil for evil or insult for insult - scolding, tongue-lashing, berating; but on the contrary blessing - praying for their welfare, happiness, and protection, and truly pitying and loving them. For know that to this you have been called, that you may yourselves inherit a blessing [from God]- obtain a blessing as heirs, bringing welfare and happiness and protection."

Ephesians 4:11-12-NLT

11 Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers.
12 Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do His work and build up the church, the body of Christ.

2. WE HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO GIVE OF OURSELVES, THE WAY HE (CHRIST) GAVE OF HIMSELF.

1 Timothy 6:18-NLT

6 Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others.

2 Corinthians 8:12-14-NLT

12 Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly. And give according to what you have, not what you don't have.
13 Of course, I don't mean your giving should make life easy for others and hard for yourselves. I only mean that there should be some equality.
14 Right now you have plenty and can help those who are in need. Later, they will have plenty and can share with you when you need it. In this way, things will be equal.

Romans 12:6-Passion

6 God's marvelous grace imparts to each one of us varying gifts and ministries that are uniquely ours. So if God has given you the grace-gift of prophecy, you must activate your gift by using the proportion of faith you have to prophesy
7 If your grace-gift is serving, then thrive in serving others well. If you have the grace-gift of teaching, then be actively teaching and training others.
8 If you have the grace-gift of encouragement, then use it often to encourage others. If you have the grace-gift of giving to meet the needs of others, then may you prosper in your generosity without any fanfare. If you have the gift of leadership, be passionate about your leadership. And if you have the gift of showing compassion, then flourish in your cheerful display of compassion.

Ephesians 4:28-AMP

4 Let the thief steal no more, but rather let him be industrious, making an honest living with his own hands, so that he may be able to give to those in need.

2 Thessalonians 3:8-12-AMP

8 Nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and struggle we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden or impose on any of you [for our support].
9 [It was] not because we do not have a right [to such support], but [we wished] to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

10 For while we were yet with you, we gave you this rule and charge: If anyone will not work, neither let him eat.

11 Indeed, we hear that some among you are disorderly [that they are passing their lives in idleness, neglectful of duty], being busy with other people's affairs instead of their own and doing no work.

12 Now we charge and exhort such persons [as ministers in Him exhorting those] in the Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) that they work in quietness and earn their own food and other necessities.

3. WE ARE NOT ONLY CALLED TO BE A BLESSING, BUT TO RECEIVE THE BLESSING.

Genesis 12:2-3-AMP

2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you [with abundant increase of favors] and make your name famous and distinguished, and you will be a blessing [dispensing good to others].

3 And I will bless those who bless you [who confer prosperity or happiness upon you] and curse him who curses or uses insolent language toward you; in you will all the families and kindred of the earth be blessed [and by you they will bless themselves]. [Gal. 3:8.]

Mark 10:29-30-NLT

29 "Yes," Jesus replied, "and I assure you that everyone who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or property, for My sake and for the Good News, 30 will receive now in return a hundred times as many houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and property—along with persecution. And in the world to come that person will have eternal life.

Acts 20:34-35-NLT

34 You know that these hands of mine have worked to supply my own needs and even the needs of those who were with me.
35 And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

1 John 3:17-NLT

17 If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person?

Matthew 6:33-NLT

33 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need.

Genesis 22:17-18-AMP

17 In blessing I will bless you and in multiplying I will multiply your descendants like the stars of the heavens and like the sand on the seashore. And your Seed (Heir) will possess the gate of His enemies,

18 And in your Seed [Christ] shall all the nations of the earth be blessed and [by Him] bless themselves, because you have heard and obeyed My voice.

Today's Confession: I was born to be blessed and I was born to be a blessing! God will meet my needs because He always honors His Word.