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You Are Called to Be a Blessing

One Sunday morning several years ago, I awoke with this thought branded on the inside of me: *I was born to be a blessing and I was born to be blessed.*

Some people can wake up the second the alarm rings and jump out of bed ready for the day. I'm not that type of person. It usually takes me about fifteen minutes to get going. So this particular Sunday morning was unusual.

That thought before me when I opened my eyes that day changed my life. Once I realized the calling of being a blessing, it was all I could dwell upon.

The Office of Being A Blessing

First Peter tells us:

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.

1 Peter 3:9 AMP

You were called to be a blessing.

There are men who are called into the five-fold ministry to fill the offices of pastor, prophet, teacher, apostle, and evangelist. (Eph. 4:11.)

In both First Peter and Ephesians above, the same implication is put on the

word *called*. All Christians are called to be a blessing just like others are called into the ministry offices.

You have a divine appointment with God and will be held accountable for the office of being a blessing.

Give of Yourself

The very essence of life is giving. You were not put on this earth to see how much you could acquire or accumulate during your 65- or 70-year span of life. You were put on this earth to see how much of your life you could give away.

When the angel appeared to Mary, the mother of Jesus, he said,

**...Hail, thou that art highly
favoured, the Lord is with thee:
blessed art thou among women.**

Luke 1:28

Mary was blessed, and Jesus came into this earth because she received the Word of God. He came to this earth as a blessing to humanity—He didn't come to benefit himself.

Jesus was a full-grown man in heaven. He became a baby and grew up on earth in order to bless all of mankind.

We were put here to be a blessing just like Jesus. He gave His life at the cross for you and me and became a blessing to us. How much more should we give our lives to those around us? When you accept Jesus Christ as Lord of your life, you are born a blessing to humanity just like Jesus.

Ephesians 4:28 tells us:

**Let him that stole steal no more:
but rather let him labour, working
with his hands the thing which is
good, that he may have to give to**

him that needeth.

Man is obligated to provide not only for his own family, but for others. According to the scripture above, God wants us to have enough to give to anyone in need.

My husband, Jerry, and I used to live in poverty, lack, and want. We were leading defeated lives because we didn't know who we were. But when the Word of God came into our lives and transformed us, we saw that we didn't have to be sick or live in poverty any longer.

Jesus bore all of that at the cross so we wouldn't have to. Everyone has the right to know that. You can be a tremendous blessing to someone just by telling him what you know about the Word of God.

You may think you know only a little

bit, but that little bit is enough to set someone free. You were born to be a blessing to everyone you contact.

The Blessings of God

God said to Abraham:

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:

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.

Genesis 12:2,3

Abraham was going to be both blessed and a blessing. Our families are blessed because of faithful Abraham. This scripture doesn't say that only preachers and their families will be blessed—it says *all* families. There are no exceptions.

So many times Satan lies to people, telling them that certain Scriptures are only for preachers. The Word of God says that *all* families will be blessed.

Another scripture which illustrates the blessings of God is Mark 10:29,30:

**And Jesus answered and said,
Verily I say unto you, There is no
man that hath left house, or
brethren, or sisters, or father, or
mother, or wife, or children, or
lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,
but he shall receive an
hundredfold....**

(This scripture began to work for Jerry and me before we ever entered into the ministry. The Lord honors faith.)

When Jerry had the job of operating the tape recorder for Brother Copeland, Satan kept feeding us this lie: "Well, who is Jerry Savelle? No one ever sees him

because he is behind the curtain. How will your needs be met if nobody knows who Jerry Savelle is?"

We had to cast that thought down immediately by saying, "Our God will meet our need, because His Word says so."

It doesn't matter where you are, or whether your occupation has anything to do with the Church. If you are in a service station pumping gas, or in a grocery store sacking groceries, God will meet your need because He honors His Word.

The dictionary defines the word *bless* as "to confer a benediction or blessing upon, to make happy or contented, to consecrate, make holy, praise or extol."

Blessed means "highly favored, fortunate, sacred, hallowed, holy, enjoying spiritual blessing."

Blessing is defined as "a benediction or conferring of divine favor, a gift or benefit."

Instruments of Blessing

Jesus was a blessing. He was an instrument through which divine favor flowed in order to stop misfortune in our lives. We would have died and gone to hell if it had not been for Jesus being born on this earth.

Since we are born on this earth as a blessing also, we, too, are instruments through which divine favor flows to stop misfortune in the lives of those around us. There is no greater honor or privilege than that of being a blessing to someone in need.

Being Blessed Through Obedience

A few years ago Jerry and I bought an

old farm house which we remodeled and redesigned. It was out in the country on about five acres of land. We totally changed the two-bedroom home, expanding it into a beautiful, rambling ranch house with more than 3,000 square feet of living space.

As we remodeled this old house, we accumulated many items in our garage. We replaced the big butane tank and space heaters with central heat and air. When we remodeled the kitchen, we replaced the butane stove with a counter top built-in range and oven.

We stored the tank, space heaters, and stove, along with many of the old wooden doors, until I could run an ad to sell them. But God had other plans.

There was a couple in our church who had recently taken in three children from a foster home. They had three children of

their own, so now their family numbered eight. This was quite a load for the father to support on his salary. They found their house rent to be too expensive for them to meet all their other financial obligations.

They were trying to find a home to rent for about \$100 a month. One day the woman called me and said, "Carolyn, I've found a house to rent. I want you to come over and see if you can give me some advice on fixing it up."

When I went over there that day, I thought to myself, *The only thing that would help this house would be to set a match to it.* There was no front door, hot water heater, or stove. The house looked very run down.

As I walked through the house with the woman, my heart was filled with compassion. The children were close in age. Two or three of them were still

babies in diapers. I told the woman that I would go home and pray about her situation.

As I prayed, the Lord began revealing to me that all the things in my garage were just the things they needed—a front door, a stove, and a water heater. I was suddenly filled with excitement, because I knew God was going to use me as an instrument of blessing to stop misfortune in these people's lives. The next Sunday I shared with the ladies of the church and asked for volunteers to help me with this project.

We painted and decorated every room of that home including the cabinets and closets. I had enough drapes, comforters, pillow shams, and dust ruffles from our own remodeling to decorate the bedrooms. The other ladies of the church donated what I didn't have. When we

finished cleaning and decorating, that place looked like a little dollhouse.

Many Ways of Blessing

It is more fun to give than to receive. If you will be obedient and sincere with God, He will show you how to be an instrument of blessing to stop misfortune in the lives of those around you. God will use you if you make yourself available to Him. There are many ways God can use you to be a blessing.

Giving an offering at church or writing a monthly check to a ministry is just one way of being a blessing. You might get up one morning and hear the Lord tell you to babysit for Mary Jane. She hasn't had a day off in weeks from being home with those screaming, crying kids. The Lord may tell you to keep her children for the day and give her money

to go to the beauty shop to get her hair done.

God might tell you to bake a cake for someone, take a couple out to dinner, or send someone flowers.

Once we begin to be sensitive and obedient to what God tells us to do, we will be blessed by being a blessing.

When you begin to take care of the needs of others, God will make certain that all your needs are met. We must be obedient to do whatever He tells us to do, no matter how insignificant it may seem.

One time the Lord told me to send a lady \$100 and write her a note telling her how loved she was. I didn't do it because I thought it was foolish. The lady was a millionaire. I couldn't imagine why she would need \$100. I began rationalizing and reasoning. I thought, *One hundred*

dollars is like pocket change to her.

Later on, when Jerry was sharing some principles with the lady and her husband, I had to ask her forgiveness.

I had been disobedient to God and asked His forgiveness, also. I explained quietly to the woman that the Lord had asked me to write her a note and tell her she was loved—and that I hadn't done it. I didn't tell her about the money.

As we were sitting at the dinner table a few minutes later, she made a statement that helped me understand God's request. She said, "You know, no one has ever given to us."

If I had obeyed God three months before, there is no telling what it would have done in her life.

We learn from Genesis 22:17,18:

That in blessing I will bless thee,

and in multiplying I will multiply
thy seed as the stars of the heaven,
and as the sand which is upon the
sea shore; and thy seed shall possess
the gate of his enemies;

And in thy seed shall all the
nations of the earth be blessed;
because thou hast obeyed my voice.

Obey God's Voice

You shall be blessed because you obey the voice of God. When God speaks to you to do this or that, obey Him. Don't be moved by what a person looks like. The woman who wears diamonds and dresses in a mink coat may have just as great a need as the person wearing tattered clothes. Learn to be sensitive to what the Spirit of God tells you, rather than what your five senses dictate.

We can't judge a man by the clothes he wears, the house he lives in, or by

anything else we can see with our natural eyes. We must learn to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit and obedient to God.

The Blessings of Abraham

**And God Almighty bless thee,
and make thee fruitful, and multiply
thee, that thou mayest be a multitude
of people;**

**And give thee the blessing of
Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed
with thee; that thou mayest inherit
the land wherein thou art a stranger,
which God gave to Abraham.**

Genesis 28:3,4

What are the blessings of Abraham? In Genesis 17, God promises Abraham that He will make a covenant and multiply Abraham exceedingly.

**And I will establish my covenant
between me and thee and thy seed
after thee in their generations for an**

everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

Genesis 17:7,8

Abraham was obedient to God. God declared that He would bless Abraham and make him a blessing.

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.

Genesis 12:2

Choose the Blessings

God spoke the blessings into existence. We have a right to the same blessings as Abraham if we are obedient to the commandments of God.

God appeared on Mount Zion and spoke these blessings. The same words are still in effect today. The choice is given to us just like it was given to Abraham. We can choose blessings or cursings.

**I call heaven and earth to record
this day against you, that I have set
before you life and death, blessing
and cursing: therefore choose life,
that both thou and thy seed may live.**

Deuteronomy 30:19-22

The blessings of Abraham are an established fact. All we must do to inherit them is to be obedient to the commandments of God. Abraham was faithful. He gave tithes to God before there was a law requiring the tithe.

Deuteronomy 28:1-13 lists the blessings:

**And it shall come to pass, if thou
shalt hearken diligently unto the**

voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God.

Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.

Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.

Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

The Lord shall cause thine

enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.

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.

The Lord shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, and walk in his ways.

And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the Lord; and they shall be afraid of thee.

And the Lord shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit Of thy ground, in the land which the Lord sware

unto thy fathers to give thee.

The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath: if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them.

Deuteronomy 28:1-13

Love Your Neighbor As Yourself

What is the great commandment?

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Matt. 22:39

When we begin doing that, we

become a blessing. When we begin thinking about our brother and sister, we automatically become blessed. The blessings of God have already been spoken—they are already here.

Abraham instituted tithing because he loved God. We should be givers because we love God.

Enoch walked in habitual fellowship with God. He wanted to do whatever God told him to do and was an instrument God could use. Enoch walked in such fellowship with God that God wanted him close to Him. One day God just picked him up and took him home to Heaven. When we begin to fellowship with God as Enoch did, giving our lives to serve the Lord, then God is going to bring us home too.

**As the hart panteth after the
water brooks, so panteth my soul**

after thee, O God.

**My soul thirsteth for God, for
the living God....**

Psalm 42:1,2

God Provides What We Need to Bless Others

God wants to give us the desires of our heart. And one of those desires should be to be a blessing to others. If we don't have what we need to be a blessing to someone, God will provide it supernaturally.

When I was a young girl, my mother wanted to take my sister, Jan, and me to the Louisiana State Fair. However, she had very little money—only about five dollars. That was not enough to cover the cost of admission, our meal, and tickets for all the rides.

Mother began thanking the Lord that

all her needs were met and that she didn't lack any good thing.

As she was walking us to one of the rides, she looked down, then stopped. A ten dollar bill was lying on the ground at her feet. She reached down to pick it up, praising the Lord that He had provided enough for Jan and me to ride on all the rides and eat a good meal. It was a desire of her heart to be a blessing to her children. When she didn't have enough money, God provided it supernaturally.

Desire God

**Delight thyself also in the Lord;
and he shall give thee the desires of
thine heart.**

Psalm 37:4

God knows the very desires of your heart. When He knows that you are there to love and serve Him and that you desire

Him above no other, you will not have to ask Him for anything. He knows what is in your heart, and He will cause the blessings to come on you and overtake you.

For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, whom the Lord abhorreth.

The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.

Psalm 10:3,4

You don't need to go around confessing what you need all the time. If you begin giving your life to others, your needs will be met.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

Psalm 145:19

You were born both to be a blessing

and to be blessed. But most of all, you were born to desire God above everything else.

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