

BLESS: Blessed to B.L.E.S.S.

(Genesis 12:1-3)

Introduction.

Today, there are many misconceptions about God's blessings or God's favor.

- 1) God's blesses me as a reward for my actions.
- 2) God blesses me for my benefit.
- 3) God's blessings are "prosperity."

Introduce "BLESS" sermon series

Contextualize Genesis 12:1-3 (Genesis 11:27-32)

I. The Plan of Blessings (Gen. 12:1-3; Gal. 3:6-9)

Principle: *God's blessings are the result of relationship and for spiritual purpose.*

A) God blesses those that follow Him (v. 1-2a)

B) God's blessings are to be passed on (v. 2b)
(God's intent was for Abraham function as a conduit, not a collection pool, of God's blessings)

C) God's blessing were for spiritual effect (v. 3)
(God's plan was that financial, family and fame be tools to spiritual blessing to others.)

II. The B.L.E.S.S. Strategy

Principle: Your can be a blessing by praying, listening, building relationships, serving and sharing.

A) Begin with Prayer

- B) Listen to people's needs
- C) Eat a meal with your neighbors
- D) Serve others
- E) Share your story

III. The BLESS Application

Principle: *The B.L.E.S.S. strategy simply enables you to practically live on mission for Christ.*

A) Change our Community

1) Record the names of the neighbor on the east, west, and across street,

2) Record the names of the people that are in your work group.

3) Record the names of the people you see often or your social group.

B) Change our Region

C) Launch our Daughter Church

1) We have families from Alexander, Bryant, Benton, Haskell, and Traskwood

Conclusion

Story of "Prayer In The Mall" from Discover Your Mission Now by Dave Ferguson, pg. 37.