



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC A Lifestyle of Blessing

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

A LIFESTYLE OF BLESSING

A lifetime of happiness is something many desire. A key ingredient: Helping others. In fact, research has shown that we forget about our own problems and become happier when we help others. However, we should look beyond finding happiness just for *this* lifetime. As believers in Christ, we should look forward to having our good works last to eternity, and hearing our Master call us His good and faithful servants. Genesis 12:1-3 teaches us four calls to heed that will help us to live out a lifestyle of blessing: The call to **surrender**, the call to **acknowledge**, the call to **understand** and the call to **live out**.

LIVING OUT A LIFESTYLE OF BLESSING

1. THE CALL TO SURRENDER

In Gen 12:1, the Lord told Abraham to leave everything behind and go to the land that He had in mind for Abraham. This verse points to the need to surrender. Surrender is painful because it means sacrifice. However, we need to surrender to God in order to be filled. The Word has shown us many examples of people who came to a point of surrender – Abraham, Moses and Joseph, among others – and were blessed abundantly by God because of their sacrifice.

When we surrender, God will bring us to greater faith and usefulness to Him. Do not let our comforts cause us to miss out on these opportunities. While the world teaches us that control gives us power and success, remember and hold on to the truth that surrendering to God brings us power and faith.

2. THE CALL TO ACKNOWLEDGE

In Gen 12:1-3, God told Abraham six times that He would bless him. Just like Abraham, God has blessed us abundantly. God has richly provided us with everything for our enjoyment (1 Tim 6:17). When we surrender and serve God, there will never be a lack of resources.

Reflect on whether we have taken time off to thank God for what He has done or if we are always complaining. Instead of focusing on what we did not get despite prayer, we should focus on what He blessed us with, even when we did not ask for them. Ask God for a spirit of thankfulness and faith; acknowledge that we are blessed and God is our all in all.

3. THE CALL TO UNDERSTAND

In Gen 12:2-3, God told Abraham the purpose of his being blessed – that all peoples on earth would be blessed through him. In the same way, God has blessed us so that we can bless others, which in turn will show others the reality of God in our lives. We should not miss the opportunity to bless now because we cannot do so in heaven, as there will be no need to do so then. God saved us not just for our own salvation, but so that we can bless others and point them towards Christ. That is the greatest blessing we can give to others.

4. THE CALL TO LIVE OUT

When we practise the first three calls, we will be able to sow good works that reap rewards. How then can we live them out? First, we can experience revival daily by digging deeply into God's Word. Second, we should learn to sense when the Holy Spirit is leading us into a divine appointment. Finally, we should learn to obey what the Holy Spirit puts upon our heart to do or say.

CONCLUSION

Genesis 12:1-3 teaches us how we can make our good works last. First, **we need to surrender to God** in order to be filled. He will bring us to greater faith and usefulness to Him when we surrender. Second, we are called to **acknowledge that God has blessed us** and He is our all in all. These abundant blessings are both for our enjoyment and for us to bless others, so posture yourself in a spirit of thankfulness and faith towards God, know His blessings, and that we will never be in need or want. Third, we are called to **understand the purpose of His blessings**. We are called to impact the lives of others with what God has blessed us with and point them towards Christ; that is the greatest blessing we can give to them. And finally, we are called to **live these out by experiencing revival daily** through the Word, sensing where the Holy Spirit is leading us to, and by learning to obey what the Holy Spirit has set upon our hearts.

QUESTIONS

The sermon mentioned four calls which will help us make our good works last. What are these four points? How have you seen them in your daily life?

What did God promise Abram in return for responding to his call? In the same way, how has God blessed you thus far, and how can you use these blessings to bless others?

Out of all the four points, which do you struggle with the most? Why is this so? What are some practical steps that you can take to live out the four “calls”?