



The Blessing is in You! – Part II

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You have a choice!

Deuteronomy 11:26-28 (New Living Translation)

²⁶ “Look, today I am giving you the choice between a blessing and a curse! ²⁷ You will be blessed if you obey the commands of the LORD your God that I am giving you today. ²⁸ But you will be cursed if you reject the commands of the LORD your God and turn away from him and worship gods you have not known before.

Your blessing can not be bigger than your faith; the greater your faith, the greater your blessing.

John 20:29 (Amplified Bible)

²⁹ Jesus said to him, Because you have seen Me, Thomas, do you now believe (trust, have faith)? Blessed and happy and to be envied are those who have never seen Me and yet have believed and adhered to and trusted and relied on Me.

John 20:29 (New Living Translation)

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, “You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me.”

The blessing has a purpose.

Proverbs 10:22 (New Living Translation)

²² The blessing of the LORD makes a person rich, and he adds no sorrow with it.

Proverbs 10:22 (The Message)

²² God's blessing makes life rich; nothing we do can improve on God.

Galatians 3:14 (New Living Translation)

¹⁴ Through Christ Jesus, God has blessed the Gentiles with the same blessing he promised to Abraham, so that we who are believers might receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit through faith.



Genesis 28:14 (Contemporary English Version)

¹⁴Your descendants will spread over the earth in all directions and will become as numerous as the specks of dust. Your family will be a blessing to all people.

Acts 20:35 (Contemporary English Version)

³⁵By everything I did, I showed how you should work to help everyone who is weak. Remember that our Lord Jesus said, "More blessings come from giving than from receiving."

Blessing Blockers:

- Hurts
- Habits
- Hang-ups

Hurts

Proverbs 23:7 (Amplified Bible)

⁷For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. As one who reckons, he says to you, eat and drink, yet his heart is not with you [but is grudging the cost].

Philippians 4:8 (The Message)

⁸⁻⁹Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse. Put into practice what you learned from me, what you heard and saw and realized. Do that, and God, who makes everything work together, will work you into his most excellent harmonies.

Romans 12:2 (Amplified Bible)

²Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you].

Habits

Psalms 89:9 (Amplified Bible)

⁹You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves arise, You still them.



Acts 17:11 (New Living Translation)

¹¹ And the people of Berea were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, and they listened eagerly to Paul's message. They searched the Scriptures day after day to see if Paul and Silas were teaching the truth.

James 1:22-25 (New Living Translation)

²² But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. ²³ For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. ²⁴ You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. ²⁵ But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

Hang-ups

1 Samuel 15

- **Saul was so hung-up on being king that he lost sight of being a child of God.**