

“The Blessing Of God” Part 4

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Proverbs 10:22 King James Version

22 The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

Proverbs 10:22 Amplified Bible

22 The blessing of the Lord—it makes [truly] rich, and He adds no sorrow with it [neither does toiling increase it].

Rich defined: plentiful; abundant; copious, ample, liberal, generous, bountiful; More than enough.

Rich in all areas of your life: relationships, health, finances.

3 John 2 King James Version

2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

3 John 2 Amplified Bible

2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in every way and [that your body] may keep well, even as [I know] your soul keeps well and prospers.

It is the blessing that makes you rich, it's not the riches that make you blessed. You're not blessed because you're rich, you're rich because you're blessed.

Matthew 6:33 King James Version

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 6:33 Amplified Bible

33 But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides.

Let's read the verses that lead up to verse 33 starting with verse 24.

Matthew 6:24-33 King James Version

24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

28 *And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:*

29 *And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.*

30 *Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?*

31 *Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?*

32 *(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:)* *for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.*

33 *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

Matthew 6:24-33 Amplified Bible

24 *No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will stand by and be devoted to the one and despise and be against the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (deceitful riches, money, possessions, or whatever is trusted in).*

25 *Therefore I tell you, stop being perpetually uneasy (anxious and worried) about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink; or about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life greater [in quality] than food, and the body [far above and more excellent] than clothing?*

26 *Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father keeps feeding them. Are you not worth much more than they?*

27 And who of you by worrying and being anxious can add one unit of measure (cubit) to his stature or to the span of his life?

28 And why should you be anxious about clothes? Consider the lilies of the field and learn thoroughly how they grow; they neither toil nor spin.

29 Yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his magnificence (excellence, dignity, and grace) was not arrayed like one of these.

30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and green and tomorrow is tossed into the furnace, will He not much more surely clothe you, O you of little faith?

31 Therefore do not worry and be anxious, saying, What are we going to have to eat? or, What are we going to have to drink? or, What are we going to have to wear?

32 For the Gentiles (heathen) wish for and crave and diligently seek all these things, and your heavenly Father knows well that you need them all.

33 But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides.

This is vital information. This is what you need to renew your mind with and this where you need to renew your mind to. This is where we are endeavoring to move right now in the spirit of God, and that is this:

A gentile is not a “non Jew”, that’s what it meant in the Old Covenant. A gentile in the New Covenant means “without God”, Ephesians says “remember when you were gentiles? But now you are in Christ Jesus.”

So now you see what He is talking about. He's talking about the "gentile babylonian system of commerce" out there that's got the whole world wrapped up in it where you have to *toil for a living*. Remember this, the gentile has the idea that he cannot be blessed unless he has money.

That's what makes him vulnerable to do anything for money because he's created by God to know some how or another that I'm supposed to be blessed, he doesn't even know why that is – because he doesn't know the will of God.

Do you realize that the entire human race knows it is supposed to multiply? It is supposed to do better? It's supposed to have abundance? Everyone is trying to make it better than they had it. Having the abundance isn't the problem, it's the way you get it – that's the problem.

Jesus said I've come so that you might have life and have it more abundantly. I'm not blessed because I'm rich, I'm rich because I'm blessed, I'm not blessed because I'm healed, I'm healed because I'm blessed. See, you got the blessing before the healing, because it's the blessing that got you healed. The healing is in the blessing – you've got to get a hold of this – just let it sit in there for a second.

This is the blessing of the Lord, and it maketh rich and there's no sorrow with it. So, where does sorrow and grief come from? Let's look.

Genesis 3:17 King James Version

17 And unto Adam He (GOD) said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake (or cursed is the ground because of you); in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

Now, right here, you might want to make a note of this. The scriptures say that Jesus bore our griefs and carried out our sorrows. HE was made a curse for us so anything that came in the curse – HE bore it.

Galatians 3:13-14 King James Version

13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

We are redeemed from this!!!

Genesis 3:18-19 King James Version

18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

In other words – you’re going to have to work for a living now, you lose...

19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread,

By the sweat of your brow you're going to earn every bite you get, why? Why was this such a shock? Why was this such a curse? Why did he have to toil for a living now? He was to work before, he was to till the garden and work it, but not by sweat.

When you get anxious don't you sweat? When something is coming down to the wire that's when they say they're "sweating it out".

He had the blessing working in him and his Words were powerful. A faith man, he walked and talked with God and saw everything in the beginning.....so, why is this such a shock?

First, he didn't know what to do. Have you ever felt like that? That garden was probably like farming in cement and he didn't know anything about farming anyway, he had to toil because he had no blessing. He is trying to get his blessing by toiling for it.

So it created the idea, if I can get food I'm blessed. No, you're not blessed because you get the food, you get the food because you're blessed. But, he couldn't do that anymore and so this began the world's affair in ***toiling for a living***.

Praise God we are redeemed from toiling! I didn't say you're redeemed from work though...

Adam wasn't redeemed from work either, he was supposed to work, but he had a different set of tools that didn't make him sweat - no fear of not having enough or going without. He was working on assignment from God and now he was out there trying to feed his family. Now, the ground hates him, the animals hate him, and he doesn't know what he's going to do.

Then one of his boys kills the other one. Things aren't going good for Adam are they? Tell me if that's not a picture of the world today and I'm sad to say that's a picture of the Christian world or at least parts of it. I don't want it to be a picture of anyone in here tonight.

So let's look here in Luke's Gospel chapter 5, this is one of those scriptures where you get right there in the middle of it and go ah hahhhhhh, I see it now! Revelation is the sweetest thing to your spirit.

Luke 5:1-2 King James Version

1 And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret,

2 And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets.

The fisherman were not listening but working hard and washing their nets, they may have overheard something going on but they were focused on their work.

Luke 5:3-4 King James Version

3 And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.

*4 Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, **Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.***

Now this is a statement of faith, anointing always responds to words of faith. Words of faith activate the blessing, puts it into motion in the present circumstance.

Here's the difference between "the anointing" and "the blessing". The anointing works as you minister and as it is needed, the blessing works all the time, 24 hours a day and the anointing is part of the blessing. Because, that's one of the things that removes the curse. The anointing is the burden removing, yoke destroying power of God. So the blessing is out there working for you 24 hours a day.

While you're awake or after you're asleep, when you speak words of faith in a situation the anointing comes forth. The anointing activates the force of the blessing to enforce what we just learned last week – what were they? To replenish, multiply, subdue, are you with me on this?

Genesis 9:2 King James Version

2 And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.

It's important that you understand this because Jesus said ***launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.*** Or better yet, let down your nets for a haul. How many fisherman do we have in here, when is the last time you had a haul?

That's all Jesus had to say. The command has been made...the blessing without measure has been released, things are happening. Now, I want you to listen to what Peter said,

Luke 5:5a King James Version

*5 And Simon answering said unto him, Master, **we have toiled all the night**, ...*

These are the seeds of Abraham and they are supposed to know better than this, but they didn't, no more than today's Christians do. We are the seed of Abraham too and we either don't know it or don't believe it.

Luke 5:5b King James Version

*5...We have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word **I will let down the net.***

Or, nevertheless because you said so. In his mind he's thinking, I know better than that preacher/rabbi knows about fishing, but Peter said I will let down the net. Now, that's not what Jesus said, He didn't say let down the net, He said let down the net(s) - plural.

But Peter is not going to do that. He knows good and well he's not going to get anything, he's been out all night and he's hungry, his wife will be wondering where he's at, she knows he's not supposed to be fishing this time of day. His cell phone didn't work out there on the water either – and that's not a bad thing AMEN?

But out of respect for Jesus, and he did respect him highly, he said because you said so I will let down the net. Now notice, Jesus didn't say anything, HE already said what HE had to say. So why didn't he let down the nets? You don't want to rewash those nets, because if you don't they'll rot on you and if you throw them back in they aren't going to catch anything, so what did he do? He made a toil based decision and he let down an old net that he didn't care if he washed it or not. Now pay attention...

Luke 5:6 King James Version

6 And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.

Now Peter knows he's in trouble – oh God I have tithed an unholy tithe – he knew what he'd done.

Luke 5:7 King James Version

7 And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

Their nets didn't break did they? Now, here's the bottom line on this situation and it is so common in life that we need to meditate on it, and meditate on it, and meditate on it. We need to meditate on it so it will change the decision we make, because we make wrong decisions based on *toiling for a living*.

That's the way you're going to get **your blessing**...you already got your blessing and it's your blessing that will get your living. Turn your income into seed, amen! (All of your time, talent, and treasure into seed to administer to everyone else). That's a whole different way to live altogether, but you have to train at it because you have to learn to trust the blessing (the same blessing that was made to Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac,) you have to learn to trust Jesus, and His authority over the blessing to administer it to you.

Luke 5:7-8 King James Version

7 And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

*8 When Simon Peter saw it, **he fell down at Jesus' knees**,*

Why didn't he fall down at his feet?— because the boat was full of fish! They're slapping him in the face and he didn't catch one of them. All he did was cast but one rotten old net. You're blessing can be piling up all around you and you don't even know it, you don't even know it's there.

When we first moved to Fort Myers in 2002 Zac wanted to find a neighborhood friend. He would constantly say, I want a friend I want a friend. We told him time and time again go over to the neighbor (his backyard touched our backyard) and introduce yourself. But out of fear he didn't. It took one year for him to meet Evan and when he did, bam, best of friends!

Evan lived right under his nose the whole time, but he didn't have faith (faith is the opposite of fear). He feared going to meet him but it wasn't until he stepped out of the boat and the relationship blossomed. God said I will bless you and cause you to prosper in all areas of your life.

The answer to your prayers is right there. The promises of God and His Word has already gone forth and all you have to do is claim them. That's when the anointing comes upon you – is when you activate the blessing.

Zac didn't like the fact that when he came back home after that first day he met Evan that I would be waiting with an "I told you so look". I didn't have to say anything – He knew he should have listened to me.

Peter realized what he had done also...

Luke 5:8-9 King James Version

*8 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, **Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord***

9 For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught (or haul) of the fishes which they had taken:

The blessing from God overtook him and here's the difference between living by the blessing and living by the sweat of your brow.

Toiling drove the fish away, they (the fish) saw the net and they were afraid. They saw the people and they were afraid, they saw the boats and they were afraid. That's the reason they fished at night because this lake was crystal clear and as soon as that net would hit the water the fish would scatter.

Toiling drives away your blessing. You are trying to get blessed by earning it, the blessing is the crown authority over all that flies, swims, walks, creeps or crawls, everything you need will adhere to that blessing and take the sweat off your brow.

When Jesus made his command, they had just long enough for all the fish in the sea to come up there around that boat and when they threw out the net instead of running from it they jumped in it.

If you're looking somewhere else today for your answer, stop – it's right in front of you. Your faith in Jesus Christ is all that you need. You don't need another self help book, another to do list to a better you, The Bkliblible says:

John 15:7 King James Version

7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.