

SERMON SINGLES

Higher Aim with Dr. Curt Dodd

The Power Of A Father's Blessing

Genesis 49:22-26

INTRODUCTION **NOTES** If you are a father, or you hope to be a father someday, God wants you to bless your children. More important than providing for them financially and physically, He wants you as a father to learn how to bless your children. So with that in mind, I want you to think about how you can be honoring and blessing your kids. If you want to bless your children, I encourage you to do each of the things we will talk about in this message. **KEY POINTS** 1. Pick the right time. You and I need to understand that blessing our children is something that happens along the way. It needs to be between when they are old enough to understand, and before you leave this planet. As a father, you don't know how long you have. God has used you to create a family with your spouse. Regardless of how long you live on this planet, you need to make the most of the time. The investment in the lives of your children is critical, and you need to pick the right time to bless them. It should be a conscious effort to bless them. 2. Use the right words. Nothing is more powerful than when you use your words in a metaphor to describe how you feel about your child, the particular child you are trying to bless. Not to mention there are several different types of words you can use to bless your child: words of success, words of stability, words of tenacity, words of confidence, words of strength, and words of remembrance. I pray that you don't miss out on the opportunities you have to use the right words to bless and encourage your children. 3. Reinforce what they already know. Joseph had already endured a life of pain, rejection, redemption, and renewal and was probably in his forties or early fifties by the time we read about Jacob blessing him at the end of his life. You need to remember this, especially if you have older sons and daughters: It is not too late! You and I need to reinforce what our children already know about themselves. You should be applauding them for what they have already accomplished and endured. You should be applauding them for their tenacity that you have seen them accomplish. Reinforce what they already

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4. Speak because you know the power of your words. Do you realize how powerful your words are? Your actions back up your words, but we bless our children with words because they need them. The words of a father stick like glue. I read a study recently that found children are more affected by the parent who has the most power. It has been said that mothers make the greatest impact, but I know some studies indicate that fathers make the greatest impact. Their words can wound, or their words can heal. They can either be a springboard to success or a springboard into defeat. You and I need to know that our words have power.	NOTES
5. Encourage your children to walk with God. Jacob did that with Joseph. He was saying, "God has His hands around you. He is helping you pull the bow back. He has His hand on you." Jacob was encouraging Joseph to keep on walking with God. One of the greatest things you could ever do is to teach your children how to come to faith in Jesus and encourage them to keep on keeping on, in walking with Christ.	
6. Bless them, because if you don't, someone else will. It is important that you realize, if you don't bless your children, God will raise someone else up to bless them. Charles Haddon Spurgeon, the great preacher of yesteryear, related how another man had blessed him as a child. Spurgeon remembered him, putting him up on his lap, blessing him and saying that God was going to use him. This was even before Spurgeon was converted at age 15. The impact of this man on Spurgeon's life was huge. The words that someone else had spoken into his life charted his course for the days to come.	

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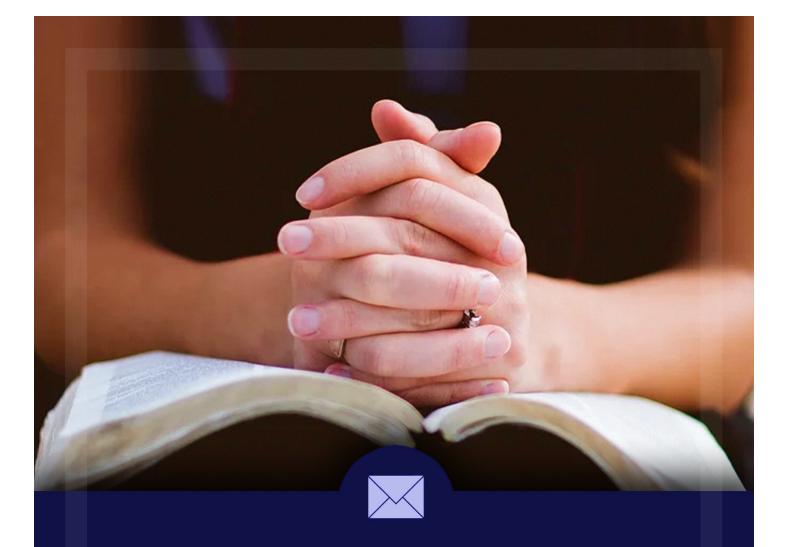
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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- 1. What kind of example did your earthly father set for you? How has that translated to how you live your life today?
- 2. If you are currently a parent, which of the challenges above do you want to start working to improve on?

3.	3. If you are not a parent, how can you reach out and encourage the people who look up to you or who are coming up behind you by using the principles above?	



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