

SERMON: What I Wish Someone Told Me about Blessing SERIES: Blessed to be a Blessing

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Genesis 50:20 NKJV

1. Being a blessing is always met with **RESISTANCE**.

Ephesians 6:12 NKJV For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Luke 12:17-21 NKJV And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' ¹⁸ So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry." ' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' 'So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

2. Being a blessing brings out God's gift of RESILIENCY

Galatians 6:9 NKJV And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

Psalm 92:12 NKJV The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree...

Proverbs 24:15-16 MSG No matter how many times you trip them up, God-loyal people don't stay down long; Soon they're up on their feet...

3. Being a blessing enables you to experience God's **REST**

Hebrews 4:9 NKJV There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. **Genesis 39:21-23 NKJV** But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. ²² And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners who were in the prison; whatever they did there, it was his doing. ²³ The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that was under Joseph's authority, because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made it prosper.

4. Being a blessing sets you up for God's **REWARD**

Hebrews 4:9 MSG The promise of "arrival" and "rest" is still there for God's people **Ephesians 6:8 NKJV** ... knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord

Genesis 41:40-46 NKJV

5. Being a blessing opens your spirit up to God's greater **REVELATION**

Genesis 50:20-25 But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive. ²¹ Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.