

# **THE POWER OF BLESSING:**

*...for to this you were called*

**1 Peter 3:8-12**

**Sunday, June 24, 2018**

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*Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. (1 Peter 3:8-9)*

## **BIBLICAL BACKGROUND**

### **God's Purpose for Blessing**

*Come now, curse this people for me, since they are too mighty for me. Perhaps I shall be able to defeat them and drive them from the land, for I know that he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed...Behold, I have come out to oppose you because your way is perverse before me. (Numbers 22:6,32)*

**Give \_\_\_\_\_.**

*We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. (Romans 15:1-3)*

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*For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith... (Ephesians 3:14-19)*

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*There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. (Proverbs 12:18)*

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*A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit. (Proverbs 15:4)*

**Evoke \_\_\_\_\_.**

*But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. (Hebrews 3:13)*

\_\_\_\_\_ **the gospel.**

*Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:15-16)*

**Next Week in Power of Blessing:** *The Pattern of Blessing*  
(1 Peter 3:10-11; Genesis 25:29-34; Hebrews 12:16-17)

**TRAIN READING PLAN: June 24-30**

-Psalm 72; Romans 7

-Psalm 73; Romans 8

-Psalm 74; Romans 9

-Psalm 75; Romans 10

-Psalm 76; Romans 11

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