

The Blessing

Understanding God's Will for Prosperity

Session 6 –Be Blessing Minded

I. Review

A. **3 John 1:2 (KJV)** – *Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.*

3 John 1:2 (AMP) – *Beloved, I pray that in every way you may succeed and prosper and be in good health [physically], just as [I know] your soul prospers [spiritually]² Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.*

B. Previous Sessions

1. **God's Proclaimed Blessing**

Prosperity is the blessing of God at work in the life of the believer.

2. **What does the Blessing Look Like?**

Increase/multiplication/ abundance/supernatural harvest/accelerated harvest

3. **Renewing your Mind in the Blessing**

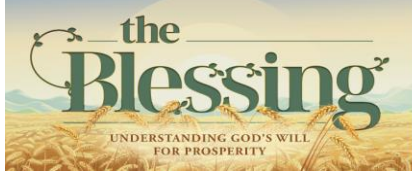
The necessity of possessing right thinking regarding the blessing.

4. **Already Blessed**

God has already proclaimed and released His blessing upon our lives. We do not focus attention on moving heaven, we focus attention on receiving what has already been provided.

5. **Positioned for Blessing**

Although the blessing has already been provided, there are things we do to stay in position for the blessing to flow freely in our life.



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II. Be Blessing Minded

Too many people are "Curse Minded," always expecting the worse to happen. We need to become "Blessing Minded," always expecting God to bless us supernaturally.

A. The first generation of Israelites were "Curse Minded."

They always expected the worst even when God had blessed them repeatedly with some of the greatest miracles ever witnessed.

Numbers 13:27-33 (NKJV) – ²⁷Then they told him, and said: "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. ²⁸Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there. ²⁹The Amalekites dwell in the land of the South; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and along the banks of the Jordan." ³⁰Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it." ³¹But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we." ³²And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature. ³³There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."

1. Regardless of the miracles they had experienced, and the promises God had given, they were MORE "Curse Conscious" than "Blessing Conscious."
2. They had received the blessing of making it through the wilderness, but the supernatural blessing of God was LIMITED to LESS THAN what He had available to them.

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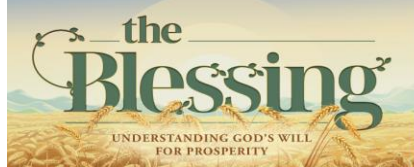
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- *He had more – His intention was for them to go further.*
- *He fully intended for them to enter the promised land.*
- *His plan was to move them from daily provision to abundance.*
- *He could not DO beyond what they THOUGHT or SAID.*
- *Miracles were limited to their mindset and their saying.*
- *God worked for the first generation as far as they would allow Him to go.*

B. God's remedy for the next generation.

How do we allow God to go further with His blessing in our life?

1. **Joshua 1:8 (NKJV)** – *This Book of the Law **shall not depart from your mouth**, but you **shall meditate** in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.*
 - a. **Two necessities to stay blessing conscious.**
 - **Meditating**
 - **Speaking**
 - b. **If your meditation is on the wrong things, your mindset will be off.**
 - c. **They were to meditate on the promises and provision that God had declared to be theirs.** *Through meditating upon these promises of provision, their faith would arise to the level needed to experience the blessing He had for them.*
 - d. **They were to keep His word in their mouth at all times.** *Whenever circumstances speak out against His promises, refuse to agree with them by speaking about them. Speak HIS PROMISE in the face of opposition. This is the key to keeping a "Blessed Mindset" and to experiencing "The Blessing."*
2. **Joshua 1:13 (NKJV)** – *"Remember the word which Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, saying, 'The Lord your God is giving you rest and is giving you this land.'*
 - a. **Remember** = to recall – or call to mind – to mention



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- b. The key to Israel having the right mind toward their blessing was to **RECALL – CALL TO MIND – MENTION** the promises that **God had given them through Moses.**
- c. This is what Joshua and Caleb practiced that set them apart from those who would die prematurely and only experience **LIMITED blessing.**

Numbers 14:6-10 (NKJV) – ⁶But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes; ⁷and they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying: “The land we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land. ⁸If the Lord delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, ‘a land which flows with milk and honey.’ ⁹Only do not rebel against the Lord, nor fear the people of the land, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the Lord is with us. Do not fear them.” ¹⁰And all the congregation said to stone them with stones. Now the glory of the Lord appeared in the tabernacle of meeting before all the children of Israel.

- Joshua and Caleb had a different mindset.
They were “Blessing Minded.”
- Their mindset is revealed to us by what was in their mouth.
“He will bring us into the land and give it to us.”
“The inhabitants of the land are our bread; their protection has departed from them.”
“The Lord is with us, do not fear them.”
- Caleb and Joshua must have been meditating on what God had said. The promises of God were more powerful in their heart than the enemy they saw with their eyes.

C. Practical application for becoming blessing minded.

Don't just become blessing minded – stay blessing minded.

Choose to meditate more on the blessing than the potential issues. In doing so, you will build a “BLESSING MINDSET.”

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1. **Psalm 19:14 (NKJV)** – *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength, and my Redeemer.*

Psalm 19 14 (Brenton Septuagint) – *So shall the sayings of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be pleasing continually before thee, O Lord my helper, and my redeemer.*

Note: *O Lord my helper and my redeemer – reveals that the Psalmist was meditating on and saying the right things about God.*

2. **Psalm 119:15 (NKJV)** – *I will meditate on Your precepts, And contemplate Your ways.*

Psalm 119:15 (HCSB) – *I will meditate on Your precepts and think about Your ways.*

3. **Philippians 4:8 (KJV)** – *Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*

Philippians 4:8 (CEV) – *Finally, my friends, keep your minds on whatever is true, pure, right, holy, friendly, and proper. Don't ever stop thinking about what is truly worthwhile and worthy of praise.*

Philippians 4:8 (GNT) – *In conclusion, my friends, fill your minds with those things that are good and that deserve praise: things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and honorable.*

