

GIVING THE BLESSING

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I. HOW TO GIVE THE BLESSING (B.L.E.S.S.)

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B. - BELIEVE IN THEM

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- 1. Give A Place of Value**
- 2. Give A Place of Belonging**

B. - Believe in Them

L. - LOOK TO THE FUTURE

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- 1. Hopeful Expectations**
- 2. Healthy Expectations**

B. - Believe in Them

L. - Look to the Future

E. - EXPRESS THE BLESSING

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- A blessing that is unexpressed is a blessing that is not given.

1. Express the Blessing with Time

2. Express the Blessing with Trust

3. Express the Blessing with Touch

B. - Believe in Them

L. - Look to the Future

E. - Express the Blessing

S. - SPEAK THE BLESSING

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Proverbs 18:21 The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

1. Words Have Power to Bring Death.

"The evil tongue slays three, the slanderer, the slandered, and the listener."
- Midrash Tehillim

2. Words Have Power to Bring Life.

B. - Believe in Them

L. - Look to the Future

E. - Express the Blessing

S. - Speak the Blessing

S. - SHARE THE BLESSING

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1. **Bless your family.**
2. **Bless your church.**
3. **Bless your enemies.**

Romans 12:14-15 (NLT) Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them. Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep.

Luke 6:27-31 “But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

4. **Bless your world.**

Genesis 12:3 “I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

II. WHAT IF'S...

- A. What if I did not receive the blessing in my life?*
- B. Healing does not come until we start to live a healthy life.*
- C. What if I'm uneasy about giving others a blessing?*
- D. What if we do this?*