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What it Takes to Be Blessed by God

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Matthew 6:5-13

""When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get.

But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.

When you pray, don't babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again."

MATTHEW 6:5-7 | NLT

"Don't be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!

Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy.

May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us today the food we need,

and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us.

And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one. *For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever."

MATTHEW 6:8-13 | NLT & *NKJV

"For your is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever."

MATTHEW 6:13 | NKJV

How to be Blessed by God

1 God blesses people who **seek His kingdom**.

"Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well!"

MATTHEW 6:33 | NIV

"... He will give them to you if you give him first place in your life."

MATTHEW 6:33 | LB

- Whatever I want God to bless, I must put Him first in it.

2 God blesses people who put Him first in ...

F inances _____.

"In everything you do, put God first, and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success."

PROVERBS 3:6 | LB

I nterests _____.

"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

1 CORINTHIANS 10:31 | NIV

"Just as the rich rule the poor, so the borrower is servant to the lender."

PROVERBS 22:7 | NLT

R elationships _____.

"Don't team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness?"

2 CORINTHIANS 6:14 | NLT

S chedule _____.

"Teach us to number our days and recognize how few they are; help us to spend them as we should."

PSALM 90:12 | LB

1. Give God the first part of every day .

2. Give God the first part of day week .

T roubles _____ .

"Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me."

PSALM 50:15 | NIV

NLT = NEW LIVING TRANSLATION, NIV = NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION,
NKJV = NEW KING JAMES VERSION, LB = LIVING BIBLE.

Small Group Questions

- 1** Share one thing that stood out to you in this week's sermon and why?
- 2** Describe a time when someone gave or did something very generous for you (could be money, time, sacrifice of some kind, or act of kindness).
- 3** What are some specific ways that God has blessed your life? What are some areas you feel the Lord might be asking you to bless others (could be money, your time or sacrifice of some sort)?
- 4** Do you truly believe that in giving, more blessings will come? Why or why not?
- 5** How can we be praying for you this week?