

“BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING!”

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INTRO: Does God want to bless you? If so, why and how? What has to change for God to bless you more?

I. WHAT WERE THE BLESSINGS OF ABRAHAM? (Gen. 12:1-3)

“I will make you a great nation; ... I will bless you ... I will... make your name great; ... I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse those who curse you; ...”

II. WHY? “And you shall be a blessing.” “And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

God wanted to bless Abraham so he would bless others!

III. HOW?

1. Be willing to forsake your familiar culture. “Get out of your country, ...”
2. Be willing to put God ahead of your family of origin. “Get out ... from your family And from your father's house,”
3. Be willing to walk by faith. “To a land I will show you.”

IV. THE FAITH OF ABRAHAM (Gen. 15:1-6).

1. They were getting beyond child-bearing age with no kids.
2. They couldn't make the promise happen in the natural.
3. Abraham had to trust God to bring it to pass (Gen. 15:1-6).

V. DON'T PLAY THE VICTIM CARD!

1. Abraham didn't play the victim card but believed God.
2. You can be the victim or the victor, but not both.
3. Playing the victim card is a self-fulfilling prophesy.
4. Playing the victim card is blaming others for your problems while looking to others as your source.
5. Responsibility – the ability to choose your response!
 - A. Who you'll trust, your attitude, perspective & actions.
 - B. Feel-Act-Think vs. Feel-Think-Act
6. You can live out of a Victim or Choice Perspective.
 - A. Life acts on you or you act on life [reactive or proactive].
 - B. Excusing why you're not blessed vs. being a blessing.
7. 1Thess. 4:9-12; 1Tim. 5:8; Eph. 4:28; 2Thess. 3:10

VI. YOU ARE A SON OF ABRAHAM (Gal. 3:6-9, 29) by faith!

VII. GENERATIONAL BLESSINGS PASSED DOWN (Gen. 28:13-14).

CONCLUSION: God wants to bless you to be a blessing!