



TIME FOR A CHANGE: Embrace Your Blessing

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²⁴ The Lord bless you and keep you; ²⁵ the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; ²⁶ the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. ²⁷ So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

Numbers 6:24-27 NIV

What is a Blessing?

A pronouncement of acceptance in the present

“I accept you right now”

A prediction of a favorable future

“I believe greatness lives within you”

Blessing is a Belief

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence.

Jeremiah 17:7 NLT

Many blessings are given to those who trust the Lord and have no confidence in those who are proud or who trust in idols.

Psalms 40:4 TLB

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

Psalms 34:8 NIV

Blessing is a Pronouncement

²⁸ May God give you heaven's dew and earth's richness—an abundance of grain and new wine. ²⁹ May nations serve you and peoples bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers and may the sons of your mother bow down to you. May those who curse you be cursed and those who bless you be blessed."

Genesis 27:28-29 NIV

Blessing Must be Embraced by Faith

²⁰ By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future. ²¹ By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff.

Hebrews 11:20-21 NIV

¹ Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see. ² Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation.

Hebrews 11:1-2 NLT