

The Blessed Life 1

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“The Blessed Life” is simply experiencing the goodness of God in every facet of our lives.

Blessed – a quality of life to be envied

- Marriages to be envied
- Peace to be envied
- Strength to be envied

All this isn't meant to point people to us, but rather the God we serve!

What does the Bible say about God's willingness to bless you, including materially?

It is God's will to bless **all His children**.

Thy will be done on Earth **AS IT IS IN HEAVEN!**

- Do you want **all your children** to prosper?

Poverty isn't a blessing – the Bible calls it **a curse**.

Because of Poverty:

- One child dies in the world every 4 seconds.
- Between 2000 and 2010, 92 million children died due to poverty.
- 92 million is the population of the Philippines.

What does the Bible say about it?

Deuteronomy 7:14 – You shall BE BLESSED ABOVE ALL PEOPLE

Psalm 112:1-3 – ¹ Praise the Lord. **BLESSED** is the man that fears the Lord, which delights greatly in his commandments. ² His children shall be mighty upon the earth. The generation of the upright shall be blessed. ³ **WEALTH AND RICHES** shall be in his house and his righteousness endures forever.

The Bible puts **wealth** and **riches** in the same sentence as **righteousness**.

Proverbs 22:4 – The **reward of humility and the fear of the Lord** are **RICHES**, honor, and life.

Included in God's reward of honor and life are **riches**.

Proverbs 10:22 – It’s the Lord’s blessing that brings wealth and never does it bring trouble as well.

- **Wealth without sorrow**

Proverbs 3:9-10,16 – ⁹ Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your increase or Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income. ¹⁰ So shall your storehouses or barns **BE FILLED WITH PLENTY** and thy presses shall burst with new wine. ¹⁶ Length of days is in her (*WISDOM’S*) right hand and in her left hand **RICHES AND HONOR.**

Giving is connected to **honoring God** and is the pathway to being filled with plenty!

God connects our **blessing** with our **giving**.

Proverbs 8:18-21 – ¹⁸ **I HOLD WEALTH AND HONOR, POSITION AND GOOD FORTUNE**; what I yield is better than the best of gold, what I bring in is better than rare silver. ²⁰ I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment. ²¹ That **I may cause** those that love me to inherit substance or **THAT I MAY ENDOW MY FRIENDS WITH WEALTH AND FILL THEIR TREASURIES.**

God leads us down a path that enables Him to “**Endow his friends with wealth and fill their treasures.**”

Deuteronomy 28:11-13 - ¹¹ And the Lord shall **make you plenteous in goods . . .**
¹² The Lord shall open unto you his **GOOD TREASURE**, the heaven to give the rain unto your land in his season and **TO BLESS ALL THE WORK OF YOUR HAND AND YOU SHALL LEND TO MANY NATIONS AND YOU SHALT NOT BORROW.** ¹³ And the Lord shall make you **the head and not the tail** and you shall be **above ONLY** and you shall not be beneath, If you will listen to and obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day to observe and to do them.

Psalm 35:27 – Let them shout for joy and be glad, that **favor my righteous cause**: yes, let **them SAY CONTINUALLY**, let the Lord be magnified, which **HAS PLEASURE IN THE PROSPERITY OF HIS SERVANTS.**

Luke 6:38 - Give away your life; you’ll find life given back, but not merely given back—given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity. *Message Bible*