

During this series, we’re not only establishing a biblical foundation for the Spoken Blessing, but we also discovered that prayer and the spoken blessing are two power tools that work together as we bless like Jesus. Last week we gained an understanding of the Redemptive Power of the Blessing. We are overwhelmed by God’s love for us that He would allow Jesus Christ the firstborn to take our sin upon Himself and give us the firstborn blessing of life and the promised Holy Spirit! So, I’m sure you are ready to know how to “Bless Likes Jesus.”

### “How to Bless Like Jesus”

#### 1) Bless By Faith.

**Hebrews 11:20-21** **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.

The Blessing must be spoken in Faith, like prayer, believing that God can cause the blessing to be fruitful. You need to have faith for blessings just like you have faith for prayer.

- “A Prayer must be prayed for it to work.” If you don’t pray and believe, prayer doesn’t work.
- “A Blessing must be spoken for it to work.” If you don’t bless and believe, the blessing won’t work.

Not all the sick people you pray for will get well, but none of the people will get well through your prayers if you don’t pray for them. Increased prayer increases the amount of healing you will see. The same applies for blessings; increased blessings spoken in faith will result in more people getting blessed.

- **Faith Sees the Potential.**

By faith Jesus related to people on the basis of the potential He saw in their lives. He called His unsaved, untrained disciples the **“salt of the earth”** and the **“light of the world.”** (Matt. 5:13-14) He saw what they would become through the Word that He spoke to them.

**EX:** “Eyes of Faith” Green House / National Marriage Ministry

- **Jesus Saw Peter’s Potential.**

Even as Jesus told Peter that he would deny Christ three times, Jesus added, **“But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back,** (returned to me) **strengthen your brothers.”** Luke 22:32

Notice Jesus said **when you have turned back**, not if you turn back, or maybe if you return to me. Through faith and prayer Jesus believed that Peter would make it. Jesus saw him through eyes of faith!

**EX:** Marissa, I bless you that, like Abigail; you will not only be beautiful to look upon but that you will also be a woman of understanding. (1 Samuel 25:3)

#### 2) Use the High Priestly Blessing as an Example.

**Numbers 6:22-27** **The LORD said to Moses, 23 “Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:**  
**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.”**

**The Three Part Blessing –1) Protection, 2) Favor and Grace, and 3) Peace**

**PART 1) PROTECTION** **The LORD bless you and keep you;**

- “The Lord bless you”... an acknowledgment that the blessing comes from the Lord.
- “Keep you” ... God’s care and protection from the evils of this world.

**EX:** (Tyler) May God’s guardian Angels protect you and keep you safe. May the Lord God be a sun and a shield to you. May He give you grace and glory and may He not withhold any good thing from you. (Psalm 84:11)

Bless *your family* with God’s Divine Protection. Kids at School, Spouse at Work, Auto travel, etc. Bless *others* with God’s Divine Protection.

**PART 2) FAVOR AND GRACE** The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you;

- The face of God is the personality and character of God.
  - His face upon you expresses His love and favor for you. In Psalms David prayed;  
**Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love. Psalms 31:16**
- God turning His face away was an expression of disfavor and chastisement.
- ... **And be gracious to you.** Grace- God’s unmerited favor and enabling power.

Bless your family and others with God’s Favor and Grace.

**PART 3) PEACE** The LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

The Lord lifts up his countenance upon you, His face, and His manifest presence, which results in peace.

**John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.**

Bless others with God’s Peace.

- **God Said, I Will Bless Them.** Numbers 6:27 “So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.” You must believe that God will cause the blessing to come about. You are a Royal Priesthood (1 Peter 2:9a) so do what God told these Priests to do and begin to speak this blessing upon others and believe that God will cause the blessing to come about.

**3) Desire God’s Highest and Best for the Ones You are Blessing.**

David Prayed for and Blessed Jerusalem.

**Psalms 122:6-9 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May those who love you be secure.**

**7 May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels. ”**

**8 For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, “Peace be within you.”**

**9 For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your prosperity.** (Good and Best)

- What **GOOD Do You Desire** for the One Being Blessed? For your children? Your spouse? Your family? Your Church? Speak what **GOOD THINGS you desire** for the one being blessed as a blessing over them. **EX:** Baby Dedication
- What **GOOD Does God Desire** for the One Being Blessed?  
Research the scripture and begin to declare the Word of God as a Blessing.

**EX:** Bradley you have stated that your favorite Bible verse is Matthew 5:16 “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

I bless you to be a light to the world. A city that is set on a hill which cannot be hidden.

May you always let your light shine before men.

**Next Step: I will begin to formulate a spoken blessing for my family, friends, and church.**

- Attitudes Affect The Blessings. Genesis 27:2-4 Isaac (to Esau) said, “I am now an old man and don’t know the day of my death. 3 Now then, get your equipment—your quiver and bow—and go out to the open country to hunt some wild game for me. 4 Prepare me the kind of tasty food I like and bring it to me to eat, so that I may give you my blessing before I die.”  
Genesis 27:25 (Issac to Jacob) Then he said, “My son, bring me some of your game to eat, so that I may give you my blessing.”

You don't want a "Hangry" person speaking a blessing over you! You want them filled and blessed. You see, when you have been given to, fed and blessed, you want to give and bless others.

**ILL:** The Brain PBS – Parole Board pre-lunch vs after lunch. Fesh and generous or tired and bitter.

**EX:** A lady in our church once shared about what a blessing the Church had been to her, especially the Sikes. After 13 years of living in this area she said that no church had cared for her and her family the way Believers Church did. She made the statement, "This makes me WANT to pour into the church."

- Bad attitudes can hinder speaking the blessing.

We will look at this in more detail next week, but Jesus tells us to bless, even our enemies.

You need to bless with the right attitude; therefore, you may need to work through some things before you are able to speak a blessing on your enemy. Blessings cannot come from a critical attitude or a heart full of anger. **EX:** Fiddler on the Roof – A Blessing for the ZAR

When it comes to blessing your enemies, you must understand that they are of "High Value" to God. Lost People Matter to God. While we were still sinners Christ Jesus died for us.

- Bad attitudes can hinder receiving the blessing.

**EX:** David and his wife Michal.

**2 Samuel 6:20-23** When David returned home to bless his household, Michal daughter of Saul came out to meet him and said, "How the king of Israel has distinguished himself today, going around half-naked in full view of the slave girls of his servants as any vulgar fellow would!"

**21** David said to Michal, "It was before the LORD, who chose me rather than your father or anyone from his house when he appointed me ruler over the LORD's people Israel—I will celebrate before the LORD. **22** I will become even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes. But by these slave girls you spoke of, I will be held in honor."

**23** And Michal daughter of Saul had no children to the day of her death.

**4) Laying on of Hands.** (Desired, but not a legalist law.) **EX:** Blessed over a phone.

In Genesis 48, Joseph drew his two sons very close to his father, Jacob, so that he could lay his hands on the boys and bless them. That's how Jesus blessed the children too.

**Mark 10:16** And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

The laying on of the hands is especially important as we bless our children. They should be taught that as we lay our hands upon them, they should expect God to impart favor to them.

**EX:** My Grandmother Owens, before she died, called all of her children and grandchildren to her bedside and laid her hands upon each of them and blessed them. (EX: Uncle David)

**NOTE:** Your hands should represent blessings to your children. Be careful spanking your children with your bare hand. You don't want them to fear your hand, you want them to fear the rod or paddle.

**Next Step: Ask your parents to bless you or an older brother or sister if parents have passed away. Ask in faith and receive the blessing in faith.**

## 5) The Spoken Blessing.

In the Scripture a blessing becomes so only when it is spoken. The spoken blessing is more than just speaking encouraging words. In **Numbers 6:22-27** we see that God expected Aaron and his sons to speak the blessing over the people and as they invoked (engaged, put into action, the life that flows from the name of God) His name, He (God) would be present in the blessing to impart blessings to them.

**"And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them."**

- God "spoke", and the world came into being. **Genesis 1:3**
- God's Word became flesh to communicate His love and to complete His plan of Salvation. **Jn 1:14**

- Abraham spoke his blessing to his son Isaac. Isaac spoke a blessing to his son Jacob. And Jacob gave a verbal blessing to his twelve sons.
- Jesus spoke blessings to children and His followers. He even blessed as He ascended to heaven.

***Is the spoken word really that powerful?*** In **James 3**, three pictures are painted of the tongue.

1) A bit that controls a horse, 2) a rudder that directs a ship, and 3) a fire that can harm and destroy. Words have incredible power to build us up or tear us down emotionally.

**ILL:** Don't you sometimes wish that the old children's chant was true?

***"Sticks and stones may break my bones, but word will never hurt me."*** Words do hurt.

**The absence of negative words does not translate into a blessing!** Good words are necessary!

**Proverbs 3:27 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act.**

Don't withhold the spoken blessing when it is within your power to speak it. Tomorrow may be too late.

**Always remember that as you begin to speak blessings.... God will be present to bless!**

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**Try it! Do it in Faith! See if it works!**

## **Baptism Invitation**

**Romans 10:8-10 But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: 9 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.**

**"Confess with your mouth."** A person believes the Word and **speaks life over himself** by confessing that Jesus is Lord. What he speaks in faith becomes a reality in his life.

I can't think of a better way to Speak with your Mouth that Jesus is your Lord than PUBLIC BAPTISM!

I can't think of a better way to bring a blessing upon yourself than obey Jesus and be baptized!