"How to Bless Like Jesus"

 1) Bless By Hebrews 11:20-21 "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.
 Faith Sees The Matt. 5:13-14 Jesus Saw Potential Luke 22:32 God Said, I Bless Num 6:27 / (1 Peter 2:9a)
2) Use the High Priestly Blessing as an Example Num 6:22-27
The Three Part Blessing −1) Protection, 2) Favor and Grace, and 3) Peace
PART 1) The LORD bless you and keep you;
PART 2) AND The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; Ps 31: PART 3) PEACE The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. / John 14:27
3) Desire Gods and For the Ones You are Blessing Ps 122:6-9
Next Step: I will begin to formulate a spoken blessing for my family, friends, and church.
 Attitudes Affect The Blessings Gen 27:2-4 (To Esau) / Gen 27:25 Bad attitudes can hinder speaking the blessing. Bad attitudes can hinder receiving the blessing. 2 Sam 6:20-23
4) Laying on of (Desired, but not a legalist law.) Genesis 48 Joseph drew his two sons very close to his father, Jacob, so that he could lay his hands on the bown hark 10:16 Jesus took the children in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.
Next Step: Ask your parents to bless you. Or an older brother or sister if parents have passe away. Ask in faith and receive the blessing in faith.
 The Blessing In Scripture a blessing becomes so only when it is spoken. Numbers 6:22- God "spoke" and the world came into being. Gensis 1:3 God's Word became flesh to communicate His love and to complete His plan of Salvation. John 1:14 Abraham spoke his blessing to his son Isaac. Isaac spoke a blessing to his son Jacob. Jacob gave a verbal blessing to his twelve sons. Jesus spoke blessings upon children and His followers. He was speaking as he ascended to heaven.

The absence of negative words does not translate into a blessing! Good words are necessary! Proverbs 3:27 Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act. (NIV)

Life Group and Family Devotional Questions

- 1. Give an example of speaking a blessing over someone, in faith, looking to their potential. Has anyone ever spoken a blessing over you, concerning your potential? (i.e. you weren't there yet.)
- 2. Pastor Scott said, "Attitudes Effect the Blessings." Can you give an example of when your bad attitude hindered your being able to speak a heartfelt true blessing on someone?
- 3. Can you give an example of when your or someone else's bad attitude hindered you or them from receiving a blessing?
- 4. Why do you think that the laying on of hands is an important element in the spoken blessing?
- 5. Why does a blessing over an individual need to be spoken if you can pray a silent prayer?

Answers: Faith / Potential / Peter's / Will - Them / Protection / Favor - Grace / Highest - Best / Hands / Spoken