



## YOUR WORDS ARE POWERFUL!

What God says about what you say

IN Favor video teaching series

### #16a. "BLESSING" —God blesses us

The term "blessing" may refer to:

- The actual words spoken: *"Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it."*
- The act by which a blessing is given: *"We are going to be blessing our city as we pray."*
- The specific gift conferred: *"Sent off by the believers with the blessing of peace."*

There are two primary words for "blessing" in the Bible. In the OT, the Hebrew verb "to bless" is בָּרַךְ (*barak*), and its noun form, "blessing," is בְּרָכָה (*berakah*). In the NT, the equivalent Greek verb "to bless" is εὐλογέω (*eulogeo*), and its noun form, "blessing," is εὐλογία (*eulogia*). The terms can mean to bestow favor, goodness, prosperity and well-being; they occur in greetings and congratulations; and they are used when worshiping, thanking, or praising God in acknowledgment of his provision.

*Psalm 112:1 Blessed is the man who fears the LORD. (See also Psalm 128:1, 4; Proverbs 28:14)*



*Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ (NAS)*

*Genesis 32:26 Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."*

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

*Luke 24:51 While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven.*

Blessings are spiritual and material benefits given by God to be enjoyed. Dictionary of Bible Themes

To bless means to grant prosperity or well-being, and God is generally the subject, bestowing physical and spiritual grace upon man in the form of long life, affluence, and power. ISBE

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love. Robert Robertson

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