



YOUR WORDS ARE POWERFUL!

What God says about what you say

IN Favor video teaching series

#16b. "BLESSING" —We bless others

When God is doing the blessing, he is giving the gifts; when we bless someone, we are asking God to do it.

Numbers 6:24 "The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵ the LORD make his face shine upon 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.

Hebrews 11:20 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.



Appearing in the Bible are blessings that confer: God's favor; life, health, longevity; land, prosperity, increase; honor, victory, power; grace, peace, mercy; satisfaction, salvation; comfort, rest; safety, security; the law; rain; fertility for humans, animals and produce; crowns, reward; goods and authority to children; and more! (See Deuteronomy 28:1-13) In Genesis 27:27-40, Isaac's blessing was irrevocable!

Psalms 129:8 "The blessing of the LORD be upon you; we bless you in the name of the LORD"

Ruth 2:4 Just then Boaz arrived from Bethlehem and greeted the harvesters, "The LORD be with you!" "The LORD bless you!" they called back.

The *EDB* defines blessing as "a performative utterance, or speech act, that brings good upon someone or something." There was a "close relationship between word and fact in the ancient Near East whereby making a statement establishes the fact."

You don't have the power to make rainbows or waterfalls, sunsets or roses, but you do have the power to bless people by your words and smiles. You carry within you the power to make the world better. *Sharon G. Larsen*

There are people in your path just so you can be a blessing to them. Anytime you do good for others, you are sowing a seed for God to be good to you. *Joel Osteen*

THINK ABOUT IT ...



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