



Come to Jesus (Part 3)

Blessed To Be A Blessing

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SERIES TEXT: “Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? COME TO ME. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me – watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.” - Jesus, Matthew 11:28-30 MSG

SERIES BIG IDEA: Come to Jesus.

Generous hands are blessed hands because they give bread to the poor. Proverbs 22:9

FIVE ADDITIONAL WAYS YOU ARE BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (NLT)

- (6) Remember this – a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants GENEROUSLY will get a GENEROUS crop.
- (7) You must each make up your own mind as to how much you should GIVE. Don’t GIVE reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves a person who GIVES CHEERFULLY.
- (8) And God will GENEROUSLY provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to SHARE WITH OTHERS.
- (9) As the Scriptures say, “Godly people GIVE GENEROUSLY TO THE POOR. Their GOOD DEEDS will never be forgotten.”
- (10) For God is the one who gives seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will give you many opportunities to do good, and he will produce a great harvest of GENEROSITY in *you*.
- (11) Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can GIVE EVEN MORE GENEROUSLY. And when we take your GIFTS to those who need them, they will break out in thanksgiving to God.
- (12) So two good things will happen – the needs of the Christians in Jerusalem will be met, and they will JOYFULLY express their thanksgiving to God.
- (13) You will be glorifying God through your GENEROUS GIFTS. For your GENEROSITY to them will prove that you are obedient to THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRIST.
- (14) And they will pray for you with deep affection because of THE WONDERFUL GRACE GOD SHOWN THROUGH YOU.
- (15) THANK GOD FOR HIS SON – A GIFT too wonderful for words!

I. GIVING MEETS PEOPLE’S NEEDS

- ... helping meet the bare NEEDS of poor Christians. (v.12a MSG)
- “I wanted to say thanks for creating such lovely spaces on our block. Calvary has blessed us... You’ve created such lovely spaces for our dogs. And I always enjoy the landscaping and the care taken.”
- Calvary’s Neighbor
- *Blessed To Be a Blessing 101*: Generosity blesses others and supplies the needs of God’s people.
- Who can you offer a helping hand to this week? _____

II. GIVING INSPIRES OTHERS

- ... they will JOYFULLY express their thanksgiving to God. You will be glorifying God through your GENEROUS GIFTS. (vv. 12b-13a)
- *Blessed To Be a Blessing 101*: Generosity *inspires an outpouring of praises and thanksgiving to God* himself (v. 12b TPT)
- “Raise your standard of giving rather than your standard of living.”
- What is something you can give this week that will inspire thanksgiving in others?

III. **GIVING IS PROOF OF YOUR FAITH**

- ... For your GENEROSITY to them and to all believers will PROVE that you are obedient to THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRIST. (v. 13b)
 - How do you PROVE to others you're a Jesus follower?
 - TIP: Testify In Practical ways
 - Generosity is: 1) A testimony of SURRENDER, 2) A testimony of TRUST and 3) A testimony of OBEDIENCE
 - *Blessed To Be a Blessing 101*: Be generous with your testimony.
 - Who is someone you can share your testimony and turnaround story with this week?
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IV. **GIVING MAKES YOU A STAKHOLDER IN THE CHURCH**

- Scripture affirms "your GENEROSITY IN SHARING with them and with everyone else." (v. 13b NIV)
- *Blessed To Be a Blessing 101*: In the same way you share in both the bills *and* the benefits when sharing a home, by sharing in the needs of Calvary you will also reap the blessings of a growing Church community.
- Your Stakeholder Dollars at Work (from 2019 - 2024): 49 Water Baptisms, 41 New Members, 154 First-Time Donors, 305 New Disciples (Salvation Decisions), 2000+ JLS Homeless Hope Bags Distributed

V. **GIVING IS A RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFT TO YOU**

- THANK GOD FOR HIS SON – A GIFT too wonderful for words! (v. 15)
 - *Blessed To Be a Blessing 101*: Jesus loves Seattle, SO WE LOVE SEATTLE.
 - Generous hands are blessed hands because they give bread to the poor. Proverbs 22:9 MSG
 - What is something you can do to be generous with your time this week?
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- What is something you can do to be generous with your talent this week?
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- What is something you can do to be generous with your treasure this week?
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Salvation Prayer:

Dear Jesus, I repent of my sin. Please be my Savior and Lord. In Jesus' Name, Amen

