

Crossover Ministries Scriptures from 8/19/07 Sermon

“Blessed to Bless Others” Living the Pattern to Meet Our Needs

Why was Jesus blessed—(His every need met)?

- **Was it because He was the Son of God**
- **Was it to fulfill Scripture**
- **Was it because He was Divine**

John 10:10b (NIV)

10 ...I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

- **Jesus was blessed, His every need met because He was concerned for others, not for Himself**

John 10:11 (NIV)

11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

- **He sets the pattern to live blessed:**

Psalms 37:25 (NIV)

25 I was young and now I am old yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.

Proverbs 11:25 (NLT)

25The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.

Proverbs 21:21 (NASB)

21 He who pursues righteousness and loyalty finds life, righteousness and honor.

Your Concern Locks or Unlocks the Blessing Flow.

Luke 12:16-21 (MSG)

16-19 Then he told them this story: “The farm of a certain rich man produced a terrific crop. He talked to himself: “What can I do? My barn isn’t big enough for this harvest.’ Then he said, ‘Here’s what I’ll do: I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I’ll gather in all my grain and goods, and I’ll say to myself, Self, you’ve done well! You’ve got it made and can now retire. Take it easy and have the time of your life!’

20 Just then God showed up and said, ‘Fool! Tonight you die. And your barnful of goods—who gets it?

21 “That’s what happens when you fill your barn with Self and not with God.”

- **When our concern is for ourselves we can’t be blessed because we are outside the Will/pattern of God**

Luke 18:35-42 (MSG)

35-37 He came to the outskirts of Jericho. A blind man was sitting beside the road asking for handouts. When he heard the rustle of the crowd, he asked what was going on. They told him, “Jesus the Nazarene is going by.”

38 He yelled, "Jesus! Son of David! Mercy, have mercy on me!"
39 Those ahead of Jesus told the man to shut up, but he yelled all the louder,
"Son of David! Mercy, have mercy on me!"
40 Jesus stopped and ordered him to be brought over. When he had come near,
Jesus asked, "What do you want from me?"
41 He said, "Master, I want to see again."
42-43 Jesus said, "Go ahead—see again! Your faith has saved and healed you!"
The healing was instant: He looked up, seeing—and then followed Jesus, glorifying God.
Everyone in the street joined in, shouting praise to God.

- **When we are concerned merely for ourselves we are blind to see past our circumstance.**
- **We will never see clearly until we care about others and embrace Christ into our life**
- **This is the pattern we are to live if we wish our needs to be met**
- Ref: Mark 10:46-52

Greatness in the Pattern!

Matthew 20:25-28 (NIV)

25 Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 26 Not so with you, Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Conclusion: In the Pattern, There is Nothing We Can't Do!

Genesis 11:1-9 (NIV)

1 Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. 2 As men moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.

3 They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. 4 Then they said, "Come, let us build for ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth."

5 But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower that the men were building. 6 The Lord said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. 7 Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other."

8 So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. 9 That is why it was called Babel—because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth.