



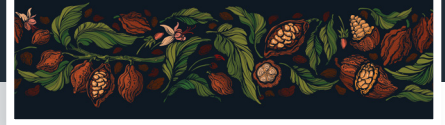
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## Blessed

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### I. INTRO

A. Fill in the blank

**John 13:15-17a (NKJV) For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you \_\_\_\_\_**

B. Blessed

- **Websters**

- Religious use

- consecrated; sacred; holy; sanctified: worthy of adoration, reverence, or worship:

- **Greek:**

- **Blessed** – ("become long, large") – when God *extends* His *benefits*

- "blessed" describes a believer in an *enviable* ("fortunate") position from receiving *God's provisions (favor)* – which (literally) *extend* ("make long, large") His grace (benefits).

- Supremely blessed; by extension, fortunate, well off—blessed, happy, happier.

**Proverbs 10:22 (NKJV) The blessing of the Lord makes *one* rich, And He adds no sorrow with it.**

**Psalms 68:19 (NKJV) Blessed *be* the Lord, *Who* daily loads us *with benefits*, The God of our salvation! Selah**

C. Fruit loops

- **The question isn't what you're blessed with or how much or little you have – it's ... what are you going to do with what you've been blessed with.**

### II. SEED+TIME=HARVEST

A. This is how the Kingdom of God operates

**Mark 4:26-27 (NLT) Jesus also said, "The Kingdom of God is like a farmer who scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, while he's asleep or awake, the seed sprouts and grows, but he does not understand how it happens."**

B. If you follow the process you'll get a harvest

**Mark 4:28-29 (NLT) The earth produces the crops on its own. First a leaf blade pushes through, then the heads of wheat are formed, and finally the grain ripens. And as soon as the grain is ready, the farmer comes and harvests it with a sickle, for the harvest time has come."**

C. Your harvest is dependent on the seeds you plant



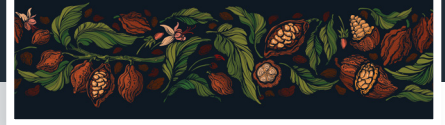
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**Galatians 6:7-9 (NLT)** Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

- The earth doesn't know the difference between good and bad seed

### III. WHICH SIDE OF THE HARVEST DO YOU WANT TO BE ON?

A. Jesus gave us an example of how to live a blessed life

**John 13:16-17a (NKJV)** For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you \_\_\_\_\_

**John 13:17 (NKJV)** If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

B. Jesus left us an example that hinges on two things

- Knowing
- Doing

C. The false blessing

**James 1:22-25 (NKJV)** But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

### IV. YOU WHO CALL ME LORD

A. Jesus asked this question

**Luke 6:46 (NKJV)** "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?"

**Luke 6:27-28 (NKJV)** "But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you.

B. Not only do you reap WHAT you sow, you reap MORE than you sow

**Luke 6:37-38 (NKJV)** "Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

C. Which side of this principle do you want to live on?