

Double Blessing- April 30, 2023

Sermon Recap

This week, Pastor Chuck covered the first two habits of a highly blessed person: obedience, and sensitivity to the leading of the Holy Spirit. God wants to take us to a high place of blessing; this is found when we are committed to Jesus as our Savior and obey His word from the heart. God's blessings are conditional upon you being obedient to the Lord.

Getting to Know You

Recall a time when you were unexpectedly blessed (Chuck's example was when he paid for the wealthy New York women's meal at Carnegie Deli). Recall the joy you felt through that blessing. Share that experience with your group.

Digging Deeper

In which area(s) has the Holy Spirit convicted you to be more obedient? (Example: Pastor Chuck gave the example of tithing)

These are the 17 blessings Moses described in Deuteronomy 28:1-13 for all those who fully obey God and keep his commands:

1. Your Towns = your city
2. Your Fields = your place of work
3. Your Children
4. Your Crops = your production
5. Your Flocks
6. Your Herds
7. Your Fruit Baskets = your food pantry
8. Your Breadboards = your cooking (bread bowl prop)
9. Wherever you go
10. Whatever you do
11. Conquer your enemies whenever they attack you = spiritual warfare
12. Your Storehouses will be filled with Grain = your investments
13. Bless you in the Land = unique place you're in
14. Bless you with Prosperity
15. Bless with rain at the proper time = you'll have enough
16. Bless all the work you do
17. You will lend and not need to borrow

Of the 17 blessings listed, which one(s) have you recently prayed most for? Which are you most excited to receive?

Of the 17 blessings listed, which have you felt most blessed in?

Pastor Chuck described "leaping for joy" at our blessings. Is this easy for you? Are you willing to outwardly show your gratitude for your blessings?

Prayer Time

Ask God to reveal areas in your life that lack obedience. Tell Him you want the many blessings He desires to pour out onto your life. If you haven't been living for Him, nor following his commandments, ask to be transformed by the blood of Jesus Christ. Ask God for forgiveness and He will give it.

Action Item

This week, meditate on this Psalm and ask God to help you be obedient to His word and to be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Psalms 119:1-2:

"Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the LORD. Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek Him with all their heart."

