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Identity Check Up: I Am Blessed — Attitudes

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Wrong thinking leads to diminished living. In this series we are going to look at the fundamental truths of who we are in Christ (Col. 2:10) and seek to expose wrong thinking and replace it with the truth. A life properly founded on Christ explodes with purpose and power.

I am Forgiven: I am fully forgiven of all my sins and set free from guilt, shame and condemnation. This is not based on my efforts, but on Jesus' performance, death and resurrection on my behalf.

I am Delivered: I am no longer under the power of sin or the devil. I have authority over all the power of the enemy. Jesus leads me in triumph.

I am Healed: my body is no longer a slave to sin which leads to death, but a slave to righteousness which leads to life!

I am Blessed: I am no longer cursed. Jesus has reversed the curse and empowers me to live a blessed life as I trust & obey His Word and His Spirit.

What happened when sin entered the world?

1. Man was separated from God. Man's spirit died.
2. The devil gained ruling rights to this world.
3. All of creation fell under the curse of sin leading to death.

We were cursed...now we are Blessed!

Galatians 3:13-14 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us.

Our new identity is Christ

We are no longer identified with our past, our failures, our sin, our limits, our poverty, our depravity...we are in Christ, therefore, we are identified with his identity!

What is the path from poverty to prosperity?

It is aligning ourselves with the attitudes and practices God reveals to us in scripture.

Our main resources are 1. Time 2. Talent (abilities) 3. Treasure (money)

Jesus said that where our time, energy and money go reflect the attitudes of our hearts.

Matthew 6:21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Attitude #1: Everything belongs to God.

Mindset: Stewardship, not Ownership

Test: Faithfulness

Psalm 24:1 The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it
God is the owner. I am a steward.

The test is one of faithfulness. Will I do what God wants me to do with His resources?

As you are faithful to use His resources as He directs, He entrusts you with more.

Attitude #2: God is the source of everything that I need.

Mindset: Resting, not Striving

Test: Trust

John 6:35 Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

John 15:5 If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

Attitude #3: Life is not about things & self, but about the kingdom of God.

Mindset: Kingdom of God, not Kingdom of Me

Test: Priority

Matthew 6:33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Mark 8:35 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.

Life Group Discussion Questions:

1. How strongly do I believe that everything belongs to God?
2. Am I trusting in God as provider or do I tend to look to myself to provide?
3. Do I feel pressure or stress or am I resting and trusting in God to lead me and provide for me?
4. How much of what I do, invest in and spend on is about me, myself and I compared to advancing the kingdom of God? Is the focus of my life seeking first the kingdom of God or of me?
5. Do I give more or do I tend to get more? Am I generous or stingy? Am I a blessing to others or am I looking to get from others? Do I see the joy in giving my time, energy and money to help others or do I see this as a burden?
6. Based on these attitudes...

Meditation Verses for “I am Blessed — Attitudes”

Monday

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

Tuesday

2 Peter 1:3-4 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

Wednesday

1 Corinthians 1:7 Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.

Thursday

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Friday

2 Corinthians 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

Saturday

Romans 10:12 For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him.