

LOGF NOTES 03.11.18

Identity Check Up: I Am Blessed — Practices

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Attitude #1: Everything belongs to God.

Test: Faithfulness

Psalm 24:1 The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it

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

Test: Trust

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 about the kingdom of God.

Test: Priority

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

Applied Truth Brings Blessing & Attracts More Truth. Truth Received Begets More Truth. Neglected Truth Losses Blessing & Shuts Off More Truth. Truth Ignored Repels More Truth.

Mark 4:25 Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him.

Mark 4:24 Consider carefully what you hear...with the measure you use, it will be measured to you—and even more.

What practices has God laid out for us in order to experience his blessing?

Practice #1: Bring the Tithe

This reverses the curse of poverty. This places our trust in God, not in money.

Malachi 3:8-10 “Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. “But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’ “In tithes and offerings. ⁹You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. ¹⁰Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

Practice #2: Give Offerings

Leverage the law of sowing in your favor.

2 Corinthians 9:6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

Proverbs 11:25 A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

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Proverbs 22:1 A good name is to be more desired than great wealth, favor is better than silver or gold.

Practice #3: Work Hard

This blesses you with a good name and brings honor to God.

Proverbs 10:4 Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth.

Colossians 3:23-24 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord

Proverbs 14:23 All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.

Practice #4: Save

This exponentially increases your capacity to impact.

Proverbs 13:11 Whoever gathers money little by little makes it grow.

Proverbs 21:20 The wise store up choice food and olive oil, but fools gulp theirs down.

Proverbs 30:25 Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer

Practice #5: Avoid Debt & Cosigning.

We are called to be free, not slaves.

Proverbs 22:7 The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender.

Romans 13:8 Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another.

1 Corinthians 7:23 You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of human beings.

Practice #6: Leave a Legacy

Proverbs 13:22 A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children, but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous.

Life Group Discussion

1. What does money mean to you? What does money represent to you?
2. Which of the practices would you consider your strongest? Weakest?
3. Tell a story of when you were blessed or you were a blessing to someone else through giving.
4. Why is debt like being in slavery? How can we stay out of debt?
5. Do you have any savings? An emergency fund? Are you willing to establish this practice in your life? What steps can you take to accomplish this?

Meditation Verses for “I am Blessed — Practices”

Monday

Proverbs 3:9-10 Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

Tuesday

Proverbs 8:17-18, 35-36 I love those who love me (wisdom—Jesus), and those who seek me find me. With me are riches and honor, enduring wealth and prosperity....For whoever finds me finds life and receives favor from the LORD. But whoever fails to find me harms himself; all who hate me love death.

Wednesday

Proverbs 14:23 All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.

Thursday

Romans 13:8 Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another.

Friday

Proverbs 21:20 The wise store up choice food and olive oil, but fools gulp theirs down.

Proverbs 10:4 Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth.

Saturday

Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.