



# The Power of Blessing

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## Luke 6:27-29

**27** “But to you who are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you.

**28** *Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you.*

**29** If someone slaps you on one cheek, offer the other cheek also. If someone demands your coat, offer your shirt also.

Luke 6:30-32

**30** *Give to anyone who asks; and when things are taken away from you, don't try to get them back.*

**31** Do to others as you would like them to do to you.

**32** “If you love only those who love you, why should you get credit for that? Even sinners love those who love them!

## Luke 6:33-34

**33** And if you do good only to those who do good to you, why should you get credit? Even sinners do that much!

**34** And if you lend money only to those who can repay you, why should you get credit? Even sinners will lend to other sinners for a full return.

## Luke 6:35-37

**35** “Love your enemies! Do good to them. Lend to them without expecting to be repaid.

Then your reward from heaven will be very great, and you will truly be acting as children of the Most High, ***for he is kind to those who are unthankful and wicked.***

**36** You must be compassionate, just as your Father is compassionate.

**37** “Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn others, or it will all come back against you. ***Forgive others, and you will be forgiven.***

## **Pray**

**For those who hurt you,  
bless those who curse you**

## **Love**

**your enemies, for He is kind to those  
who are unthankful and wicked.**

## **Give**

**to anyone who asks; and when  
things are taken away from you,  
don't try to get them back.**

## **Forgive**

**others, and you will be forgiven.**



# To Bless is Hard

Because

It is completely unjust and undeserved

Because

They didn't believe they were wrong and never asked for forgiveness

Because

My own victim's mentality

Because

I need an audience



# Two Stories



# Reasons to Bless My Enemies

**Because the central mission of the church and the perfect reflection of God's own character is reconciliation. When I bless the one who doesn't deserve it, I open the door to reconciliation. I am most like Christ in that moment.**



# Understanding Blessing

Blessing is always undeserved. It is not a transaction.



# Understanding Blessing

It is counterintuitive.

It is nonsensical.

It is unnatural.

It is supernatural.



# Understanding Blessing

It is rooted in brokenness and humility



# Understanding Blessing

It is a form of dying

# Blessing

Derives its strength from  
suffering

It can cost everything

# Blessing

*“I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death.”*

Philippians 3:10

# Prayers of Blessing

1. Pray the prayer you pray for yourself
  2. That God would give them favor with God and men
  3. That God supply their needs according to His riches in Heaven
  4. That they experience health and wholeness
  5. That they would live in God's forgiveness
  6. That God reconcile them to Himself
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Who will you  
bless today?