

Blessing Your Child

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The Blessing

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EVERY CHILD IN
EVERY HOME NEEDS
THE BLESSING



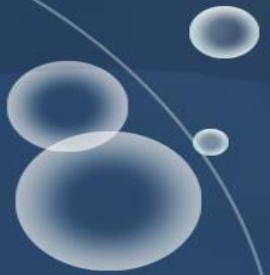
WE BELIEVE THAT EVERY
CHILD, IN EVERY HOME,
DESERVES TO KNOW THAT

JESUS IS CRAZY

ABOUT THEM...

AND WE BELIEVE THAT EVERY
CHILD, IN EVERY HOME AND
CHURCH, DESERVES TO HAVE
**SOMEONE IN THEIR LIFE
WHO IS CRAZY ABOUT
THEM AS WELL...**

Biblical Roots of
The BLESSING



Genesis 27:31-34

Esau too prepared some tasty food and brought it to his father. Then he said to him, "My father, sit up and eat some of my game, so that you may give me your blessing."

Genesis 27:31-34

His father Isaac asked him, "Who are you?"

"I am your son," he answered, "your firstborn, Esau." Isaac trembled violently and said, "Who was it, then, that hunted game and brought it to me? I ate it just before you came and I blessed him— and indeed he will be blessed!"

Genesis 27:31-34

When Esau heard his father's words,
he burst out with a loud and bitter cry
and said to his father,

"Bless me—me too, my father!"

Four Critical Functions of Blessing

- 1) The Blessing was God's Original Plan for Mankind**
- 2) The Blessing Unites a People**
- 3) The Blessing was a Time to Call Upon God for Protection**
- 4) The Blessing was used to Mark an Important Rite of Passage**

THE BLESSING SAID,
“I’D CHOOSE YOU!”

IT LAYERS IN A
FOUNDATION OF SECURITY

AND IT WAS A PICTURE OF
GOD’S PROTECTION

The Basic Elements of
The BLESSING

And How They Work
Together



**What Does a FLOWER
Need to GROW?**

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A family blessing begins with *meaningful touch*. It continues with a *spoken message of high value*, a message that pictures a *special future* for the individual being blessed, and one that is based on an *active commitment* to see the blessing come to pass.

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- 1) Meaningful Touch
- 2) A Spoken Message
- 3) Attaching High Value
- 4) Picturing a Special Future
- 5) An Active Commitment

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1) Meaningful Touch

The act of TOUCH is a key to communicating warmth, personal acceptance, affirmation—even physical health!

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The laying on of hands in the OT was a graphic picture of transferring power or blessing from one person to another.

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1) Meaningful Touch

Meaningful touch blesses us physically—both the toucher and the one being touched receive a physical benefit!

Mark 10:13-14, 16

People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them"
... **And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.**

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1) Meaningful Touch

For children, things become **REAL** when they are touched.

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What are some ways to communicate acceptance through appropriate touch?

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2) A Spoken Message

Spoken words of blessing should start in the delivery room and continue throughout life. Yet when we tell ourselves, “I’ll have time to tell them tomorrow,” we rob our children of a needed blessing today

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2) A Spoken Message

SAY IT TODAY!!!

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3) Attaching High Value

Using our words to attach honor, “blessing” to our children. Using word pictures are a powerful way of communicating acceptance.

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3) Attaching High Value

Communicate with Word Pictures

- 1) Use an everyday object
- 2) Match the emotional meaning of the trait you are praising with that object you've picked
- 3) Use word pictures to unravel defenses
- 4) Use word pictures to point out a person's potential

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3) Attaching High Value

Share an example:

Words (or word picture) that
attach high value to someone.

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4) Picturing a Special Future

By picturing a special future, we can help our child gain a sense of security in the present and grow in confidence to serve God and others in the future.

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4) Picturing a Special Future

For I know the plans I have for you,"
declares the LORD, "plans to
prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11

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4) Picturing a Special Future



Romans
12:2

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4) Picturing a Special Future

What is a special future you
can share with your child?

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5) An Active Commitment to Fulfill the Blessing

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Giving the Blessing involves **ACTION** linked to our **WORDS**.

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Step 1

Commit the person being blessed to the Lord

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Step 2

Commit your life
to their best interests

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Blessing our children also involved **DISCIPLINING** them.

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Step 3

Become a student
of your children

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5) An Active Commitment to Fulfill the Blessing

What steps can you take to make an active commitment to bless your child?

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The BLESSING

BE COMMITTED

LOVINGLY TOUCH

EXPRESS HIGH VALUE

SEE POTENTIAL

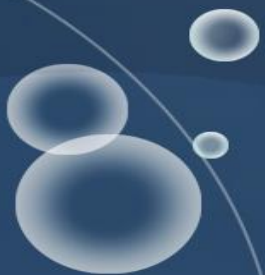
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