



DOUBLE BLESSING

How to Get It. How to Give It.

Double Blessing: “Original Blessing”

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Scripture: Genesis 1:26-28

Series Overview

God wants to bless you beyond your ability to ask or imagine! The very first thing God does, after creating us in His image, is bless us. Blessing is God’s most ancient instinct. Of course, God doesn’t bless us to raise our standard of living. God blesses us to raise our standard of giving. Simply put, we are blessed to bless! In fact, the way we get the blessing is by giving it away. That’s what Double Blessing is all about, and it’s the heartbeat of this church.

Series Questions

In what ways have you seen the blessing of God in your life?

Sermon Overview

Before original sin there was original blessing. If we get that sequence wrong, the entire algorithm is off. Why? Because it changes who we see when we look in the mirror. Because it alters the way we relate to God. Blessing is God’s most ancient instinct. It’s also our deepest longing. The good news? God wants to bless you beyond your ability to ask or imagine.

Sermon Questions

Before original sin, there was original blessing. Do you operate in that place of blessing? If so, how? What gets in the way of you operating from that place of original blessing?

Blessing is our deepest longing. God loves us as is. How does God’s love anchor you in your life?

If you are living from a place of blessing, you’re more likely to bless others. Pastor Mark says, “You are blessed to be a blessing.” Do you find it is easier to receive the blessing or give the blessing? Why?

How does your current lifestyle reflect an identity of blessing?

Pastor Mark mentioned, “The blessings of God will complicate your life.” How have you seen the blessings of God complicate your life? Where are some areas in your life God may be trying to complicate with blessing in this season? How might you respond to them?

Practical Application

- Think of someone in your life. Write their name down and pray a blessing over them this week. Consider the prayer blessings found in Numbers 6:24-26 and Ephesians 3:16-21.
- Read through and meditate on the blessings recounted by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:3-12).
- Spend time doing a SWOT analysis of yourself. How can you steward the strengths, confess the weaknesses, identify the opportunities, and negate the threats?

	Helpful (to achieving the objective)	Harmful (to achieving the objective)
Internal Origin (attribute of the organization)	Strengths	Weaknesses
External Origin (attribute of the environment)	Opportunities	Threats