



DOUBLE BLESSING

How to Get It. How to Give It.

Double Blessing: “Flip the Blessing”

October 26 & 27

Speaker: Dr. Mark Batterson

Scripture: Psalm 103:2; Numbers 6:24-26; 1 Peter 2:9; Matthew 10:12; Zechariah 9:12; Job 42:10,12

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 Question

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

Sermon Overview

The secret to the Double Blessing is this: the way you get it is by giving it. God doesn’t bless us to raise our standard of living. God blesses us to raise our standard of giving.

Pastor Mark shared five steps to flipping the blessing:

1. Take inventory
2. Find your signature
3. Learn their love language
4. Little things are big things
5. Have fun

Sermon Questions

1 Peter 2:9 says, “You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession.” Who do you interact with on a regular basis that you can pronounce blessing to? How might you shift to thinking about blessing as an aspect of your role as a priest in your daily interactions?

Pastor Mark said we need to change our default setting and lead with blessing like Jesus did. This starts with checking our ego at the door, filling the gaps with positive assumptions, catching people doing things right, bragging about people behind their backs, adding value wherever you go, and loving everybody always. In what ways do you lead with blessing? How might you seek to grow in leading with blessing this week?

What is an act of kindness you have experienced by someone recently? How did that act impact you?

In what ways can you go out of your way this week to flip the blessing and have fun in the process? Where can you go the extra mile?

Practical Application

- Create an inventory of how people have blessed you throughout your life.
- Pastor Mark challenged us to 40 days of gratitude leading up to Thanksgiving. Grab a journal and continue to write down three different gratitudes each day.

Resources for Digging Deeper

- The Five Love Languages* by Gary Chapman
- Giftology* by John Ruhlin
- I Like Giving* (www.ilikegiving.com) by Brad Formsma