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God's blessings and how to receive them.

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Many people talk of being blessed as an experience of gratitude, acceptance of God's gifts, and general good fortune.

But blessings don't come from luck or chance. Blessings are spoken of frequently in the Bible, as things that come from God as a direct result of our thoughts and actions. For example; "Give and it will be given to you", Luke 6:38.

So, how does one get to be 'blessed'?

What does the Bible say about blessings, and what are the practical actions and steps you must take to openly receive God's blessings?

We're diving into the Scripture to answer these questions.

What are blessings from God?

To be blessed is to have a share in the glory of God's grace and treasure.

Most people talk of being blessed with reference to good health, family, wealth, happiness, status, and material goods.

But if we look to the Bible, we can see that being blessed means something different entirely — and those who are truly blessed aren't the ones you might expect.

Matthew 5:5-12 lists those who are blessed, which includes the meek, the righteous, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, and the persecuted.

From this, we can understand that a blessing isn't a simple stroke of good fortune but rather a state of being that exemplifies Christianity's compassionate principles.

In this sense, you're already blessed if you're forgiving, kind, just, joyful, and peaceful.

And by inhabiting a kindly Christian nature, you open yourself up to more spiritual blessings, like forgiveness of sins, the Holy Spirit, the power to do God's will, and ultimately, salvation — the greatest blessing that will bring you to heavenly places.

How to receive God's blessings

We understand from Matthew the kind of characteristics that beget blessings from the Almighty.

But, beyond living your life as a good Christian, what are the ways in which you can open yourself up to receive an abundance of His grace?

Bible study reveals more important instructions from the Lord on how to receive God's blessings.



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Across the four canonical gospels and beyond in the New Testament, we're encouraged to surrender ourselves to the Lord Jesus Christ.

This means:

Understanding the teachings of Christ

Listening to the word of God

Offering devotionals

Giving as generously as we receive

Asking God Himself for blessings by our actions

Maintaining your faith in the Lord God throughout your life.

Another less-considered practice is to simply look out for existing blessings in places you might not usually appreciate.

Let's take a look at some relevant Bible verses to understand more about receiving God's blessings.

Bible verses about blessings of God

Ephesians 1:3-4

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight."

The opening line of Ephesians reminds us that, in reality, we're already blessed. Earth's creation and our redemption is a blessing of the Lord, without whom we wouldn't be here.

Remember to be grateful for our existence.

2 Corinthians 9:8-10

"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you'll abound in every good work. As it is written: 'They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.'"

This Corinthians verse is a sobering reminder of God's power and ability in blessing His creations. If you feel you aren't receiving enough of God's gifts, ask yourself, are you being righteous? In what ways can you bring yourself closer to Christian ideals?

Deuteronomy 28:1-2:

"If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God."