

MESSAGE NOTES

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THE BLESSING: Spoken Words
Genesis 48:20; Matthew 3:17
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- The blessing = _____ and _____ that convey affirmation.
- In the Bible, the blessing is verbalized & put into _____. Num 6:23-27
- Be aware of the _____ of words & their _____ too. Prov 18:21

So he blessed them that day, saying...
" 'God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh.' " Genesis 48:20 ESV

SPOKEN (OR WRITTEN) WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

- The Bible shows God & families _____. Gen 1:28; 24:60; 48:20
- _____ both hears & _____ them. Matt 3:17; 5:3-10; 16:17; 17:5; Rev 22:7
- Are what _____ to " _____ " from our loved ones.
- _____ & _____ when genuinely given. Prov 12:18; Eph 4:29
- Are _____ withheld or _____ ones prevail. Prov 3:27; James 3:9-10
- Even tho' we love, we can _____ instead of _____.
- Jesus is _____ Word & ultimate _____ God spoke. Heb 1:1-3

And a voice from heaven said,
"This is My Son, whom I love, with Him I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17

PRACTICING THE BLESSING

- Determine: what's _____ w/spoken words?
- Ask God: _____ do You _____ to affirm w/spoken words?
- Start _____: _____ or _____ I can say or write?

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5 Elements Of The Blessing

The blessing as described in Scripture included these five elements
(Special thanks to John Trent & Gary Smalley for their book entitled, *The Blessing*)

Meaningful Touch

Appropriate physical warmth and affection

Spoken Words

Verbalizing a positive and love message (spoken or written)

Expressing High Value

Communicating that one is valued and accepted

Picturing A Special Future

Helping one see and believe they can live a fruitful life

An Active Commitment

Willingness to do everything possible to help one be successful

My Family Experience

Destructive words

No affirming words

Affirming words

My Own Practice

Destructive words

No affirming words

Affirming words
