

# MESSAGE NOTES

THE BLESSING: Being A Church Who Gives It  
2 Corinthians 8:1-9  
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- Grace = God's undeserved favor, \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_. Eph 2:3-9
- The blessing = \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ that convey His \_\_\_\_\_.

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor,  
so that you through His poverty might become rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9

## BEING A CHURCH WHO GIVES THE BLESSING

- Tho' \_\_\_\_\_, they bless fellow Christians undergoing \_\_\_\_\_.
- They acknowledge the \_\_\_\_\_—give themselves \_\_\_\_\_ to Him.
- They acknowledge \_\_\_\_\_—give themselves next to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Acknowledge = to \_\_\_\_\_, recognize, appreciate or \_\_\_\_\_.
- God's grace now motivates them from the \_\_\_\_\_, 2 Cor 9:7
- God's grace changes the \_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_. 2 Sam 9:1; Phil 2:3-5
- They want to be \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_ with God.
- Together their \_\_\_\_\_ to God's grace blesses many. 2 Cor 9:12

They gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us  
in keeping with God's will. 2 Corinthians 8:5 (NIV1984)

## PRACTICING THE BLESSING

- Acknowledge \_\_\_\_\_ in all our ways—\_\_\_\_\_ day. Prov 3:6
- Acknowledge \_\_\_\_\_ we meet—\_\_\_\_\_ as God \_\_\_\_\_ them.
- \_\_\_\_\_ this question daily: \_\_\_\_\_ today, Lord?

## 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

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Small ways we can bless others, with

a word  
a look  
a touch  
a listening ear  
a prayer  
a gift  
an invitation  
an act of service

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