

Blessed To Be A Blessing
"How To Use The Power Of Your Words"
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"I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."
Genesis 12:2-3 (NIV)

We Are Called To Bless.

The B.L.E.S.S. Challenge: I will bless three people this week—
at least one of whom is not a member of my church; at least one
whom is a member of my church; and a third from either category.

How To Use The Power Of Your Words

1. Send A Note of Encouragement.

Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. I always pray for you, and I make my requests with a heart full of joy because you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. And I am sure that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on that day when Christ Jesus comes back again.

Philippians 1:3-6 (NLT)

The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Proverbs 18:21 (NIV)

2. Affirm Another's Worth.

Let love be your highest goal, but also desire the special abilities the Spirit gives, especially the gift of prophecy. For...one who prophesies is helping others grow in the Lord, encouraging and comforting them.
1 Corinthians 14:1, 3 (NLT)

The Art of Affirmation

Lead With Your Ears

Post this at all the intersections, dear friends: Lead with your ears, follow up with your tongue, and let anger straggle along in the rear.
James 1:19 (Msg)

Ask Questions

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?"
John 4:7 (NIV)

Express Appreciation

Encourage each other every day while you have the opportunity. If you do this, none of you will be deceived by sin and become stubborn.
Hebrews 3:13 (GW)

Share Revelation

Timely advice is as lovely as golden apples in a silver basket.
Proverbs 25:11 (NLT)