

WHEN YOU ARE BLESSED

Sylvester Onyemalechi

To be blessed is to be empowered to prosper. To be blessed is to be empowered by God to succeed. To be blessed is to be favored.

Many people mistake the effects of blessings for the real blessing. Cars, properties, money, a good spouse and home, a good job and a flourishing business are all effects of the blessings of God and not the blessing. It is because one is already blessed that is why the material things manifest to prove the existence of the blessings.

The blessed life

The life of God we have received is a blessed life. One who has that life is blessed – empowered to succeed and prosper.

John 1:12-13

12 Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God- 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

NIV

John 3:16-17

16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

NIV

The life of God is the greater and most powerful life. The man that possesses it is blessed to have success and achieve all that he sets his mind to achieve like God.

If you have this life, you are blessed – you are empowered to succeed.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

To be filled with the Holy Spirit is to be empowered to be a living witness – a walking proof of the life and power of God. God is a success. God is prosperous. God is an achiever. God is an overcomer. When you are empowered by the Holy Spirit, you experience the supernatural life and power of God and success becomes the result.

When Blessed

When you are blessed, things work well, obstacles are overcome, mountains are scaled, victories are won, goals are achieved, business grows, the ladder of success is climbed, and life is well lived.

When you are blessed no man can curse you or stop you from achieving all that you are destined and supposed to achieve.

When you are blessed though there are challenges, victory is certain. When you are blessed, God fights your battles for you. And when God fights for you, victory is sure.

1 Sam 17:47

47 All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

NIV

2 Chron 20:15

15 And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's.

KJV

THE EFFECTS OF GOD'S BLESSINGS

Gen 12:1-3

12:1 The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. 2 "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. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

NIV

The effect of the blessing:

- 1.** Greatness in life.
- 2.** Great name.
- 3.** Divine protection.
- 4.** Divine favor.
- 5.** It affects the way people treat you – anyone that blesses you gets blessed by God. The one that curses you gets cursed.
- 6.** Overflowing grace and favor – people get blessed through you.

Num 23:19-24

9 God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill? 20 I have received a command to bless; he has blessed, and I cannot change it. 21 "No misfortune is seen in Jacob, no misery observed in Israel.

The LORD their God is with them; the shout of the King is among them. 22 God brought them out of Egypt; they have the strength of a wild ox. 23 There is no sorcery against Jacob, no divination against Israel. It will now be said of Jacob and of Israel, "See what God has done!" 24 The people rise like a lioness; they rouse themselves like a lion that does not rest till he devours his prey and drinks the blood of his victims."

NIV

- 7.** The blessed cannot be cursed – No curse works in his or her life.
- 8.** Demonic curses, enchantments and divinations can not cancel or nullify the blessings of God.
 - Since God is the final and ultimate authority, no one can reverse the blessings of God.

9. The blessed cannot experience misfortune or misery – that does not mean he cannot or will not experience challenges. It does mean that the challenges will not overcome him and bring him to a state of misery and pain.
10. Witchcraft, occult or demonic powers cannot harm him or prevail in any area of his life.
11. The blessed cannot be made slave of. Their backs are not meant for yokes or burdens. No evil load rests upon them.
12. The blessings of God are visible to all around the blessed. They will see it and testify about it.
13. You cannot play or toil with the blessed. Like a lioness he will defend successfully to the destruction of the attacker what belongs to him.

Mal 3:10-12

10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. 11 I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit," says the LORD Almighty. 12 "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the LORD Almighty.

NIV

14. The floodgates or windows of Heaven are open to the blessed. When the windows or floodgates are opened, favor, anointing and wisdom to profit are released. So the blessed is favored, anointed and wise.
15. Material goods finance will be so much that his house will not be able to contain them.
16. There will be no abortion of dreams, businesses, pregnancies and crops of the blessed.
17. Pests and diseases cannot eat up what belongs to the blessed.
18. His life, business, marriage, home and job will be delightful.

Deut 28:1-14

28:1 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. 2 All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God: 3 You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country. 4 The fruit of your womb will be blessed, and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock--the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks. Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed. 6 You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out. 7 The LORD will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you from one direction but flee from you in seven. 8 The LORD will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The LORD your God will bless you in the land he is giving you. 9 The LORD will establish you as his holy people, as he promised you on oath, if you keep the commands of the LORD your God and walk in his ways. 10 Then all the peoples on earth will see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they will fear you. 11 The LORD will grant you abundant prosperity--in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your ground--in the land he swore to your forefathers to give you. 12 The LORD will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty,

to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. 13 The LORD will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the LORD your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom. 14 Do not turn aside from any of the commands I give you today, to the right or to the left, following other gods and serving them.
NIV

19. The blessings work everywhere the blessed go – in the city and in the village. The place he lives doesn't matter, except God gives a directive on where to live, then the blessing cannot work outside of that particular place.
20. The blessed will always have a child if he wants, and they will be blessed also.
21. The farm, business and job of the blessed are all blessed.
22. The animals the blessed keeps are also blessed.
23. The blessed will never lack food. He will always have more than enough.
24. He will be clothed and housed. And never homeless.
25. The blessing works when the blessed is in the house and when he is out of the house. It works everywhere.
26. The enemies of the blessed will always be defeated by the blessed. The blessing includes victory over all enemies. The enemies will always run in terror.
27. The blessed will have a store house and prosper in all that he does. It will not be from hand to mouth. He will have more than enough to be able to store some away.
28. Everything he does prospers. God is committed to his success.
29. The Lord will establish the blessed and confirm his covenant as the blessed walks in his ways.
30. The blessings will command the populace's respect and fear of the blessed.
31. The blessed' children and livestock are all blessed.
32. The blessed will experience rain in the season of rain unfailingly so that he and his crops can do well.
33. The blessings makes one to be so prosperous that he will have so much that he will lend to others in need.
34. The blessing will take the blessed to the top and make him the head no matter where he is at the time of being blessed.

To keep the blessings

Just obey the commands of the Lord and the blessings will keep flowing non-stop. Your happiness is God's concern. Follow him and he will keep the blessing running. All the passages we have considered so far reveal that the blessings run on obedience to God's command-walking in the covenant. Keep the blessing by keeping God's commands.

If you have not accepted Jesus Christ I urge you to surrender to Jesus Christ so you can become blessed by God and the blessings of God will start manifesting in your life. The life of Jesus is the blessed life. Do it now and don't postpone it to a later time.

SUCCESS TIT-BITS

1. Feedback enhances participation in pursuit of set goals.
2. Disorder means everything is there, but not properly arranged.
3. A vision from God must outlive you. If it does not outlive you, then it is not from God but you.
4. You must raise people to continue from where you stop when you are out of the way.
5. There is a time to lead and there is a time to consult.
6. Don't give an assignment that you will not follow through.
7. Set time limits for tasks given.
8. There are lessons from each failure. Evaluate goals to know why it didn't work out.
9. Be open to change. Don't fight change.
10. If you can't appreciate Him, you will depreciate in Him.
11. Your praise to God in the midst of a challenge guarantees the defeat of your enemy.
12. When He is praised, more favors flow.
13. Praise is an instrument of warfare. Praise is God's instrument for the defeat of your enemy.
14. Gratitude guarantees rejoicing. And rejoicing makes the bones fat.
15. Your future is tied to what you say with your mouth from time to time.
16. Maturity is the ability to keep your-self together under pressure.
17. Maturity is the ability to say your mind without breaking the order.
18. Spiritual maturity is standing where Christ is standing on any and every subject, seeing what He is seeing, saying what He is saying and doing what He is doing.

WISDOM FOR ASSOCIATION

1. Everybody does not qualify for your presence.
2. The antidote for pride is to recognize that the difference between you and the other person is the grace of God. Always remember that what you have and what you are comes from God. Give Him glory.
3. A self-centered person does not make a good friend.
4. Do to others what you will have them do to you (Luke 6:31).
5. If you are not a solution to the one you are in relationship with, then you are a problem to that person.
6. Your heart is felt in your words and actions.
7. A good relationship is characterized by a giving spirit and not a taking spirit.
8. Focusing on your hurt will kill love in your heart towards the one who hurt you and produce bitterness and hate. Always think love as a child of God.

9. Know who you are and it will help you to know who to relate with and how to relate.
10. There are levels of relationships. Define each relationship to know what level of relationship to have with each person.

RENEWING THE MIND

1. Gladness of heart makes the face to shine.
2. A weighed down mind dries up the bones. (Proverbs 17:22)
3. If you are not grateful, you will be sorrowful.
4. The way you think determines the way you see. The way you see determines the way you act. The way you act determines your habit. And your habit determines your experience.
5. What you think in your mind can hinder the life of God in your spirit from manifesting and it can help it manifest.
6. What you think is what you will manifest for that is what you are.
7. Your life is a sum total of your thought life.
8. We talk the way we think. We feel the way we think. We act the way we think. We are products of our thoughts.
9. Mind management is the first priority for anyone who wants to be successful in any and every area of life.
10. Your mind is the target of all satanic attacks. If he can control your thoughts, then he can control your words, feelings and actions, and ultimately your experience.