5 Ways to Bless Everyday

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Blessing is <u>FROM</u> God and <u>FOR</u> others.

1. Love your <u>Family</u>.

Genesis 46:29

²⁹ Joseph prepared his chariot and traveled to Goshen to meet his father, Jacob. When Joseph arrived, <u>he embraced his father and wept, holding him for a long time</u>.

Jesus said to love your NEIGHBOR as yourself and your FAMILY is your closest neighbor.

Q: What family member needs your love today?

2. Share your Stuff.

Genesis 47:11-12

¹¹ So Joseph assigned the best land of Egypt - the region of Rameses - to his father and his brothers, and he settled them there, just as Pharaoh had commanded. ¹² And *Joseph provided* food for his father and his brothers in amounts appropriate to the number of their dependents, including the smallest children.

Blessed isn't what you HAVE, it's what you DO with what you have.

Q: What do you have that others need?

Q: How can you share your gift with someone today?

3. Do your Job.

Genesis 47:13-17

¹³ Meanwhile, the famine became so severe that all the food was used up, and people were starting throughout the lands of Egypt and Canaan. ¹⁴ *By selling grain to the people*, Joseph eventually collected all the money in Egypt and Canaan, and he put the money in Pharaoh's treasury. ¹⁵ When the people of Egypt and Canaan ran out of money, all the Egyptians came to Joseph. "Our money is gone!", they cried. "But please give us food, or we will die before your very eyes." ¹⁶ Joseph replied, "Since your money is gone, bring me your livestock. I will give you food in exchange for your livestock." ¹⁷ So they brought their livestock to Joseph in exchange for food. In exchange for their horses, flocks of sheep an goats, herds of cattle, and donkeys, *Joseph provided them with food for another year*.

Sometimes the most GODLY thing you can do - is a GOOD job.

Q: Do you view your Job as an assignment from God?

4. Use your Power.

Genesis 47:18-19

¹⁸ But that year ended, and the next year they came again and said, "We cannot hide the truth from you, my lord. Our money is gone, and all our livestock and cattle are yours. We have nothing left to give but our bodies and our land. ¹⁹ Why should we die before your very eyes? *Buy us and our land in exchange for food*; we offer our land and ourselves as slaves for Pharaoh. Just give us grain so we may live and not die, and so the land does not become empty and desolate."

The biggest test of a man's CHARACTER is what he does with his POWER.

Genesis 47:20-22

²⁰ So Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh. All the Egyptians sold him their fields because the famine was so severe, and soon all the land belonged to Pharaoh. ^{21 (KJV)} And as for the people, he removed them to cities from one end of the borders of Egypt even to the other end. ²² The only land he did not buy was the land belonging to the priests. They received an allotment of food directly from Pharaoh, so they didn't need to sell their land.

Power can be USED or ABUSED.

Q: How are you using your power?

5. <u>Empower</u> Others.

Genesis 47:23-25

²³ Then Joseph said to the people, "Look, today I have bought you and your land for Pharaoh. *I will provide you with seed so you can plant your fields*. ²⁴ Then when you harvest it, one-fifth of your crop will belong to Pharaoh. You may keep the remaining four-fifths as seed for your fields and as food for you, your households, and your little ones." ²⁵ (KJV) And they said, "You have saved our lives; let us find grace in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's servants."

Legacy is EMPOWERING others to do it without YOU.

Genesis 47:27 (ESV)

²⁷ So, Israel settled in the land of Egypt, in the land of Goshen. And they gained possessions in it, and were fruitful and multiplied greatly.

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