

## **How to be Blessed**

**Wouldn't you love to have God's blessing?** Every week we take up an offering and we talk about how your gift helps us do all that we do here. We do countless things that help improve the lives of people and it is all because you give. Yet what we often forget to focus upon is that giving gives us God's blessing!

Talking about giving bringing blessings is seldom communicated due to the excesses of a few churches and pastors. Some have promised that if you give to their ministry or church God will double, triple or greatly increase the amount you have given. That is not the point of our giving. We don't give in order to get more for ourselves. We give because God has asked us to give. Yet repeatedly God promises those that give His blessing. This blessing might be financial but it might also be a simple joy of knowing that you and your gift matter for Kingdom work.

Psalms 37 is a Psalm that talks about how God blesses the righteous and generous. Verse 25 and 26 says, "I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread. They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be blessed."

This is just one passage among many that point out a couple of truths. First, that those who are righteous, those who have put their faith in Christ, are generous. Think about that for a moment. The second truth is that God blesses those that are generous. It even says their children will be blessed! Again it does not mean you will get a boat load of money in return. However, you will be blessed. Think about that. The God of the universe who created everything is on your side. He WILL bless you. I don't know about you but that brings me comfort. So as we pause to take up this offering let us never forget that a part of what we get when we give is God's blessing!