

POWER IN BLESSING

I. What is blessing

A. Pr. 10:22; 11:11

B. OT word “Barekah” – We get our word benediction

1. To consecrate; to make or pronounce holy, (happy, joyful, blessed)
2. To empower to prosper; confer prosperity to; grant divine favor to
3. To invoke (call forth/down; summons) a blessing upon

C. NT word “eulogia” - To speak well of (or good of)

D. Contrasted to “curse” someone - to pronounce evil, injury, or misfortune upon

II. Jesus blessed

A. Mark 10:16; Luke 24:50, 51

B. NT commands about blessing – Lk. 6:28; Rom. 12:14; Jms. 3:9; 1 Pe. 3:9

III. Family blessing

A. Priestly blessing Nu.6:23-27; (also see Gen.48; Gen. 49)

B. It is the power of words Pr. 18:20, 21; Eccl. 4:12 – threefold cord