

MESSAGE NOTES

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THE BLESSING: Expressing High Value
Genesis 27:27
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- The blessing = _____ and _____ that convey affirmation.
- Root word for "bless" = to _____ the knee & to _____.

[Isaac] blessed him and said, "Ah, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field that the Lord has blessed." **Genesis 27:27**

EXPRESSING HIGH VALUE

- Value = to recognize the _____ of or to _____ as weighty.
- Bible shows _____ practicing this. Gen 49:28; Deut 33; Neh 8:6; Heb 11:21
- See it in _____ & interactions. Mt 10:29-31; Lk 12:6-7; Jn 1:48
- Is an _____ choice _____ make to say & write the words.
- Begins with how we _____ in our _____. Mt 12:11-12, 34b
- _____ as _____ them. Gen 1:26-28; Ps 8:5; 139:14; Rom 5:8; Eph 2:1-10
- With _____ that affirm who they are. Gen 49:9, 22; Jn 1:42
- By telling them _____ they mean to you. Lk 24:50-53

"Look at the birds of the air...your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" **Matthew 6:26**

PRACTICING THE BLESSING

- By _____ praising God from whom all blessings _____. Rom 11:36
- _____ & _____ what's praiseworthy in those around me. Phil 4:8
- Act _____: tell, text, email, call _____ I appreciate. Prov 3:27

5 Elements Of The Blessing

The blessing as described in Scripture included these five elements
(Special thanks to John Trent & Gary Smalley for their book entitled, *The Blessing*)

Meaningful Touch

Appropriate physical warmth and affection

Spoken Words

Verbalizing a positive and love message (spoken or written)

Expressing High Value

Communicating that one is valued and accepted

Picturing A Special Future

Helping one see and believe they can live a fruitful life

An Active Commitment

Willingness to do everything possible to help one be successful