

Count Your Blessings

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I will bless them and the places surrounding my hill. I will send down showers in season; there will be showers of blessing. The trees of the field will yield their fruit and the ground will yield its crops; the people will be secure in their land. They will know that I am the Lord. Ezekiel 34:26-27

God has blessed us so much it seems as though we take Him for granted and don't recognize his many blessings. I ran across a couple things that I think are worth pondering.

"Count your blessings!" That is excellent counsel, but sometimes we have to recognize them first!

A man who owned a small estate wished to sell it. Sending for a real estate agent, he asked him to write an advertisement describing the house and land. When the ad was ready, the agent took it to the owner and read it to him. "Read that again," said the owner. The agent read the description of the estate once more. "I don't think I will sell after all," said the owner. "I have been looking for an estate like that all my life and I did not know that I owned it!"

Count your blessings -- yes, but start by asking God to open your eyes to see your possessions in Christ. Begin by recognizing all that you have in Christ. That will change your entire perspective and enable you to praise God for what you have.

Today we Christians often spend a great deal of time and effort vainly looking for blessings already available to us. We pray for God's light, although He has already supplied light in abundance through His Word. Our need is to follow the light we already have. We pray for strength, although His Word tells us we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. (Phil. 4:13).

As Christians we pray for more love, although Paul says that God's own love is already poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Rom. 5:5). We pray for more grace, although the Lord says the grace He has already given is sufficient (2 Cor. 12:9). We pray for peace, although the Lord has given us His own peace, which passes all understanding. (Phil. 4:7). We pray for such blessings seeking the grace that is already given.

Jesus said, *Blessed are those who hear the word of God, and observe it.* **Luke 11:28**

God loves you and so do !!