

The Gospel According to Luke
Blessed to be a Blessing

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Blessed by God

- Have joy knowing that you belong to God and he will care for you. When people persecute you for being a Christian rejoice, knowing that God will reward you in due time.

²⁰ *And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:*

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ *“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.*

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

²² *“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! ²³ Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.*

Blessing Others

- Demonstrate your love to others with no strings attached, even to those who are our enemies. Project good into their life, or will their good under the invocation of God, because we are to be kind and merciful like God is.

²⁷ *“But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.*

³⁵ *But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶ Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.*