



CROSSIN' THE GULF  
MINISTRIES CHURCH

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## THE BLESSING

Dear Partner,

Hello Family, Partners, and Friends, grace, peace, and favor to you. In praying over what to write to you this month, The Lord said, "The Blessing". I had something else in mind, but He knows what you need. I thought, "The Blessing". Where do I start? The beginning. We are going to look at two scriptures:

Genesis 1:27-28 (NKJV)

<sup>27</sup> So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

<sup>28</sup> Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Genesis 12:1-3 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> Now the Lord had said to Abram:

"Get out of your country,

From your family

And from your father's house,

To a land that I will show you.

<sup>2</sup> I will make you a great nation;

I will bless you

And make your name great;

And you shall be a blessing.

<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you,

And I will curse him who curses you;

And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

In Genesis 1, God blessed then He gave instructions. His instructions were to be fruitful, multiply, to fill the earth and subdue it by having dominion. Webster's 1828 dictionary defines dominion as *the power of governing and controlling; power to direct, control, use and dispose of at pleasure*. How was man (male and female) going to fulfill those instructions? They were to utilize THE BLESSING God put on them.

THE BLESSING was, and is, God's empowerment to prosper.

When The Lord told Abram to leave home and his kinfolk, He promised to BLESS him. Not only that, The Lord promised to BLESS those who BLESS him. God's desire has always been to help us prosper in this life and to prosper us so that prosperity flows over to others.

Let us define prosperity before we go further. Folks get hung up on prosperity because the first thought they have is 'money'. In Luke 16:10 (KJV), Jesus said, "He who is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much." *That which is least* refers to money. That was the subject Jesus was teaching on when he made that statement. Jesus told His disciples that money is the least of all things. If it is the least, that means it is the lowest form of prosperity.

To prosper means to be successful, to grow, to increase; to thrive, to make gain.

True prosperity is to increase in every area of life so that our families and all the families of the earth can increase. True prosperity is being whole in our spirits, souls, bodies, relationships, and finances. We are not truly prosperous if one of those areas is missing or broken. This is where THE BLESSING comes in, God's empowerment to prosper.

God gave man His empowerment to prosper. What we must learn is how to use it, how to make it work in our lives and the lives of those around us. Grab your Bible and read through the entire chapter of Genesis 1 (*pause for you to read*). When God wanted to create something, how did He do it? He used words. Not only did He use words, but He was also very specific in what words He used to create exactly what He wanted and have that thing function exactly how He intended.

Being made in His image means we have the same ability. We also create with our words. That is how we release THE BLESSING and put it into operation. Years ago, I learned to start saying, "THE BLESSING of God is working in me, THE BLESSING is working on me, THE BLESSING is working around me, THE BLESSING is working for me." That made me more conscious of the gift and power of THE BLESSING our Heavenly Father has given to us. If it was the first gift The Father gave to man, it needs our awareness and attention.

Pastor Jordan always says, "Our words frame our world." We would not use negative words over a child to build his or her character or self-esteem, so why would we do that to ourselves? "I always make that mistake." "I will never be able to ." When we fail to recognize the gift of THE BLESSING, we fail to activate the power God has given us to achieve. Let us not make that error, family. We want to show The Lord our appreciation by receiving and using His gift. Start reminding yourself that God has given you His empowerment to prosper.

I like to capitalize THE BLESSING so I remember it is more than a nicety to extend after someone sneezes. If I use it after someone sneezes, I do so with the understanding that I am releasing the power of God to annihilate whatever is causing that person to sneeze. I say it with intent and purpose. So, BE BLESSED!

As you give\* your offering this month, take time to pray over it and declare that it is BLESSED. THE BLESSING will go to work for you and for CTGM. Our desire is to see our partners and ministry friends prosper in every aspect of your lives. A major part of that is by praying daily for you. If you have a prayer request or a testimony you would like to share, you can reach us via email or our website listed in the footer of this letter.

Remember, your Heavenly Father loves you as much as He loves Jesus! (John 17)

Resting in Him,

Pastors Jordan & Melissa Mack

\*P.S. - You can now give via Zelle using [ctgmc1997@gmail.com](mailto:ctgmc1997@gmail.com) !

Psalm 23, **Psalm 91**, Isaiah 54:17, Ephesians 3:14-21, Exodus 3:21, **Numbers 6:24-26**, Ephesians 1:15-21, Colossians 1:9-14, **Colossians 3:1-17**

Has this letter BLESSED you? Pass this Partner letter on to a family member or friend and be a BLESSING to them.