

## **Inner Growth - Blessing 2**

The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he added no sorrow to it. *Prov.* 10:22

Bible ------ Luke 11:28 Love ------ 1 Corinthians 16:14 Eyes/Ears - Matthew 13:16 Salvation -- Psalms 24:5 Satan/Sin -- Romans 6:12 Idols ------ 2 Corinthians 6:16 Neighbor --- James 2:8 God ------ Psalms 67:7

The blessing of the Lord is widely familiar with reading and listening to the Word of God, loving others, and faithfully serving Him. There are believers and people of faith that do these things loyally. However, some of them become impatient and invent other ways to reward themselves through human methods. This activity is contrary to what the Bible said. However, keeping in mind the godly principles to remember is good, but the ones to observe that many people may forget are the ungodly ways.

The blessing of the Lord may not come to fruition if we harbor sin in our life. To receive from Him can come through resisting your body from sinning. Since sin seeks to rule primarily through our body, we must oppose these cravings by faith in Christ. We must refuse to place any part of our body at the disposal of sin. The blessing of the Lord may not come through due to idols. A believer, especially a born-again (a person baptizes after receiving salvation), should not associate themselves with such things and expect God to give them His blessing. Our body, which is the temple of God, is supposed to live holy and have no impurities within or around us. Idols are impure and represent demons. Anything that takes the place of God in our life that may be dear to our heart and puts God in second place is an idol. We must never desecrate our bodies as the Spirit's dwelling place by allowing demons access.

The blessing of the Lord may not come through due to conflict with our neighbor. We, as believers, must love our neighbor. A neighbor is a person close by us that we encounter often. If a problem occurs that causes bitterness, hatred, or envy on our part, we must resolve these matters. There is no way around it. Flaws that involve neighbors will prevent God from blessing us.

The blessing of the Lord comes from God Himself. God's plan for His people begins with Abraham. God chose him that through his descendants will His Word be shared, and people will come to know who the blesser is. Believers should pray that the Lord will bless them and their families with His presence, love, grace, guidance, salvation, healing power, and the fullness of the Spirit. If we desire this from Him, then other areas of our lives will experience the blessing of the Lord.

