

- 1 **BLESSING OTHERS:**
WE SHOULD, WE CAN, HERE'S HOW!
- 2 **PATRIARCHAL**
- 3 **PARENTAL**
- 4 **PRIESTLY**
- 5 **THIS IS OUR CALLING FROM GOD**
 - Do not repay evil for evil or insult for insult, but give a blessing instead—it is for this reason you were called, so that you might inherit a blessing.
- 6 **A DEFINITION**
 - “Blessing is the act of calling down God's favor upon someone or something. The one calling down can be a person, an angel or God Himself. Blessings are meant to bring benefits to their recipient.”
- 7 **THE SOURCE OF BLESSING . . .**
 1. Not you and not your words
 2. Always and only God
 3. For whom you may be an authorized agent
 4. “Give a blessing —it is for this reason you were called, so that you might inherit a blessing.”
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- 8 **THE MASTER PATTERN FOR CONFERRING A BLESSING**

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²⁶ May ADONAI lift up his face toward you and give you peace.

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- 9 **NOTICE THE AUTHORIZATION . . .**

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11 **HOW TO: (2) SPEAK PRODUCTIVITY & FRUITFULNESS**

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12 **HOW TO: (3) SPEAK PROTECTION UPON THEM**

²⁴ May ADONAI bless you and keep you.

(This includes protection from their own presumption due to blessedness)

13 **HOW TO: (4) SPEAK INTIMATE FAVOR FROM GOD**

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14 **HOW TO: (5) SPEAK FULLNESS AND WELL-BEING**

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17 **FINALLY - HOW TO DO THIS . . .**

- With sensitivity to the influence of the Spirit
- And on the basis of what you know and sense about the person or persons and situation from observation, experience, reports, and sanctified intuition
- On the basis of Scriptures that may rightly be applied to the person/persons
- You speak forth what Scripture and the Spirit seem to indicate is the word of encouragement, comfort, or upbuilding God would have them receive at this time

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18 **FINALLY - WHY TO DO THIS . . .**

- To comfort and encourage them
- and to strengthen them for who they are called to be, what they are called to do, and how they are supposed to live and respond to life and to God now and/or in the future

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19 **FINALLY - HOW TO RECEIVE A BLESSING**

- BE CAREFUL you are being blessed by someone likely to be a channel of God's blessing in your life. DO NOT simply submit to just anyone's prayers.
- Listen to the blessing in a receptive frame of mind, while sensing, asking, and answering, "Does this seem like God's word to me?"
- If this is the case, then the blessing should be received in faith and with thanks
- If not, it should be pondered and held in one's heart and mind for further evaluation

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20 **FINALLY - USE THE AARONIC BLESSING AS A PATTERN**

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21 **YOUR ASSIGNMENT!**