

SERMON NOTES

The B.L.E.S.S. Strategy

(Mark 12, Genesis 12)

- The B.L.E.S.S. strategy is not "another witnessing plan."

I. The _____ Challenge - Royal Law

(Mark 12:30-31)

- 8 times in the New Testament we are commanded to love our neighbors. James 2:8 calls it Royal Law.

(Romans 13:8-10)

Note that loving your neighbor fulfills the whole law!

- What is B.L.E.S.S.?

B - begin with prayer

L - listen

E - eat

S - serve

S - story

- Remember: Behind every command of God is the omnipotent power of God to carry it out.
- Two thoughts:
 1. What is love? Love is the unsolicited giving of the best you have on behalf of another, regardless of their response.
 2. Who is my neighbor? (Luke 10:25-29)
 - When your motive is wrong, your mind will get mixed up!

(Romans 4:4-5)

II. The _____ Command - Reasonable Logic

- Note one word (*blessing*) is used 5 times in these 3 verses.
- God's intention is to bless us so that we can bless others with that very blessing . . . not hoard our blessing!
- Jesus blessed those He came in contact with.

(Luke 19:1-9)

- Be sure to notice verse 9 - ". . . he too, is a son of Abraham". What was true of Abraham became true of Zacchaeus in that moment and it is also true of us today . . .

(Galatians 3:7-9)