

SERMON NOTES

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

"The Wrap Up" I Corinthians 1

- The Lord blesses us so that we can be a conduit to bless others. For example:

(1) God's comfort II Corinthians 1:4

(2) He blesses us to be a blessing Genesis 12:2

- There are 5 simple steps in the B.L.E.S.S. strategy:

(1) **B - begin with prayer**

(2) **L - listen**

(3) **E - eat**

(4) **S - serve**

(5) **S - story**

- No doubt some of us will respond to this challenge like Gideon did in Judges 6 . . . "I am a nobody". Congratulations! You are exactly the kind of person God wants to use!

(I Corinthians 1:26-31)

- One of the great paradoxes of the Bible is that God's power is best operative in weakness.

(II Corinthians 12:9)

- Look at the people God chooses to use to serve Him:

A. _____ Group (I Corinthians 1:26)

1. not many _____

2. not many _____

3. not many _____

B. _____ Group (I Corinthians 1:27-28)

1. _____ things (we get our word "moron" from this word.)

2. _____ things

3. _____ things

4. _____ things

- A great example in the Bible of these truths is found in Gideon.

(Judges 7:16-22)

Question: What do these things speak of?

Answer: the torch speaks of _____

the trumpet speaks of _____

(II Corinthians 4:6-7)

Folks, you've heard all this before in various ways and messages. Don't you think it's time to start living it? Why don't you take a step of faith today?