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\*BLESSED OF THE LORD\*

" \*Blessed\* are you among women"
\*Luke 1:28\*

I was seated in the living room alone in the late hour of 21st of February 2018, with the Holy bible on my laps;

Suddenly, within a twinkle of an eye God spoke to me to prepare a message on the word: \*"Blessed".\*

As I mentioned the word, the feeling that came inside of me was that of a thirsty person who just drank water! Then I smiled.😇

As usual, I lean on no other source besides \*God\* for the grace to do His work.

The Holy Spirit  is the one that grants me  revelation of His words and of my own I am nothing.

\*Hence, all glory belongs to GOD\*

In Dissecting God's Words, we need revelation
from God and this comes freshly from time to time; it can never be exhausted!

A good starting point for this message is to have a firm grasp of what it means to be "blessed".

Without any iota of exaggeration, the word: \*"blessed"\* is perhaps one of the \*most loosely used words\* within and outside the Christendom.

\*Being blessed\* is not the same thing as being successful or having some material gain or possessions.

How did I know?

Apostle John, the author of the book of Revelation said in Chapter14:13:

"Then I heard a voice from heaven saying, write: \*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on....."\*

In otherwords, if God can refer to the \*dead as blessed\*; then we can conclude that being blessed is not equivalent to life acquisitions or position; but it is  \*anything that has eternal value.\*

We often hear words like "I have millions in my account, a beautiful wife and good looking children; I am so blessed or look at our new house and fleet of cars; aren't we blessed?, I have just been promoted with official car, my husband got a Million dollar contract and our children are schooling in the United State; we are truely blessed indeed".

However, when God sent Angel Gabriel to a virgin lady:Mary, she was referred to as "Blessed" without any "physical or tangible success or achievement attributed to her.

Mary, before the encounter was just an ordinary lady who though was a virgin like many others in her generation.

Aptly put, Our Lord Jesus Christ is the major  \*reason and the product\* of what qualified Mary to be addressed as Blessed.

We shall rely heavely on the \*Master's\* interpretations of "blessed" as
illustrated in Matthew 5:3-12: \*Jesus said:\*

✅ Blessed are  the \*"poor in Spirit", for theirs is the kingdom of God\* :means- those who are humble before God and depend solely on Him.

The Bible says "whoever exalts himself shall be abased and he who humbles himself shall be exalted".
\*Matthew23:12\*

\*Your wealth, position, title and fame do not count before God.\*

The bible says God is not a respecter of persons: but in every nation he that fears \*Him\* and works righteousness is accepted with Him"
\*Acts10:34&35\*

✅ \*Blessed are those that mourn for they shall be comforted.\*

\*Holy Spirit:  the comforter\*.
John 14:26.

Jesus declared in \*Luke 4:18\* "... He had anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor.,to heal the brokenhearted."

Jesus and the Holy Spirit comfort us and pick us up when we are down emotionally.

" \*He heals the brokenhearted\* and bonds up their wounds"
\*Psalm 147:3\*

See the story of Lazarus and Jairus' daughter
\*Mark 5 & John 11\*

✅ \*Blessed are meek: for they shall inherit the earth.\*

"But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity"
\*Psalm 37:11\*

"who is wise and understanding among you? By his conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom"
\*James 3:13\*

Significantly, meekness is one of the \*fruit of the Spirit.\*
\*Galatians 5:23\*

✅ \*Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled"\*

The Bible says " seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you"
\*Matthew 6:33\*

"Say to the righteous that it will go well with them, for they will eat the fruit of their actions"
\*Isaiah 3:10.\*

✅ \*Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.\*

\*Luke 6:36\* "Be merciful,even as your Father is merciful".

\*Prayer\*: May mercy, peace and love be multiplied to you in Jesus name.🙏🏼. \*Jude 1:2\*

✅ \*Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.\*

"Truly God is good to Isreal, to those who are \*pure in heart\* .
\*Psalm 73:1\*

God said :" \*I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins....."\*
\*Jer 17:10\*

The psalmist says: " who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord or who shall stand in His holy place?...he that has a clean hands and \*a pure heart\*"
Psalm 24:3&4

✅ \*Blessed are  peacemakers; for they shall be called children of God.\*

The Bible says "if possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all"
\*Romans 12:17\*

"I am for peace, but when I speak they are for war"
\*Psalm 120:7\*

✅ \*Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.\*

"If you should suffer for righteousness' sake, \*you will be blessed"\*
\*1 Peter 3:14\*

The bible says:
"If we endure, we shall also reign with Him.."
\*2 Tim 2:12\* .

The essence of this message is for us to live a meaningful: \*purpose driven life, that pleases God.\*

Satisfaction and fulfilment in life is not measured by how much education,
wealth you 've got;

In fact, how long you live on earth may not count but what impact you made within the limited time you spend matters a lot.

Jesus only lived about 33 years on earth before He ascended to heaven; yet His impact is still legendary till date.

\*Psalm 1:1\* encompasses abstinence from sins or gathering of sinners.

A blessed man is the one that delights in the law of God and meditate on God's law day and night"
\*Psalm 1:2\*

\*Obedience to God's laws\* come with reward: \*Blessing\*

"He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that bring forth his fruits in his season......".
\*Psalm 1:3\*

Please heed this \*warning\* :

" \*Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near"\*
Rev 1:3.

How prepared are you?

Put your focus on things that have eternal consequences;

\*Win Souls for Jesus\*, then you are: \*BLESSED\*

Shalom.

Signed, Bro Cole