



Look Around: Be A Blessing



1 Peter 3:8-9 (ESV)

8 Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

9 Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.

We Bless, because we have been blessed, & so that we will obtain more blessing from the Lord

11 Ways That We Can Be a Blessing To Others:

[1] starts w/ being a blessing to God

Psalms 115:18 (ESV)

But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

[2] We Encourage & Build Others Up

1 Thessalonians 5:10-11 (NLT2)

10 Christ died for us so that, whether we are dead or alive when he returns, we can live with him forever.

11 So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

[3] give a 'blessing' for evil that's done to you

Romans 12:14 (NLT2)

14 Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them

Luke 6:27-28 (CSBBible)

27 "But I say to you who listen: Love your enemies, do what is good to those who hate you,

28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

[4] Seek PEACE w/ others...live in harmony

Romans 12:16-19

16 Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all! *[the next 3 verses Paul shows HOW we can live in harmony with everyone]*

17 Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable.

18 Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

19 Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the LORD.

1 Peter 3:10-11 (ESV)

10 For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit;

11 let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it.

[5] BE HOSPITABLE & put others first

Philippians 2:3-4 (ESV)

3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Romans 12:13(NLT2)

When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality. [BE HOSPITABLE]

[6] Serve Others

1 Peter 4:10 (NLT2)

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

[7] GIVE.....be charitable.....generous

Luke 6:37-38 (NLT2)

38 Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.”

Proverbs 11:25 (NLT2)

The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.

[8] be help...be helpful....help someone

Romans 12:13 (NLT2)

When God’s people are in need, be ready to help them

Galatians 6:2 (ESV) [NLT2]

Bear [Share] one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Romans 12:15

Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. [empathize]

Hebrews 6:10 (NLT2)

For God is not unjust. He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love to him by caring [serving, a help] for other believers, as you still do.

[9] Shine the Light of Christ

Matthew 5:15-16 (NLT2)

15 No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house.

16 In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

[10] SPEAKING LIFE TO PEOPLE ← big part of being encouraging & building up

Proverbs 18:21 (ESV) [NLT]

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.

[the tongue can bring life or death]

[11] LOVE OTHERS ..SHOW CHRIST’S LOVE

John 15:12 (NLT2)

12 This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you.

Romans 12:9-19 (NLT2)

9 Don’t just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good.

10 Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.