

Exceedingly Above - Blessed - Week 2

“Someone is praying for the things you take for granted.”

“Good people bless and build up their city. But the wicked can destroy it with their words.” – Proverbs 11:11 NCV

“Words kill and words give life. They’re either poison or fruit. You choose.” – Prov. 18:21 MSG

Five ways you can bless people with your words:

1. _____.

“Believers shouldn’t curse anyone or be quarrelsome but they should be gentle and show courtesy to everyone.” – Titus 3:2 GW

“Treat everyone you meet with dignity.” – 1 Peter 2:17 MSG

“Excel in showing respect to people (each other).” – Romans 12:10 GW

2. _____.

“When people sin you should forgive and comfort them so they won’t give up in despair.” – 2 Corinthians 2:7 CEV

“God is rich in mercy.” – Ephesians 2:4

“Remember the Lord forgave you so you must forgive others.” – Colossians 3:13 LB

“When someone stumbled you lifted him up with your words.” – Job 4:4 GW

“God blesses those who are merciful for they will be shown mercy.” – Matthew 5:7 MSG

3. _____.

“As holy people be sympathetic, kind, humble, gentle and patient.” – Colossians 3:12 GW

“Share each others troubles and problems and in this way obey the law of Christ.” – Gal. 6:2 NLT

“Go easy on those who hesitate in the faith.” – Jude 1:22 MSG

“A despairing man should have the devotion of his friends. Even though he forsakes the fear of the Almighty.” – Job 6:14 NIV

4. _____.

I have talked with hundreds of people, and I have discovered that most people, even married couples, have nobody in their life who loves them enough to tell them the truth.

Millions of relationships are destroyed by dishonesty.

Healthy relationships are built on honesty.

“An honest answer is a sign of true friendship.” – Proverbs 24:26 GN

There is no trust without truth.

“Speak the truth in a spirit of love.” – Ephesians 4:15 GN

“Brothers and sisters, if somebody in your group does something wrong go to that person and gently help make him right again.” – Galatians 6:1 NCV

“In the end people appreciate frankness more than flattery.” – Proverbs 28:23 NLT

Rules for dealing with people honestly:

- **Compliment in public, correct in private.**
- **Correct them when they’re up, not when they’re down.**
- **You must be open to correction yourself.**

5. _____.

“Encourage one another and build each other up.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:11 NIV

“If you love somebody you will always expect the best of him.” – 1 Corinthians 13:7 LB

Four ways to bring out the best in those around you:

- **Admire their uniqueness.**
- **Appreciate their value.**
- **Assign them a challenge.**
- **Affirm their ability.**

Reflect: How will you apply this teaching? What really stood out to you in this message?
