"The Blessing of the Lord"

"You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with abundance."

(Psalm 65:11)

Key Point: 2014, A Year of God's Blessing

Prayer for Blessing

Psalm 67:1 – "May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,"

Purpose for Blessing

<u>Psalm 67:2-7</u> – (2) "that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. (3) Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! (4) Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. *Selah* (5) Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! (6) The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us. (7) God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!"

<u>Genesis 12:1-3</u> – (1) "Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. (2) And I will make of you a great nation, <u>and I will bless you</u> and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. (3) I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, <u>and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.</u>"

To Participate in God's Blessing Plan I must:

(1) Believe

"So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith." (Galatians 3:9)

(2) Give

"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" (Acts 20:35)

(3) Ask

"May our sons in their youth be like plants full grown, our daughters like corner pillars cut for the structure of a palace; may our granaries be full, providing all kinds of produce; may our sheep bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our fields; may our cattle be heavy with young, suffering no mishap or failure in bearing; may there be no cry of distress in our streets! Blessed are the people to whom such blessings fall! Blessed are the people whose God is the LORD!"

(Psalm 144:12-15)

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message? Does our Heavenly Father delight in blessing His children? (James 1:17; Matt. 7:7-11; Luke 1:13,12:32) What do God's blessings not do? (Proverbs 10:22)