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“The Blessing” **Joseph (Part 18)**

**“There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.”
(Proverbs 12:18)**

Sage Advice

Genesis 47:7-10 – (7) “Then Joseph brought in Jacob his father and stood him before Pharaoh, and **Jacob blessed Pharaoh.** (8) And Pharaoh said to Jacob, ‘How many are the days of the years of your life?’ (9) And Jacob said to Pharaoh, ‘**The days of the years of my sojourning are 130 years. Few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and they have not attained to the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their sojourning.**’ (10) And **Jacob blessed Pharaoh** and went out from the presence of Pharaoh.”

The Blessing is the Word

Genesis 1:21-22 – (21) “So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. (22) And God blessed them, saying, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.’”

Genesis 24:60 – “And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, ‘Our sister, may you become thousands of ten thousands, and may your offspring possess the gate of those who hate him!’”

Genesis 49:28 – “All these are the twelve tribes of Israel. This is what their father said to them as he blessed them, **blessing each with the blessing suitable to him.**”

Be a Blessing - Seek to Speak Words of Life

Speaking Words of Life:

In the Home

“Hear, my son, your father’s instruction, and forsake not your mother’s teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck.” (Proverbs 1:8-9)

“My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you.” (Proverbs 3:1-2)

In the Church

“Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,” (Ephesians 4:15)

“Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.” (Titus 2:3-5)

When it’s tough

“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.” (1 Peter 3:9)

For My own good

“Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.” (Proverbs 11:25)

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