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## **“Blessing Magnet”**

“...For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.” (Psalm 133:3)

### **The Perfect Will of Jesus – Godly Unity**

**John 17:20-21** – <sup>20</sup> “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.”

### **The Disintegration Disaster – From Essential to Expendable**

**Genesis 2:22-24** – <sup>22</sup> “And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup> Then the man said, ‘This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.’ <sup>24</sup> Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”

**Genesis 3:11-12** – <sup>11</sup> “(God) said, ‘Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?’ <sup>12</sup> The man said, ‘The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.’”

### **Pilgrims’ Painful Progression**

**Psalms 122:1-9** – <sup>1</sup> “I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the LORD!’ <sup>2</sup> Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem! <sup>3</sup> Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together, <sup>4</sup> to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David. <sup>6</sup> Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! ‘May they be secure who love you! <sup>7</sup> Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!’ <sup>8</sup> For my brothers and companions’ sake I will say, ‘Peace be within you!’ <sup>9</sup> For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.”

## **Peace Making vs Destroying**

**Romans 14:19-20** – <sup>19</sup> “So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding. <sup>20</sup> Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God...”

## **Even in the Best of Families...**

**Philippians 2:14-15; 4:2-3** – <sup>14</sup> “Do all things without grumbling or disputing, <sup>15</sup> that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,”

<sup>2</sup> “I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.”

## **Don't Slow the Flow**

**Psalms 133:1-3** – <sup>1</sup> “Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! <sup>2</sup> It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! <sup>3</sup> It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.”

**Proverbs 6:12-15, 16, 19** – <sup>12</sup> “A worthless person, a wicked man, goes about with crooked speech, <sup>13</sup> winks with his eyes, signals with his feet, points with his finger, <sup>14</sup> with perverted heart devises evil, continually sowing discord; <sup>15</sup> therefore calamity will come upon him suddenly; in a moment he will be broken beyond healing. <sup>16</sup> There are six things that the LORD hates, seven that are an abomination to him: <sup>19</sup> ...one who sows discord among brothers.”

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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