

A Traveler's Guide: Life Rhythms - Bless

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1 Peter 2:11-4:2

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Previously: 1 Pt 2:11-4:2 we are to live with Christ's attitude (4:1) as we live out our daily lives in the places that God calls us to.

So how do we practically Bless others in our daily lives?

- Be prayerful & attentive: Lk 10:2. Set alarm daily 10:02am
- Live with intentionality because of your identity in Christ!

Peter - Jesus is precious to believers 1 Peter 2:7

- To you who believe
 - believers - those who have Christ as Savior Mt 16:15
 - not yet believers - not just intellectual belief Jm 2:19
- What is saving faith? Resting upon Christ's provision for your hope. 2 Tim 1:12
- Beware of things we substitute for saving faith:
 - Sacraments - don't save but point us to Christ
 - Doctrine - precious, but only as they point us to Christ Lk 24:27
 - Experience - a result of faith in Christ, not the means
 - 'doctrines & sacraments are the planets, but Christ is the Sun; the stars of doctrine revolve around Him as their great primal light. Get to love Him best of all 'C.H. Spurgeon
- Remember the Gospel of Christ:
 - He has delivered us from the guilt of our sins Rm 8:1
 - He has freed us from the power of sin Rm 7:4
 - He has guaranteed our future 1 Co 15:55-57 changes our thinking
- SO, if Christ is precious to you, your life is lived for Him 1 Pet 2:1-12
 - Remember "Every Christian is either a missionary or an imposter"
 - Remember your identity: Gen 12:1-3 you've been blessed so you are a blessing to others!
 - Paul reminds us we live for the praise of His glory Eph 1:3,12
- What does the inventory of your life show? Do you live for Christ?
 - How would you describe your worship of Jesus this week?
 - Family: Who did you intentionally bless in word, gift or deed?
 - Which neighbor did you intentionally bless in word, gift or deed?
- Remember - God has given us His Body to inspire us: Heb 10:23-25 encourage one another, gospel one another,

This week : EACH DAY -

- Start the day with remembering your identity in Christ.
- PRAY – ask God to allow you to live in your identity as a part of the family of God sent on mission to serve others for His glory
- THINK intentionally – How can I do what I'm already doing such that I do it because of who Christ has redeemed me to be?
- ASK: How will I worship Jesus this week?
- FAMILY: Who will I intentionally bless in word, gift, or deed?
- NEIGHBOR: Who will I intentionally bless in word, gift, or deed?

Be ready to REPORT next week during worship how God allowed you to BLESS someone.

Bless: We intentionally bless others though serving, encouraging, giving, and thinking of those around us. Instead of focusing on ourselves, we focus on others. (Record so you remember).

BLESS RHYTHMS: living w/ Christ's attitude:

Bless: We intentionally bless others though serving, encouraging, giving, and thinking of those around us. Instead of focusing on ourselves, we focus on others.

Listen: We intentionally listen to others through questions, focus, and attentiveness to their story and who they are.

Eat: We intentionally eat through sharing our meals, drinks, and moments around the critical necessity of nourishment.

Speak: We intentionally speak the truths of Jesus by graciously and boldly proclaiming the gospel in all scenarios of life.

Sabbath/Celebrate/Recreate: We intentionally work, rest, and enjoy the fruit of the gospel and fruit of God's creation. We pause to remember we are God's mission as we're on God's mission. The mission is His, not ours.