



1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12

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Blessed to be a Blessing

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Foster Care Teens

Personal Care Items

We are still collecting "Personal Care Items" for teens in foster care throughout the year. Items for both male and female teens are being collected in the bin just outside our youth room. These items will be sorted into personal bags and given to DCS to be distributed to teens who may not even have their own tooth brush or comb.

This Week's Bible Verse

Proverbs 3:3-4

Last Sunday



Blessed to be a Blessing

Last week started by talking about what a "Blessing" is and found that it is basically a special benefit or gift bestowed by God to bring happiness. We said that the Bible teaches that we are Blessed and Highly Favored by God. God's blessing is the empowerment to prosper and His favor produces the opportunity to succeed.

We talked a bit about how we are blessed and then looked at part of the promise that God made to Abraham (and to us) in **Genesis 12:2-3** where we found that we are blessed to bless others. There is a blessing that God will give us when we bless others.

We talked about God's system of receiving His blessings when we follow His system and how we can fall back into the world's system (controlled by Satan) when we don't.

God's system is loving God and loving others and in it we are blessed to be a blessing to others and others are blessed when they bless us.

In the world's system we typically only give when we expect to get something in return. Our expectation is "I give to you, you give back to me." But, in God's system,

³ Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. ⁴ Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

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we give to others with **no expectations** of receiving anything in return, then God blesses us.

Galatians 6:9 tells us that we will reap a harvest of blessings at **just the right time**, if we don't give up.

We talked about some of the reasons why we would "give up" doing good for others and how easy it is to fall back into the world's system. We said that the enemy will try to discourage us by telling us:

- Why be kind to them, you don't know them?
- Why be kind to them, they can't do anything for you?
- Why be kind to them, they're not nice to you?
- See, you did something nice and got nothing back.

We noted that all these things are according to the world's system. We said that we need to remember that according to God's system, the blessing will come from God "at the right time" if we do good without expecting anything in return.

We said we are to be kind to others, no matter who they are, with no expectations, and God will open doors of opportunity for you to succeed.

Being kind to others can also have an immediate benefit. Blessing others not only makes them feel good, it makes you feel good too. That's also God's system.

When you're frustrated, or bitter, or upset, just do something kind for somebody and you'll instantly feel better. Psychologists often recommend serving at a shelter or food bank for their patients suffering from depression. Doing something for others helps make them feel better.

We ended by listing many different, very simple, ways that we can show favor and be kind to others.

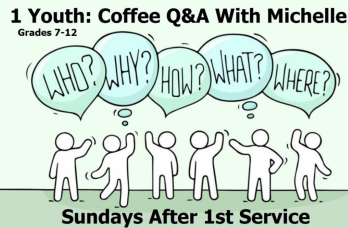
We also noted that sometimes it is really difficult and can even seem impossible to be kind to some people for any number of reasons.

Next Sunday, we will discuss how we can show kindness to even the most difficult people.

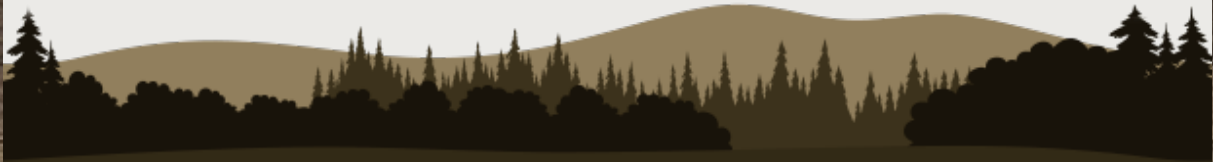
Join us Every Sunday after 1st Service, for Coffee Q&A.

NEW!!!

Coffee Q&A with Michelle
has moved to **Sundays!**



Join us in the Youth Room every Sunday, after 1st service, for refreshments in a casual atmosphere for an opportunity for you and your friends to ask questions and discuss answers to your most pressing questions about God, Jesus, the Bible, other Religions, Christianity, or just about Life in general.



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