

# The Faith Script

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*“But even more blessed are all who hear the word of God and put it into practice”  
Luke 11:28 (NLT)*

## Are You Blessed?

Job was described as the wealthiest man among all the people of the East (Job 1-3 NLT). Like others before him, his wealth was measured by his many thousand head of livestock, numerous servants and a large family. His seven sons and three daughters were a personal joy to him. He enjoyed a good life, and so yes, Job was blessed.

Job loved his God. He was faithful in every way that he thought he could be to God. Job gave all the credit for his success and possessions to be the result of God’s blessing for his hearing the word of God and putting it into practice. We are told that God has blessed the work of Job’s hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. So yes, Job was blessed.

Then, in a blink of an eye, it was gone! Livestock was gone, all his possessions were gone, and his most beloved children, also gone.

But wait, what? Gone? Everything? How could that be? And the worst was yet to come, boils and sores, more agony and pain! But how could that be, if Job was a faithful servant who put the word of God into practice every day? If Job was blessed by God, how could this be happening to him?

Well, we need only to ask Job’s three friends, Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar, who sat with him for seven days and seven nights and just listened to him lament. Then they gave him the obvious reason for his suffering. Maybe he wasn’t so faithful or maybe he committed a terrible sin! Clearly, they tell him that it must be his fault that he is suffering, because if he had been faithful, then God would have continued to bless him! Surely that was the answer! “But in all this, Job did not sin by blaming God. (Job 1:22 NLT).”

How many times have we heard people say, “I’m so blessed?” “I’m so blessed because I got a bonus at work, I found the perfect car, I just had a great vacation, I’m so healthy, I live in a beautiful home, I have lots of pets.” So what does it mean to “be blessed by God?” Peaceful existence, financial security, or maybe just being happy? People frequently believe that being blessed means either having something, someone, something of measure or something tangible.

God wants to bless us, and He wants us to experience His greatness. When we give our life to God and we accept Him into our hearts, we grant Him permission to do His will on our lives. When we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, God extends us His grace and mercy. He wants us to have His “blessings.” “But blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence (Jeremiah 17:7 NLT).”

When a disaster occurs, survivors often say, “I’m so blessed I survived this disaster.” Does that mean those that didn’t survive were not blessed?

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This whole idea of who is blessed and who is not gets very confusing, and the subject has been debated for centuries, so here are my closing thoughts on the subject:

When people are happy with their circumstances, they feel they are blessed. However, we shouldn't confuse being happy with being blessed—just ask Job! Job couldn't understand his pain and loss of family and possessions, but he never gave up on the idea that God loved him and he was blessed. I submit that when we say we “are blessed,” we should be referring to our inner state and our relationship with Jesus. That is, it is our conviction that we are loved by God, and whatever our circumstance or situation, we are confident Christ will bring us victory and eternity in his presence. When we are blessed, we know we are loved and saved by Jesus and can endure any pain or suffering we are experiencing, just as Job knew during his suffering.

During this past year, the pandemic has brought pain and suffering to people around the world in one form or another. People universally have lost loved ones, possessions, and wealth. But like Job, if we have a relationship with Jesus, have faith in Him and accept Him as our Lord and Savior, we “are blessed.” Amen.

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**Dr. Jeffrey A. Bates confirmed as new Dean for the  
Cedarville University School of Pharmacy.**

Dr. Bates serves on the CPFI Board of Directors and he is the chairperson for the Education Affairs Committee.  
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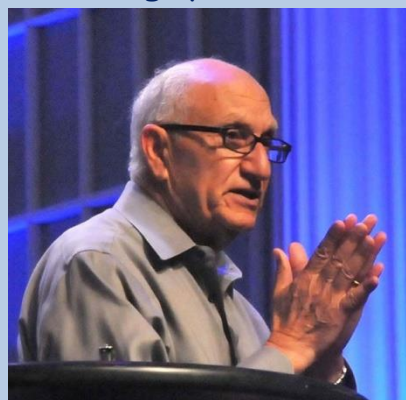
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Fred Eckel, Past President



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