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The Lord wants you to live in His light.

Ps. 115:14-15 *May the LORD cause you to flourish, both you and your children. May you be blessed by the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. (NIV)*

The Hebrew word for *blessed* is **beruchim** which means *to abundantly bless, persistently bless or to rain down continual blessings and grace*. Are you blessed? If you are a child of the King, then you are most certainly blessed. There was an elderly lady in one of the former churches I served, who would always respond when asked how she was doing: *“I’m blessed, and I’m doing better than I have a right to be.”* She recognized that everything she had was a result of God’s blessing and not her own doing.

Now as I reflect on this passage this morning, it is a reminder to me that I’m blessed beyond measure. I feel like Paul when he was writing to young Timothy and told him in **1 Tim. 1:14** *The grace of our LORD was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. (NIV)* Now when we examine the circumstances of most of Paul’s epistles, we would have to recognize that most of them were written from a prison cell, chained to a soldier. And yet, Paul was continually praising the LORD and sharing the goodness of the LORD to anyone who would listen. Many people in the jails heard the gospel proclaimed and responded to the call. From a ‘worldly’ perspective, being in jails, dragged out in front of the authorities, being flogged, being stoned and left for dead doesn’t much sound like being blessed; and yet Paul’s continual proclamations were that he was blessed beyond measure. How is this possible? Because he was continually seeking the LORD and not the popularity of men.

What if we sought the LORD instead of the admiration of the world? What if our eyes and hearts were fixed on the only One that truly matters? I dare say, we would respond like the Psalmist and Paul, that we are truly blessed beyond measure.

Dear LORD, we are blessed so abundantly. We don’t deserve Your blessings, but You give and give. We are blessed and doing better than we have a right to be. Thank You LORD! In Jesus Name, Amen.