

Cross Words

An Inspirational Message

Numbers 6: 22-27



Sworn In

I have a stepbrother that I have only seen a handful of times. We recently had the opportunity to visit and had a marvelous time. He called me a few days later to let me know that he was so glad we had those hours together because he has spent years thinking I was the enemy. All he knew of me were the accolades he constantly heard from our mutual parental figures, and he didn't appreciate the constant reminder of how I seemed to be held in much higher regard. This was quite a revelation to me since I have never been the recipient of these compliments.

I believe we are anointed by divine providence to be deputies of God's blessings. It is our privilege and our duty to go through this life blessing others and finding the blessings they bring to us. No training is required, but like anything we do, the more it is practiced the better we get.

It's hard sometimes, to remember that this is why we're here. The frustrations we face can tempt us to curse others more than thank them, to find fault rather than see the gifts they bring, or perhaps feel blessed by others but never let them know what a blessing they are to us.

The phone call from Carl was a beautiful reminder that we don't always know what is going on in other people's lives, but our gift to them is to bless them anyway. It was also an admonition for me to remember that unspoken blessings cannot be heard. We have to tell people how much they mean to us or they will never know. We must leave no doubt in their minds of how much we appreciate them. We are the official badge-wearing blessing ambassadors for God...and it is never too late to be sworn in.

"Spread love wherever you go.

Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier!"

Mother Teresa

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