

Identity Theft
Are You “Blessed”?

Review**Gen. 1:26-28**

²⁶ Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our **image**, according to Our likeness; let them have **dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” ²⁷ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be **fruitful** and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” – Gen. 1:26-28

This is why we teach and believe that we are supposed to live an overcoming life. To be *fruitful*, you have to live an overcoming life (“*dominion*”).

The “dominion principle” has been lacking in this area (Longview).

The religious culture we’ve been given has not taught people this. Result is

- lack of diligence & excellence (79%),
- lack of resolve in work and business (national chains),
- lack of spiritual fervor,
- compromise in family life & in morality (higher divorce rate).

The culture here is dominated by **mediocrity** and **small thinking**.

Eph. 1:3

“blessed” 114X in NT. Basically means happy.

“Blessings”

We are spirit/soul/body according to scripture.

1 Thess. 5:23 May the God of peace himself make you holy in every way. And may your whole being—spirit, soul, and body—be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. GNT

Spirit

Fullness of God’s Presence; an ongoing awareness of God’s love and acceptance; real victory over sin and temptation and living out practical righteousness and holiness; endowed with His power for ministry to others

Soul

Sense of meaningful purpose and accomplishment; healthy relationships where love is given and received; an awareness that you have really given of yourself to others.

Body

Dwelling place that is adequate, safe, and attractive; food and clothing that is both adequate and appealing; safe and comfortable transportation; in marriage, healthy sexual intimacy

So why are only 'spiritual' blessings mentioned here?

- God (our Creator) knows this is where life really happens – in your spirit.
- So does Satan!
- Getting and staying strong spiritually is the key to all the other blessings!
 - *Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of s life. – Prov. 4:23*
 - *from it are the sources of life (NET)*
 - *The spirit of a man will sustain him in sickness ,But who can bear a broken spirit? – Prov. 18:14*

If you're "in Christ"

- You can and should 'take hold of' the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness (Rom. 5:17).