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Have you ever asked yourself, “What does it mean to be blessed?” You may or may not have. Yet, most of us would say that we are blessed, but when asked, many would say family, friends, hard work. But how many would **first** acknowledge **God** as the source of all their blessings?

The reason that we are blessed is **not** of our own doing. It is because **God** is active in our lives. **God is amazing**, isn't He? He brought the world into existence with a single word, He led his people into the Promised Land even though they constantly disobeyed him, He formed each and every one of us in his **image!!** And He loves us so much that He sent his one and **only** son to **die on the cross** to forgive our sins so that we may have **eternal life** with Him.

So, how can we ever repay God for everything that He does for us? The answer is that we **can't**, but there are things that **God wants us to do for Him** so that His Love can be seen by all.

First, He wants us to trust Him no matter what. Yes, there are time in our lives when the road is tough; the road can be filled with twists and turns, mountains to climb and valleys to cross but God says that when we believe in Him, He will renew our strength and we will **run** but not grow weary. (I would be happy just to be able to **walk without growing weary!**), He will never push us past what we can handle, and when we trust in Him we can **move** mountains in our lives. What does this mean? To do something that **seems impossible**, because love or a particular belief makes us feel **determined** to succeed.

Second, God wants us to share the love that He has for us. He wants us to be the city on the hill, and a **shining light** for all people; no matter who they are or where they come from. He wants them to see His LOVE!!! We need to strive to live our lives in a way that reflects this love to others.

Finally, God wants us to glorify Him In everything we do, put Him **first**, not ourselves, and give Him all the glory. He deserves it! Without God and his blessings, we would not be here today.

Are we not truly blessed to live in a country where we are free to worship and glorify our God? If we stop and reflect on the impact that God has made in our life, we will see that we are truly blessed.

We are blessed beyond belief; we are continually reminded of all the good things around us. We have so much good to look at around us that we are **forgetting** the reason we are **Blessed**.