

Welcome to the Family



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Welcome to Great Oaks



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OAKS'**

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**YEAR
HOMECOMING**

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Blessed & Blessing

Genesis 12:2

² And I will make you a great nation,
And I will bless you,
And make your name great;
And so you shall be a blessing;

**All Scriptures from 1995 New American Standard*

Christian Practices That Bless the World



Series big idea: we are transformed in Christ, and those new qualities bless the world.



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Shining a Different Light

The People Who Bless Others



Acts 10:38

³⁸ *You know of* Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and *how* He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

The People Who Bless Others



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Some passages about following Jesus:

Matthew 5:16

¹⁶ Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Luke 10:30-37

³³ But a Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion,
³⁴ and came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on *them*; and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn and took care of him.

Luke 10:30-37

³⁵ On the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return I will repay you.'

³⁶ Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers' *hands*?"

Luke 10:30-37

³⁷ And he said, “The one who showed mercy toward him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do the same.”

Galatians 6:9-10

⁹ Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.

¹⁰ So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

James 1:27

²⁷ Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of *our* God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, *and* to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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➤ Usually people are selfish

Philippians 2:3-4

³ Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves;

⁴ do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

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➤ Usually people are selfish
and distracted.

Titus 3:1

¹ Remind them to be subject to rulers,
to authorities, to be obedient, to
be ready for every good deed,

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Our motive is different:
genuine love.

Living This Way is Impactful



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Our service points toward God.

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This lifestyle can break barriers that
people have against faith.

1 Peter 2:12

¹² Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe *them*, glorify God in the day of visitation.

1 Peter 2:15

¹⁵ For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men.

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May we build a
“serving others” lifestyle -



it will be a blessing
to the world!

Romans 6:3-4

³ Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

⁴ Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

James 5:16

¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.