

Juni 4, 2017

baraka

Hapa kuna njia tatu tunaweza kubariki rafiki yetu kisicho na majirani:

- a) **Maneno ya Kudhihirisha:** Hii ni njia rahisi ya kubariki mtu. Kuwatumia daftari, kuandika yao ya barua pepe, maandishi yao. Tuma baadhi ya maneno ya arrogation na kutia moyo. "Naweza kuishi kwa muda wa miezi miwili pongezi nzuri." - Mark Twain "neni la faraja ni kama oksijeni kwenye nafsi." - Michael Frost
- b) **Matendo ya Fadhili:** Bless wengine kwa kufanya nao neema au kutoa aina fulani ya msaada wa vitendo - kukata lawn wazee mtu, babysit watoto nimechoka wanandoa, kusaidia jirani hatua ya nyumba mpya.
- c) **Zawadi:** Mimi kuzungumza juu kabisa random zawadi-kutoa. Hakuna huwabariki mtu zaidi ya zawadi zisizotarajiwa. (Michael Frost, 2016).

Wafilipi 2:3-11

Hii ni Mungu ambaye anajulikana wazi zaidi wakati yeye abandons haki yake kwa ajili ya dunia. Ndiyo, anasema Paul, na hiyo ni 'akili ya Kristo', muundo wa mawazo ambayo ni ya kwako kwa sababu ni mali ya Masihi wa Mungu (mstari wa 5). Na kama wewe ni kweli hai katika yeye na kwa namna yake ya maisha, mashauri ya aya 1-4 inaweza ghafla maana mengi zaidi (N.T. Wright, 2004).

Wiki ijayo: *Mshangao World inaendelea!*

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Blessing

Here are three ways we can bless our unbelieving friends and neighbors:

- a) **Words of Affirmation:** This is the simplest way to bless someone. Send them a note, write them an email, text them. Send some words of arrogation and encouragement. "I can live for two months on a good compliment." - Mark Twain "A word of encouragement is like oxygen to the soul." - Michael Frost
- b) **Acts of Kindness:** Bless others by doing them a favor or providing some kind of practical support - cut an elderly person's lawn, babysit an exhausted couple's children, help a neighbor move to a new home.
- c) **Gifts:** I'm talking about totally random gift-giving. Nothing blesses someone more than an unexpected gift. (Michael Frost, 2016).

Philippians 2:3-11

This is a God Who is known most clearly when He abandons His rights for the sake of the world. Yes, says Paul; and that's 'the mind of Christ', the pattern of thinking that belongs to you because you belong to the Messiah of God (verse 5). And if you're truly living in Him and by His kind of life, the exhortations of verses 1-4 may suddenly make a lot more sense (N.T. Wright, 2004).

Next week: *Surprise the World continues!*

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Wakati je nilihisi kuwa nimebarikiwa na mtu?

Nini alifanya kujisikia heri?

Utafiti zaidi, kusoma Warumi 12: 9-21

Kubariki wengine ni moja kwa moja kuhusishwa na wengine upendo. Neno 'baraka' hutumiwa tu katika mistari wa 14 (kwa tafsiri ya NIV) maelekezo gani mengine inaweza kuonekana kama baraka katika mistari hii?

Tunapo kuishi maisha zisizotarajiwa (ambayo ni wazi ni pamoja na baraka ya wageni), tunajikuta kuwa maswali na wengine. Basi tuna nafasi nzuri kwa kushiriki matumaini ya Kristo ndani yetu!

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When have you felt blessed by someone?

What made you feel blessed?

For further study, read Romans 12:9-21

Blessing others is directly associated with loving others. The word 'bless' is only used in verse 14 (in the NIV translation) What other instructions could be seen as blessing in these verses?

When we live unexpected lives (which clearly includes the blessing of strangers), we find ourselves being questioned by others. Then we have the best opportunity for sharing the hope of Christ within us!