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PICTURE A SPECIAL FUTURE
The Blessing Series

Introduction: *Why is hope for the future so important?* **Prov. 13:12**



Matthew's account of the rich young ruler **Matthew 19:16-29**



A. NOTICE HOW JESUS BLESSED HIS DISCIPLES.

1. Jesus attached high _____ **John 15:15**
2. Jesus pictured the disciples future _____ . **John 15:16** .
3. Jesus pictured the _____ future in the Kingdom. **John 14:2-3; Matt. 19:27-29**

B. GOD PICTURES A SPECIAL FUTURE FOR YOU. **Rom. 12:2**

1. The 12 were chosen to be a blessing. **Matt. 9:9; Matt 4:18-19.**
2. Your heavenly Father has called _____ to be a blessing. **1 Pt. 4:10, 3:8-9**



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- A. _____ the positive future you see for them.
- B. Base your affirmation on their _____ design..

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NOTES

Discuss:

What future do you see for your wife? Your children? Your close friends?

Can you relate to both the positive and negative power our words have over others?

Look at Romans 12:2. The word '*transformed*'. This is the translated Greek word '*metamorphoo*'. Can you see how our words have the ability to make changes in hearts and minds?

What are some ways we can study someone to see their gifts and talents so the future we talk about is one for them, not necessarily our own view?

For Your Quiet Time:

Jeremiah 29:11

John 14:2-3

Psalms 33:9

Isaiah 30:21

Romans 12:12

Next Week:

Next week we're going to look at the final element of the Blessing, an active commitment. If words have no action to back them up, they are just words. As we bless someone, we are called to participate in that person's life by showing our commitment to the blessing we have given.

5 Elements of the Blessing

- 1) Meaningful Touch
- 2) Spoken Message
- 3) Attach a High Value
- 4) Picture a Special Future**
- 5) Active Commitment