

## BLESS OTHERS

Are you a blessing to everybody who knows you?

Many of us, either at school, in the office, or on the job site, face people with cutting tongues, people who are vulgar, overbearing, inconsiderate, rude, and downright offensive.

We don't owe them anything, do we? We like to think that people should earn our respect, our kindness, our courtesies. And if they don't? Well, too bad.

But didn't Christ say something like this: If you love only those who love you, if you greet only those who greet you, what kind of praise do you expect from God? Don't unbelievers do the same?

Peter tells us we are not to pay back. If someone calls you an idiot, don't say, "Well, you're a moron!" No, bless them.

Peter is saying that it is our calling to bring blessing into the lives of others. What does he mean by "calling"? A "calling" is a vocation, a job, a career. We are to make a career out of being a blessing to everyone we know or meet.

The Lord told Abraham that his seed would be a blessing to all people. That Seed, as we know, was Christ, and His blessing has flowed into every part of the world. We, too, are the seed of Abraham: *and if you are Christ's then you are Abraham's seed...*