

Connect

What does it mean to be blessed? How have you been blessed in your life?

Lesson Verses - Psalm 16 (NKJV)

A Michtam of David.

1 Preserve me, O God, for in You I put my trust.

2 O my soul, you have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, My goodness is nothing apart from You.”

3 As for the saints who are on the earth, “They are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.” 4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied who hasten after another god; Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, Nor take up their names on my lips.

5 O Lord, You are the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You maintain my lot. 6 The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; Yes, I have a good inheritance.

7 I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel; My heart also instructs me in the night seasons. 8 I have set the Lord always before me; Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope. 10 For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. 11 You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Study

1. How does verse 1 relate to the rest of the Psalm? What is unique about it?

2. According to Matthew 7:7-9, what must one do to receive from God? According to Matthew 7:8 who can do this?

3. What did David say was the cause of not having goodness in life (v. 2)? Who can do something about it and what do they simply need to do? (John 3:16)

🏋️ **APPLY 1:** What are some everyday idols we have around us today, and what are ways you can protect yourself from being captivated by them?

☕ **DISCUSS 1:** In regard to some of the examples of idols you mentioned above… Are all of them idols, or do they just have the potential to be idols if not dealt with properly? What is the difference? (i.e. Matthew 6:24)

4. What is the portion that God provides to David? What the results from having "it?" (vv. 5-11, *hint:* at least eight of them)

🏋️ **APPLY 2:** Which of the results do you wish you had in your life right now? What is the key to having them?

☕ **DISCUSS 2:** Why is it erroneous to say that in order to be "Christlike" you must actually die on a cross? What are the small but repetitive examples Christians can and should do to be Christlike? Why is it important that they are continuous and cumulative? (Luke 9:23; Matthew 24:13)

Discuss & Share

In Acts 2, Peter gives a sermon that points to Psalm 16:10 as a reference to Jesus Christ. Read Acts 2:36-41 to answer the following questions:

- What did Peter say that cut them to the heart?
- What were they provided that God had promised?
- What did they have to do to be saved, and what were they saved from?
- How did they respond? (Have you responded to this?)

Grow & Minister

- Pray for one person's salvation.
- Pray for the startup of Children & Student Ministries under new leadership.
- Pray for your place in ministry.