

Wednesday's Wisdom

a weekly short note from Mike Minear

A couple of years back, I was visiting the Hinely's and for some reason Bonnie "blessed" me. Then later in the morning, Arline Harkrider "blessed" me. When I went home for lunch, I told Dolores that I was having a great day, as I had already been "blessed" by two elder's wives!

The Less IS Blessed By The Other

by Norman Gipson

Abraham was blessed in many ways. For one thing, his character was so great that he rivals the highest men of history. (Well, he did lie, As far as I know, he lied twice: to Pharaoh and to Abimelech. He lived to be 175. On the average, that's a lie every 87 years and six months. How does our truthfulness measure up to THAT?)

Abraham is the one to whom God promised that in his seed all nations would be blessed -- and we are. But an interesting statement is found in Hebrews: "Melchizedek.. met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him." Later the text reads, "And without any dispute, the less is blessed of the better" (Hebrews 7:1,7). Does that not say that Melchizedek was a greater man than Abraham? He has one short story in Genesis 14, a mention in Psalms, and the treatment in Hebrews 7. On the other hand, Abraham's story begins in Genesis 12 and is threaded through the entire Bible. The greatest people do not always get the most publicity.

Surely this principle will help us. When we bless others, we are exalted by the Lord. We may not receive the fanfare of trumpets or the clashing of cymbals to celebrate our efforts, but the Lord knows. Ant that ought to be good enough.

Instead of waiting for the blessings of others, why not seek daily for the many simple ways we can be a blessing? The Lord will notice whether anyone else observes or not.