

Passing On The Blessing

Intro: Daddy's are very special to children. Every child needs a Father to love, encourage, direct, and discipline them as they grow and develop. One of the most important tasks we face as Fathers is to let our children know that we love and accept them unconditionally. This is what Gary Smalley and John Trent describe as passing the blessing on to our children. In their widely popular book, *The Blessing*, Smalley and Trent present five elements that comprise *the family blessing*. "A family blessing begins with *meaningful touch*; it contains *a spoken message, attaching high value to the one being blessed; picturing a special future for the one being blessed; and an active commitment [on the part of the parents] to help fulfill the blessing.*"

I. Isaac's Blessing On Jacob (Genesis 27)

- A. The blessing promised to Esau (vv. 1-4)
- B. The blessing stolen by Rebekah and Jacob's deception (vv. 5-26)
- C. The blessing bestowed by Isaac (vv. 27-29)
- D. Esau pleads for his Father's blessing (vv. 30-40)

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II. The Five Elements Comprising "The Blessing"

1. *Meaningful touch* (vv. 22 and 26; Mark 10)
2. *Spoken words* (v. 27)
3. *Speaking words of high value* (v. 28)
4. *Pronouncing a special future for the child* (v. 29)
5. *An active commitment by parents to help their child fulfill the blessing*

Application: May God help us to begin practicing the blessing in our homes by using meaningful touch, and speaking positive words of blessing to our children. The most important gift that you can give your child is your love. This means getting to know them and being involved in their lives so they also get to know you. It is up to us as parents to introduce our children to Christ. Ask God to help you to be a blessing to your kids!