

WORD STUDY: *bless*

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definition

to praise, speak well of, or glorify; these words are all very generic and tied to each other (all three seem to define each other). Let's attempt to really understand these words!

PRAISE

- to glorify especially by the attribution of perfections (M-W)

SPEAK WELL OF

- This is probably the most applicable definition! How often do you speak of Your God? When people are around you, do they see Him and want what you have?

GLORIFY

- to make glorious by bestowing honor, praise, or admiration; to elevate to celestial glory; to represent as glorious



deeper look

The Hebrew word "barak"

ברך

definitions in Strong's concordance include

kneel, bless, praise or adore.

make it PERSONAL

how do I bless God?

Sing praises to His name. When you're singing, really think about the words. If you play an instrument, play some of your favorite worship songs or compose one of your own!

Use your talent for Him. What do you do? Figure out how you can use it to glorify God's name (remember what that means? Elevate, represent as glorious; and bestow honor. Write a poem about Him. Hand letter a Bible verse. Give a devotional. Do something you didn't think you could, and then tell others about what God has done for you! Which leads to the next one:

Talk about God. Share what God did this summer in your life. Tell your testimony. Post Bible verses on social media. Encourage conversations about God.

Talk to God! Take those free moments you have when driving to work, walking to your next class, or taking a shower and have a chat with God. When people tell you prayer requests, pray for them right away (or you'll forget if you're anything like me!) Keep a prayer journal (find prayer journal pages on our website at www.ohbelovedone.com/prayer-journal). Find a prayer buddy and get talking!

what else can you do?

bless
the LORD
oh my soul

psalm 34:1
psalm 68:19
psalm 103
psalm 104
job 1:21
nehemiah 8:6

