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As we near the end of the year, we are thrilled to see that God has faithfully accomplished everything He had promised. Let your heart be filled with gratitude for His love, grace and faithfulness. Make this month a month of praise and worship. Note down everything He has done for you and start to praise Him. He alone is worthy to be praised.

This is the time for you to do something for God and His Kingdom. Increase your hunger and thirst for more of God and His manifestations through you. Don't be satisfied with ankle deep, knee deep, or waist deep levels of anointing. Jump into the swimming level. You will catch great multitudes of fish for the Lord. Greater manifestation of the gifts of the Spirit will draw multitudes to Christ. Keep growing in your faith and in Christian virtues. Don't stay in your present level and get distracted in small issues. Rise up and shine!

Our one month School of the Holy Spirit for women starts on 1st of November. Women are applying from different parts of India. Pray for a mighty work and move of the Holy Spirit in this school. Sister, if you are hungry for God, if you want to bless the world, if you want to do a powerful ministry, it is not too late, you can still apply immediately. We want to give you a chance to fulfill your destiny. Book your ticket and avail this opportunity. Your life will never be the same. This is the testimony of all our ex-students.

We have Leadership Training School in our campsite from January 19th to February 28th, 2019. Come and become a different person (1.Sam.10:6). This school includes our Apostles and Prophets Conference from February 18th to 22th, 2019. If you are an apostle or a

It's not Faith brings victory, but Faith itself becomes victory

- Prophet Ezekiah Francis

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God's heart is longing and seeking for a person who would make a wall and stand in the gap before Him on behalf of the land. From December 3rd to 5th we are going to stand in the gap and intercede for the nations and the Church. Come and join with us for this glorious festival of prayer. We will see the tremendous outpouring of the Spirit in a tangible way.

Beloved, your final victory is already decreed by the King of the universe. All the kingdoms of the earth will be delivered to your Father God. All the enemies will be driven out into eternal fire. You will enjoy total freedom from all tortures, pains and sufferings. You will experience the very peace of God and eternal bliss, peace and joy. Every promise and prophetic word ever given from the creation of man will be fulfilled. None of His words will ever fail (Jos.21:45). Take heart! March on! Be bold in your offensive war to win the world with your mighty Champion, the Holy Ghost NOW!

Pray for all our programs and also for me and my wife, for our ageing parents, as well as for our leaders and staff. May the Lord Almighty establish your territory and make you a blessing to the nations. Be the head and never again the tail. Lend to nations and never borrow again. Let the blessings run before you and overtake you, in Jesus Name!

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Pray for Holy Boldness

At the time of great distress the early church prayed to enable them to speak God's words with great boldness. The hidden purpose behind the devil's attack on God's children is to terrify them, and make them lie low! Through that he will sow the seeds of the fear among all God's people! Fear is an evil spirit. When one believer is attacked, fear will grip the hearts of all believers who hear of it. If a child of God dies in an accident, all other God's People who hear about it, will fear to travel. The plan of the enemy is to de-stabilise the attached child of God. Let us pray to God constantly to fill God's people with His course.

It is not easy to speak about Jesus, in the midst of enemies. You need supernatural strength to do so. You need to know the supernatural strength of the Holy Spirit to confront officials, leaders and enraged crowds with the gospel. He alone should give the exact word at that time. Only those who serve in places that are full of enemies will be able to understand this. Those who have persecuted in communist countries are the ones who are filled with this extraordinary courage. How was it possible for the person who denied Jesus to an ordinary servant girl, to become so bold to utter the salvation was only in Jesus. [Ac.4:12]. The extraordinary words were due to the holy boldness imparted by the Holy Spirit.

What made Stephen speak without fear before the furious Sanhedrin? It was the Divine

courage given to him by the Holy Spirit? When everyone was outraged and gnashing their teeth, he could calmly say that the heavens were open. He had the boldness of the Holy Spirit.

What made Paul thunder out among the Gentiles that the gold and silver statues and idols made by them could not compared to the living God. It was the courage imparted to him by the Holy Spirit.

My personal experience

Ten years ago, in the village of Kunnathur, near Erode, I was invited to preach the gospel. Handbills were criticizing other religions. Threats were made by many enemies of Christ. Throughout that day, many prayer warriors and I were on our knees. We bound the spirits of fear and all opposing spirits in the Name of Jesus.

The news reached us that they had vowed that no more gospel meetings would be permitted there. But that evening the meeting was held. I stood up to speak a few words after prayer. Immediately a crowd came shouting and running towards us carrying dynamites and lethal weapons. But at that moment, I had no fear in my heart, since I felt a strange boldness in my heart, as a naive smile crossed my lips. God prevented them from attacking us, or coming near us. The Police arrived and the meeting ended.

The next day, God destroyed the hindrances. Even the police men heard the gospel. The same leaders, who had led the opposition on that day, were drowned near the temple a few days later. Yes, prayer confers an extra ordinary boldness to the ministries. It makes the church to reign in the midst of opposition. It brings down justice upon the enemies.

Pray for Rhema Word

When you pray for Rhema Word, you must intercede that they may be given the boldness to speak God's word. **There is God's power and authority in the Word of God. Those very words perplex the enemies.** Notice how Apostle Paul requests specific prayer for this. "And for me that utterances may be given to me that I may open my mouth boldly to make known, the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly as I ought to speak" [Eph.6:19,20]

The bold preacher Apostle Paul himself requests to pray for his boldness. Please pray specifically that

- 1) The church should pray for the sermons.
- 2) The people of God should speak boldly.
- 3) The people of God should be given the Word from the Lord that would reveal mysteries.

The church should not remain content in preaching just anything, in any manner that pleases them. When a President or Prime minister of a country speaks, every word that he utters has to be carefully analysed. How much more careful should the children of God to utter every word with alertness. They should not speak their own words. They should speak the words given by the Holy Spirit.

"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. These things we also speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teaches, but the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual" [1 Co.2:12,13]

Eventhough we may speak the truth, there is a way of presenting it. We should speak the truth with love and compassion. Your words must be gracious.

Every word should be salted. The love of God should constrain us to speak the right words at the right time. Without speaking our own stories, the messages should be filled with the Word of God. We should speak in such a manner, as being filled with the divine wisdom and the power of the Holy Spirit. It is a must for the church to pray for all these points.

Not only should we pray for the way in which to speak, but also for God's word to be given to speak. Since the words that come from God, even as God would do, cause miracles to happen. They will defeat the evil spirits. That is the reason for the evil spirits to block God's Word from reaching human beings. Powers of darkness which rule over every country, will resist the coming of God's Word into their areas. The church should receive the Word of God directly to pull down this stronghold of the enemy. This is also a spiritual struggle. God's word had come to Daniel on the first day itself. But the kingdom of Persia, a servant of satan withstood the Word of God for twenty one days It becomes necessary for the angel Michael to come to his support. [Dan. 10:12] Often God's children have the difficult time in getting the message from the Lord. The church and the ministers should enter the prayer arena to pray for this matter. That is why the Apostle Paul requests the church to pray that the Word of God may be given to him. There was no other Apostle who had received such revelations of God as Paul. If he himself, had requested for prayer, how much more necessary it is for our ministers?

Rhema Sermon overcomes the enemy

We could classify sermons into two kinds. One is "Logos" and the other is "Rhema". In the Greek language, these two words are used to indicate God's Word. Logos refers to the whole Bible – the written word of God. Rhema is, speaking the direct Word of the Lord according to the need and circumstances from the written word.

For this, one should have a close walk with God. They should tarry in prayer and meditation for hours together. "What are the words that I should pass on to the people?" must be our request to the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit flashes in our hearts some

particular verse, that of course, is Rhema. We can always preach a logos sermon by using our intellectual power, skill of eloquency, book knowledge, and compiling many Bible verses. But, to change a life, to penetrate their hearts, and to cause miracles to happen, Rhema Words should overflow from within. People should say that God spoke personally to them.

I meditated upon the Word "Rhema" found in the New Testament. My heart burned within me, as I saw that, when the Lord Jesus has tempted by satan in the wilderness, he used Rhema words to overcome him. We see the Rhema words from the mouth of Jesus "Man does not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord." [Mt.4:4] The words that have already come out of the mouth of the Lord are "Logos". According to the need of the hour, the words which the Holy Spirit quickens and causes to come out of the mouths of the ministers is "Rhema". Logos will fill the intellect. "Rhema" will touch the heart and quicken a person. These Rhema words cause the inner man to grow. Only such sermons will quicken the 'inner man' of the people.

When Jesus said, "The words which I speak to you are life and spirit" the word Rhema is used. The Holy Spirit speaks to the right persons, choosing the correct words, at the most appropriate time. Such rhema words become Words of spirit and life. We need to intercede for ministers to receive the 'Rhema Word'.

At one time Peter could not catch any fish though he labored throughout the night. Rhema words came out of the mouth of Jesus. Then Peter said, "I will cast my net according to your word." Here the word Rhema is used. Isn't it thrilling to know that Rhema words causes miracles to happen; they will help to catch a large quantity of fish for Jesus. Pray that the church should get the Rhema word from the Lord without hindrance.

The urgent need of the hour

As I look back at my past ministerial years, I find that I have had a very difficult time in receiving the Rhema word. When I prepare for some meetings I would easily receive God's words. But on some occasions I have found it very difficult to get God's Rhema word. It would prove to be a great struggle. At such times my mind would be in great distress, and a strange fear would fill my heart. I would ask the members of my family to pray for me. As a family when we have fasted and prayed, I have felt as if the dark clouds have vanished. I would get the sermons of many hours in a few minutes. I have many times requested the leaders of my ministry to pray for me in this regard. As soon as I receive the Rhema word from the Lord my heart fills with joy. A divine fortitude fills me. Even today there is nothing that comforts me as the feeling that I have uttered every word that the Lord has given me. My dear prayer warrior, will you pray for those who are struggling to hear the word of the Lord in the battle field? Will you treat this as an important point prayer that needs your constant prayer.

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Even after receiving the Word of the Lord, God's children should have the grace to boldly speak them. Sometimes religious leaders, why, even spiritual leaders might oppose such sermons. But we are not to please man, but to please God. Many prophets who spoke direct words from the Lord have been stoned. some have been imprisoned. Others have been ridiculed. Dear prayer friends, please pray that God's people should not be discouraged by such incidents.

Beloved prayer warrior, the prayer that you offer in the light of God's word for the children of God will bear eternal results. God will reckon your prayers in His account and bless you a thousand fold.

May the Lord Himself open your eyes to these truths. May He fill your heart with His burden and spirit of intercession! With holy anger, may He help you to fight against the spirit which hinders your prayers. May He use you as a mighty intercessor to prepare the way for revival that lies ahead!

May the love of the Holy Spirit overflow your hearts. Even as you read this you will be filled with the spirit of intercession to stand firm, behind the children of God in prayer support. You could use this points to pray for any child of God. Such prayers would made our Lord rejoice! Enemies will be shattered! Churches will be encouraged! The Lord would heap upon you unexpected rewards!

On that glorious day, the King will say, "Come, you who are blessed of My Father, take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world"

And the king will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' [Mt.25:34,40]

Beloved prayer warriors,

Are you willing to pour out your very life to intercede for God's children who are in crisis?

Will you take a firm stand together to bring

unity among God's people at any cost?

Will you determine to demolish the demonic devices, using your authority?

Are you ready to continue and finish the acts of the apostles which was begun by the Holy Spirit?

In this earthly life that God has lent,

Your time is well spent –

When in the presence of the Lord,

With the Sword of His Word,

You wield the weapon of Intercession

For God's people – His priced possession;

Oh! How awesome the thought,

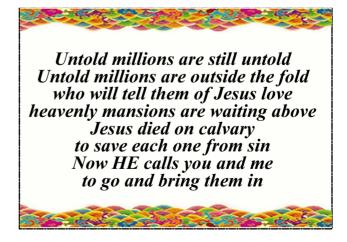
That God-your help has sought;

To grant you the award,

El Shaddai, God is vour best reward!!!

Excerpts from the book "Clarion Call for Prayer" By Prophet Ezekiah Francis

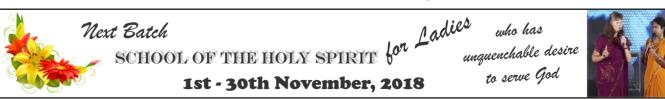
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- *Praise the Lord! I am so excited, I am filled with the anointing and my spirit cherishes even at this moment. I just thank and praise God for these awesome days I spent at this 41st STC for the past 10 days. Each day has been different, but the most amazing testimony of all was, when Prophet Ezekiah Francis was talking about standing before kings and governments, because I am working with the government of a foreign nation, I was kept seeing of the rulers in a vision whom I know and it was amazing and even I told my friends came from Dubai that I could see these persons in vision. The anointing was so powerful and the topic continued on the next day also. When we were merged with the federal government we were asked to sign documents stating we would not ask as experts, increments or whatever benefits that they offer to employees. Now, very interesting part is that the next day after we finish the morning sessions of Prophet Ezekiah Francis and Rev. Benita Francis, as I was walking to lunch, I got message from my office saying that I have been promoted and I have got an increment. And that's nothing short to supernatural because I am the only expert who is a Christian and only one who is an Indian. So I just want to thank and praise God because I know this is what God has done for me and much more. And more to see in the future. Thanking God for making it possible for me to come. Because I know he had a perfect plan. Praise the Lord! Sheeba, Dubai
- *Praise the Lord! I come here for the first time. Within the first two days God has blessed me more. I didnt even know that our God is the God who lift us from the poverty to prosperity. I saw a vision here in the session time, the auditorium is filled with golden fire and we all are into it and God blesses each and everyone. I also saw another vision, in the entrance gate two people with golden dress standing at each side and the gate is also filled with fire and we pass through that. There everything is in florescent white. God gave me these visions. I am going with abundant blessings. I was not about to come here but God brought me here in midst of many struggles. I thank God for bringing me here. I am not at all knowing how God brought me here. I thank God and Berachah Team who arranged this programme. I came here and going back as a fire of God, so that I can bring each one to the Kingdom of God. Seetha Sunare, Dehradun
- *Before we came here we attended Supernatural Lifestyle seminar in Bhopal. When asked to contribute for the building fund we could contribute only a tiny amount from what we had. Amazingly doors opened to build our own house. We laid the foundation before we came here. And now we have come here and we are sure that we will get the money needed to complete building our house. Also we look forward the blessings of God in the times to come. Praise the Lord! Pr. Rathan Sunare, Dehradun





DIVINE HEALING BY FAITH By John G Lake

Excerpts from the book 'The Basics of Divine Healing' John G. Lake Ministries, 1999 edition



I. Who Can Have "Great Faith"?

- 4. Matt 9:20-22 20. And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment: 21. For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole. 22. But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour. (KJV)
- 5. Matt 9:27-30 27. And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us. 28. And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord. 29. Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you. 30. And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it.

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Rev. Benita Francis

et me say it one more time. Your parents are NOT your enemies. They are NOT out to steal your life. Somebody else is. The devil and all his cohorts are working overtime to drag you out of the protective covering God has provided for you by giving you parents - as imperfect as they may be. God Himself knows they are not perfect, but still He has placed them as your authorities to chasten you - which means to correct and rebuke you - to make you grow up in a healthy way. See this:

7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?

8 But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.

9 Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected *us*, and we paid *them* respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?

10 For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness.

11 Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. This is what both God and your parents desire when they rebuke you: You should be trained to live a peaceful, enjoyable life in righteousness. A small counsel: If you endeavor to make God happy, He will make sure your earthly parents are also happy with you. Try it...

Let me quickly tell you about a person who was NOT rebuked by his father. He was Adonijah, the fourth son of King David (2 Samuel 3:4). After the death of his elder brothers, Amnon and Absalom, he tried to seize his father's throne, but failed. Solomon, one of his younger brothers, was made king according to God's plan and promise (1 Chronicles 28:5). Adonijah took refuge at the altar and was forgiven (1 Kings 1:5-53). However, when he attempted to seize the throne a second time, he was killed (1 Kings 2:13-25). All the Bible says about him is this:

6 And his father had not rebuked him at any time by saying, "Why have you done so?" He *was* also very good-looking. *His mother* had borne him after Absalom (1 Kings 1:6)

Can you see it? Not being rebuked can kill you! It seems King David didn't bother to correct this son Adonijah. He therefore could not develop a good character and died because of his pride and ambition. What a tragedy! Actually, your parents rebukes are not a curse. They are a great blessing and protection for your life and your future. So next time they rebuke you, rejoice! Your life is in

safe, God-ordained hands!

There is a great mystery not only in the parental rebukes but also in the parental blessing. If you read through the Old Testament, you will see that the parental blessings came to pass word by word. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and so many others received the parental blessings and later on released them on their own children (Genesis 27:27-29, 39-40; 28:1-4; 49:1-28)

In the same way, the parental curse also came to pass as we see in Noah who cursed Canaan and blessed his sons Shem and Japheth (Genesis 9:20-27). Both Old and New Testament emphasize the importance of blessing our parents as well as the dangers of cursing them. Let us see some Scriptures:

And he who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death (Exodus 21:17)

For everyone who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death. He has cursed his father or his mother. His blood shall be upon him (Leviticus 20:9)

Whoever curses his father or his mother, his lamp will be put out in deep darkness (Proverbs 20:20)

For God commanded, saying, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses

father or mother, let him be put to death' (Matthew 15:4)

For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death' (Mark 7:10)

Can you see it? Do you now understand why it is so difficult for you to live peaceably with your parents? As I keep telling you, there IS somebody who wants to steal your life - and here he has a very easy game!

Maybe you say, "But sister, I would never curse my parents!" Well, I am not so sure. Probably you don't know the meaning of the word "curse". Let me help you.

See here some of the meanings of the Hebrew words translated as "curse" in the Old Testament. To curse means "to make vile, execrate, malign, stab with words", "to make light, treat with contempt, bring contempt or dishonor, make despicable". If you are under a curse, you will experience "to be insignificant, be of little account, be lightly esteemed". Other Hebrew words mean "to pierce, perforate, blaspheme" and even "to devote to destruction". The word used most frequently is "to bitterly curse".

Greek words used in the New Testament mean "to curse, doom, imprecate evil upon", "to speak evil of, revile, abuse", even "a person or thing

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doomed to destruction".

Soooo... are you sure you don't curse your parents? How do you talk to them? Do your words stab their hearts as with a dagger? Do you revile and abuse them with your words? How do you talk about them? Do your words make them vile, despicable or insignificant in other people's eyes? Do you speak doom, destruction or evil about them and their future? Did you know that death and life are in the power of YOUR tongue (Proverbs 18:21)?

Remember, the great apostle Paul reminded his churches of this eternal truth, saying: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise: that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth" (Ephesians 6:1-3).

Can you see how this enemy of your soul is trying to use your hurts and your resulting rebellion to kill your parents through your stabbing words and to kill you through your disobedience to God's fourth commandment? Can you now see who REALLY wants to steal your life???

Now, how do you make sure you get your parents' blessings? Let us learn again from the source of all wisdom, God's eternal Word. In Genesis chapter 27, you can read a story that sounds like a modern drama. Father Isaac is getting old and wants to bless his favorite son before his death. So he calls him and asks him to hunt and cook his favorite dish. His wife Rebekah, however, hears the conversation and starts scheming how to trick her husband into blessing his other son, the one whom she favored. You must read it! It is exhilarating!

Finally, Jacob cheats his father Isaac and gets the blessing intended for his brother Esau. When Esau comes in, he cries with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and says to his father, "Bless me - me also, o my father!" Can you see how serious they all took the parental blessing? Not only the son, also the father knew of its importance. When Isaac found out that he had been cheated, he trembled exceedingly, and asked, "Where is the one who

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- In a series of judgments with far reaching consequences, the Constitutional Benches of the Supreme Court led by Chief Justice Dipak Mishra struck down Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) declaring that homosexual relationship is not punishable. Similarly, the court also removed Section 497 of the IPC from the list of offences punishable under the provisions of criminal law. It implies that adultery or sexual relationships outside marriage are not punishable with prison terms, though it can be cited as the reason for seeking divorce. Christian leaders in their reactions have said, the Bible has categorically termed both homosexuality and adultery as abominations in the sight of the LORD.
- The Election Commission of India has mandated election contestants to mention in capital letters their criminal antecedents and the criminal cases they are now facing, on the affidavits they submit before Returning Officers while filing nominations. The Commission has also asked political parties to display prominently the criminal case details of their candidates in their websites. This follows a direction from the Supreme Court aimed at decriminalizing politics.
- The Election Commission has announced the poll schedule for five states. While Chhattisgarh will vote in two phases on November 12 and 20, Madhya Pradesh and Mizoram will go to polls on November 28. Rajasthan and Telangana will vote on December 7. The results for all five Assembly elections will be out on December 11. Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trails (VVPAT) machines will be used in all the polling booths in the states
- The Madras High Court has transferred the investigation of corruption charges against the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Mr Edappadi K Palaniswamy in awarding highway contracts from the state Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption to the CBI. The Chief Minister has said he is not afraid of facing the probe.
- Minister of State for External Affairs Mr MJ Akbar resigned from the post following sexual allegations made against him through the #MeToo Movement. He has slapped a defamation case against one of his accusers and has vowed to face the charges in court in his personal capacity.
- India had a clean sweep over the Test Cricket series against West Indies in home turf. India achieved her largest Test victory, thrashing the visitors by an innings and 272 runs within three days in Rajkot in the first match. Kuldeep Yadav recorded a maiden five-wicket haul in Tests in the match, in which, India made 649 for nine declared, with Virat Kohli scoring 139, and the 18-year-old Prithvi Shaw and Ravindra Jadeja also hitting centuries.

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hunted game and brought it to me? I ate all of it before you came, and I have blessed him - and indeed he shall be blessed... Your brother came with deceit and has taken away your blessing." Seeing Esau's desperation, Isaac tried to bless him with whatever blessing he had not used for Isaac. The whole matter was so serious, though, that Esau decided to kill his brother who had taken his blessings by deceit as soon as he got a chance. Wow! This is how important the parental blessing is!

Now please, don't despair. I can hear some of you saying, "What can I do? My parents only hate me. They only love my brother and my sister, not me! How can I get their blessings?" or "My parents are dead and gone. I missed the opportunity to get their blessings. What can I do? My luck is lost forever!"

No, don't worry. If you are a believer in Christ, your Heavenly Father God has already blessed you with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 1:3). You ARE blessed - and yet, why not do everything

in your power to get also the earthly blessings of your earthly parents?

How do you do that? Very easy. See what Isaac himself tells his son: "And make me savory food, such as I love, and bring it to me that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die" (Genesis 27:4). Pray. Find something your parents really like. Make them happy so they can happily bless you!

So your parents are NOT the ones who want to spoil your life. Now let me remind you who REALLY wants to steal your life. Well... do I really need to remind you? I think you know by now...

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