

## Message Notes & Thoughts

Passage: **Genesis 46:31-47:28**

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### Message Outline ...

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#### The Wisdom of Blessing, the Blessing of Wisdom: Part 1

Gen. 46:31-47:28

1. **1. There is Wisdom and Blessing in Being Set Apart (46:31-34)**
  - 1. John 15:18-19
  - 2. Proverbs 9:10
    1. Because God Commands it
    2. Because God inspects it
  
2. **2. There is Wisdom and Blessing in Being Generous (47:7-10)**
  - 1. "One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want." Pr 11:24.
  - 2. "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." (11:25)
  - 3. "The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor." (22:9)
  - 4. "Those who give to the poor will lack nothing, but those who close their eyes to them receive many curses." (28:27)
    - Why is it wise?
      1. Because God writes the rules.
      2. Because we learn to value rightly.
      3. Because we demonstrate faith.
  
3. **3. There is wisdom and blessing in being set on pilgrimage.**
  - 1. Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. 6 As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; Ps 84:5-6.
    - 1.2 Cor 5:20-21

## Questions for Growth ...

Re-read Genesis chapter 46:31-47:28

- ◆ When you think of becoming “separate” as a Christ follower from the world, what are both the positive and negative results that go along with to live this way?
  
- ◆ On this theme of being separate, how separate should we become and why?
  
- ◆ How can we relate to a ‘world’ that we are striving to become separate from?
  
- ◆ Our current culture, both private and professional, make living different for the sake of Christ difficult. In what ways can we be successful at what we ‘do’ and still maintain this separateness from the way culture demands that we should live?
  
- ◆ From this message, what stood out to you as being the most important?
  
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