

LIVING IN THE blessing OF THE LORD

**NUMBER 3: THE BLESSING OF
DIRECTED ENCOURAGEMENT
2 THESSALONIANS 2:16-17**

16 May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, 17 encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

past/present blessing

✓ the SOURCE of the BLESSING

v.16 – "...God our Father..."

✓ the SPIRIT of the BLESSING

v.16 – "...God...who loved us..."

✓ the SUPPLY of the BLESSING

v.16 – "...our Lord Jesus Christ himself...God...by his grace gave..."

✓ the SUBSTANCE of the BLESSING

- ▶ [ETERNAL ENCOURAGEMENT](#) – v.16 – "God...gave us eternal encouragement..."
- ▶ [EXCELLENT EXPECTATION](#) – v.16 – "God...gave us...good hope..."

pronounced blessing

✓ the AUTHORIZATION in the BLESSING

- ▶ [a PRIESTLY PURPOSE](#) – v.17 – "...you..."
- ▶ [a PERSONAL PASSION](#) – v.17 – "...your hearts..."

✓ the ASSIGNMENT in the BLESSING

- ▶ [SERVE the LORD](#) – v.17 – "...every good deed..."
- ▶ [SPEAK for the LORD](#) – v.17 – "...every good...word..."

✓ the APPROPRIATION in the BLESSING

- ▶ [SPIRITUAL COURAGE and CONFIDENCE for doing GOD's WORK](#) – v.17 – "May...God...encourage your hearts..."
- ▶ [SPIRITUAL CONSTITUTION for doing GOD's WORK](#) – v. 17 – "May...God...strengthen you in every good deed and word."

1. your failures are forgiven
2. your troubles are temporary
3. your home is heaven
4. your keeper is King of Kings

**PERSONALIZED
SALVATION**



**PERSONALIZED
SIGNIFICANCE**

1. sense and see God's purpose
2. surrender to God's purpose
3. serve God's purpose
4. be satisfied in God's purpose