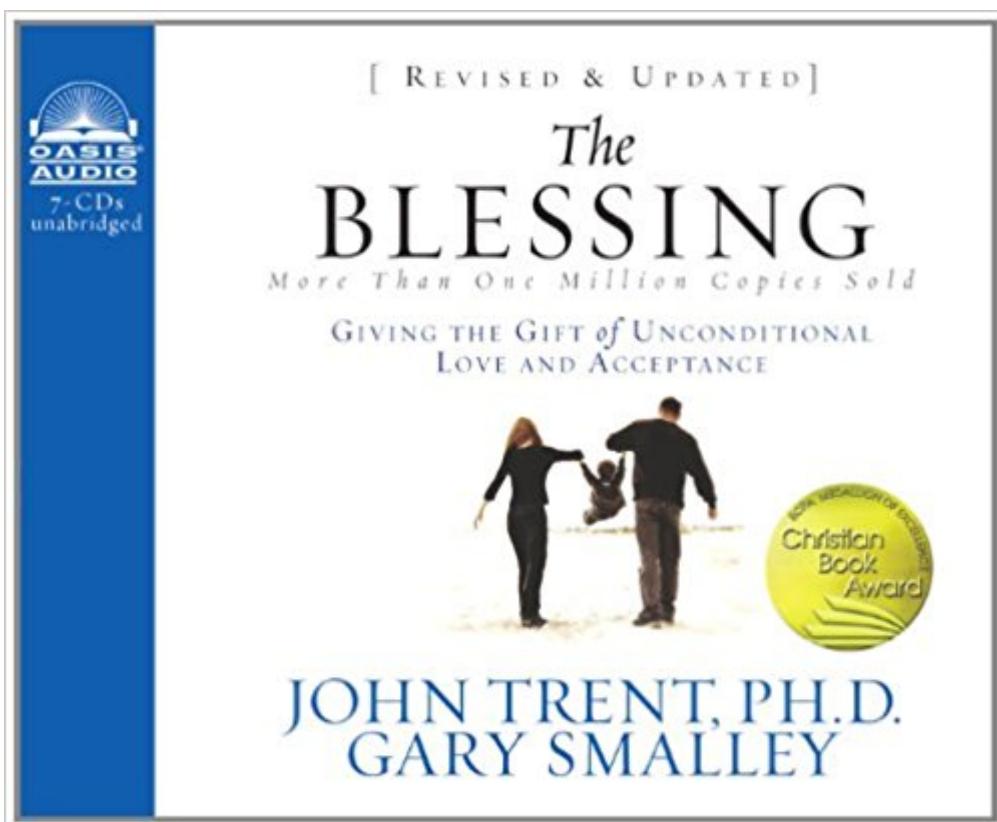


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# The Blessing: Giving The Gift Of Unconditional Love And Acceptance



## Synopsis

The best-selling classic that helps children thrive today and experience a special future tomorrow. Now revised, updated, and enhanced for a new generation! Children of every age long for the gift of "the blessing" — the unconditional love and approval that come from a healthy relationship with their parents. This life-changing gift, essential for instilling a deep sense of self-worth and unshakable emotional well-being, contains five essential elements: Meaningful touch, a spoken message, attaching high value, picturing a special future, and an active commitment. Offering solid, practical advice and a fresh perspective on making this gift a bigger part of our families, *The Blessing* powerfully communicates these biblically based elements as necessary to prepare children for positive future relationships, including their relationship with a loving God. But what if we've missed out on the blessing in our own lives? This audio book gives hope for reversing the curse and helps listeners find blessing in situations of divorce, death, desertion, adoption, and blended families. New to this updated edition are practical ideas, questions, exercises, and links for online resources plus practical advice for planning a blessing event for a child, preparing a keepsake blessing, and living out the blessing every day of our lives.

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**Dr. Gary Smalley:** Gary Smalley is one of the country's best-known authors and speakers on relationships. He is the author and co-author of 52 best-selling, award-winning books and videos which have connected to over 12 million people. In 40 years Gary has spoken to over two million people in live conferences and he has appeared on national television programs such as, TBN, Oprah Winfrey, Fox News & Friends, Larry King Live, NBC Today Show, James Robison Show as well as numerous national radio programs such as Sean Hannity Show, Focus on the Family, Oliver North, and many more. Gary is president and founder of the Smalley Relationship Center providing research, relationship coaching, conferences nation-wide, books, videos and small group curriculum. Gary and his wife, Norma, have been married for 43 years and live in Branson, Missouri. With their three married children, Kari, Greg, and Michael they have 8 grandchildren. One of Gary's new books, is based on 5 years of new extensive research, is called, "Change Your Heart, Change Your Life". It provides the most practical principles on truly changing your life. With people struggling with over 300 addictions, countries in war, pornography and sexual addictions at an all time high, the highest divorce rate in the world and list goes on and change is critical! Dr. John Trent: Dr. John Trent is President and Founder of StrongFamilies.com and The Center for Strong Families, a team of professionals committed to training and equipping lay and pastoral leaders to build strong marriage and family relationships in their home churches. Dr. Trent is also one of the founders of Leading From Your Strengths and Insights International, creators of the Leading From Your Strengths online strengths assessment. This leading online tool is being used across the country to build strong family relationships as well as strong ministry and workplace teams. Dr. Trent's main focus includes writing and speaking at retreats, conferences, business settings, churches and seminars across the country. In addition to being a nationally known family speaker, Dr. Trent regularly does keynote speaking across corporate America on teambuilding, recruiting and retaining outstanding employees. Dr. Trent is a Best-Selling and Award Winning Author. Dr. Trent has authored and co-authored more than 20 books,

including seventeen that have won writing awards, like the million selling book, The Blessing. As of 2004, there were combined, more than 2,300,000 copies of all his adult and children's books in print, in eleven different languages. As a writer, Dr. Trent has been nominated for the ECPA's Gold Medallion Award for excellence in writing 17 times, winning 14 Silver Medallions and 3 Gold Medallion awards for excellence in Christian publishing. To put that fact into perspective, in the twenty years since the ECPA has given out these publishing awards, out of the more than 1100 authors nominated for this award, Dr. Trent ranks tenth in the list of those nominated most often for the Gold Medallion awards.

This book is helping me understand some of my own issues; the underlying reasons. What a powerful book for any parent on how to raise your children and what you should give them emotionally leading up to them leaving home and doing life in the real world. I would recommend for all parents and also for people like me that missed the blessing and had no idea I had until reading this book. I am now more at peace with my emotional makeup and know that, with this information, I can work to change some of my hangups.

This is an excellent, thought-provoking book on how parents can assure their children that they are truly loved. Even when their children grow up and become adults, parental blessings can be a source of renewed confidence and peace. I especially liked the way the author gave examples of how parents could express their thoughts

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America--indeed, all of western civilization--is plagued by an army of boys in men's bodies. Part of the reason is that we are the only culture in history that does not initiate its boys into manhood. Thus, we as grown-ups enter into adulthood with no self-worth, no self-concept, no sense of place and purpose. The Blessing offers vital ideas on how to remedy that, not only for the rising generation, but for those of us adults still looking for validation as men. I am using these ideas as part of my strategy for raising my own son.

This is the updated version of timeless help for today's living. Get it with the workbook.

This is a wonderful book that every parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, and teacher should read! It can have a profound effect on every child that you come in contact with. It contains the 5 things that a child must have from a significant adult in their lives. Definitely for every parent to read! And it is beneficial for those who work with children. And if you did not receive the Blessing from your parents, there is information about how you are able to receive the Blessing as an adult! We even have a small group of ladies who studied this book together and we have become a Blessing Bunch that meets weekly. We are in our second year of giving the Blessing to others!

Excellent book. Helps you reflect on the past and gives you insight for the future.

I'm still reading this book as I'm absorbing the message. It has been extremely helpful and mind-opening for me as I continue this journey. Came in excellent condition and in a very timely manner. Very pleased !!

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