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Bible Study Outline

11:00 AM

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**Subject:** “Living to Be a Blessing” Part II

**Introduction:** Walter Rauschenbusch in his book *A Theology for the Social Gospel* writes, “The social gospel needs a theology to make it effective, but theology needs the social gospel to vitalize it.” Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was tremendously impacted by the theology and writing of Rauschenbusch. Like Rauschenbusch, King believed there was a need to bridge the gap between the spiritual work of the church and the work that needed to be done in the community/world.

Dr. King according to one writer “was concerned not just for the soul of the individual but for the holistic well-being of the entire person—mind, body, and spirit.” One of the responsibilities of the church, that is often overlooked, is the ministry of encouragement. Over the next several weeks, our Bible study will investigate various biblical text that will assist us with the ministry of encouragement. God has called us to be a blessing and a source of encouragement.

**Scriptures:** Proverbs 11:24-31

**Points to Ponder:** When you are living to be a blessing...

- you understand the Spirit of Giving.

