

Michael W. Smith Talks About Billy Graham Blessing

✖ During an interview regarding his book, *A Simple Blessing*, Michael W. Smith talked about how much Billy Graham has blessed him—and how he recently returned the blessing.

Enjoy this snippet from our conversation:

Billy
has always been a special encouragement to me. I was with him
the day
before we went to Haiti. My wife and one of my girls, Anna, we
all went
up to Montreat and had a visit. I try to go every three, four
months
just to be with him and visit him.

I think we actually have a
little bit in common. You know, we both have five children and
we're
both in ministry and everything that comes with that. It's a
high
calling and sometimes it comes down to the whole family thing.
Billy
will say, "I wish I hadn't been gone as long."

He seems to
really want to pour into me, family wise, especially when my
kids were
growing up. He's just so encouraging. You walk in the room and
he
starts talking and you're edified for a good year! You got a
good dose.
He has a real gift of encouragement and I see that
encouragement as

nothing but a blessing.

Even this last time, he was such a blessing and then I felt like, for the very first time, maybe I have

been a blessing to him. I think he's so grateful that I come to see him.

It was the very first time with Billy that as we were getting ready to

leave—and I always look forward to him praying over me—that he looked

at me and said, 'Would you pray this time?'

So I got to pray over

Billy which was just amazing. I was saying, 'Oh Lord, thank You...' what

an honor to be able to not only pray for his health and his well being,

but I pronounced a blessing over him. It's so incredible how it kind of

comes back around. I'm very, very grateful.

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