

# Give Till It Feels Good

**Big Idea: Like Abraham and Isaac, we are blessed to be a blessing and we can pass on that life-flow of blessing through our words, actions, and finances.**

We should be rivers, not stagnant ponds. God pours His blessings into our lives so that we can be channels of blessings to others. The eventual goal is that through us and our “offspring”, both natural and spiritual, all nations will have the opportunity to receive the ultimate blessing, relationship with God and His eternal family. The question is, how do we release God’s blessings through our lives? The three main tributaries of blessing, as modeled by Abraham and Isaac, are our words, actions, and finances.

## 1. Blessing with our Words

*The Lord appeared to Isaac and said.... Stay in this land for a while, and I will be with you and will bless you. For to you and your descendants I will give all these lands and will confirm the oath I swore to your father Abraham. I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed. (Genesis 16:2a,3,4). And Isaac smelled the smell of his garments and blessed him [Jacob] and said,...Let peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you...Cursed be everyone who curses you, and blessed be everyone who blesses you! (Genesis 27b,30)*

Jesus is the Living Word. When He speaks, things happen – incredible, creative things, like the formation of the universe and all it contains. Being made in His image, we too can speak life-giving and life-transforming words if we say what God is saying. That’s why it is so vital that we read and memorize His Word (the Bible) and hear the still small voice of His Spirit inside of us. When we know what He is saying and promising, we then need to look for opportunities to speak those words of blessing over those He has entrusted to our care: our children, ministry contacts, friends, neighbours, fellow employees – everyone within our circle of influence. When and where are those opportunities for you to speak His blessings over others?

## 2. Blessing by our Actions

*When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he called out the 318 trained men born in his household and went in pursuit...He recovered all the goods and brought back his relative Lot and his possessions. Genesis 14:14a,16a*

While we can’t control the amount or kind of blessings God chooses to give us, we are responsible for the stewardship of those resources. Abraham’s orientation was one of faith, moving away from selfishness to selflessness, from his own will toward God’s (Hebrews 11:8-19): moving to an unknown land, giving the best land away, rescuing Lot, refusing the spoils of war, paying a tithe to God, becoming a father at age 100, and being willing to offer his only son back to God. What is God asking you to do for others?

## 3. Blessing through our Finances

*Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was a priest of God Most High, and he blessed Abram, saying, “Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. And blessed be God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand.” Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything. Genesis 14:18-20 (see also Hebrews 5-7).*

A loving God is a giving God and we who are being transformed back into His image will be a giving people. Giving regularly reminds us that God owns it all – He is our source and we are merely the stewards of His gifts. How is God asking you to bless others financially?