



# CELL GUIDE 2015

Theme	Beyond Our Comfort Zone
Topic	Blessed to be A Blessing to Others
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## Message Summary

### Spiritual Objective: Bless Others With What We Have

God doesn't bless us only to make our individual lives better – He blesses us so that we can bless others. As we start thinking about being a blessing to others, we need to understand that we can only give of what we have. We cannot give people joy unless we have true joy in our hearts. This is a premise for anyone who wants to meaningfully participate in the Blessing Campaign. As Christians, we can give the kind of joy and blessings which people who are strangers to God's love cannot give. *Hence, before we try to bless others, we need to prepare ourselves by thinking about what we can give and then charge ourselves up with these gifts before sharing with those around us.*

God has already blessed us abundantly. Some of us are ready to bless others, but many of us need to be reminded of our blessings. Spiritually, we are accepted by Him (*Eph 1:6*); we are given grace, hope and peace that can never be diminished; we have a salvation that can never be cancelled (*Heb 5:9*), etc. In Singapore, we are blessed with a good education system, jobs, physical security and freedom. We may be aware of these spiritual and earthly blessings, but we fail to acknowledge these in our hearts with a spirit of thanksgiving. The problem is that the spirit of thanksgiving is generally inversely proportional to the amount of gifts one has. The more we have of something, the more we grow accustomed to it and take it for granted. We need the Spirit of God to make us sensitive to and thankful for all the blessings that He has given us. Let us take these blessings out from the storehouses in our hearts and remind ourselves how much God has blessed us with.

However, people also face problems when blessing others. There is the problem of inconvenience – for example, the inconvenience a detour when you help someone. There is the problem of fear, such as the fear of rejection when you try to bless a pre-believer. There is also the problem that giving may be too costly – but think about it: Do you want to be the young man in *Matt 19:16-22* who was unwilling to give up his earthly treasures for a greater treasure in heaven? Or would you rather be someone who is ready to give up the temporary things of earth in order to gain eternal treasures?

### The Laws of God's Blessings

Before we delve into the laws of God's blessings, let's look at what **BLESS** means:

- B** – Beseech the Lord daily for His bountiful blessings (*Ps 67:1-3*)
- L** – List and thank the Lord for His many blessings (*Ps 103:1-5*)
- E** – Enjoy the blessings God richly gives to us (*1 Tim 6:17*)
- S** – Share our blessings with others (*1 Tim 6:18*)
- S** – Surrender ourselves completely to God (*Rm 12:1*)

Here are some laws of God's blessings:

1. **He will supply** (*2 Cor 9:8-11*): We have an abundance of grace to do the good things that we want to do. When we take the abundance of the storehouses that God has given us and use them to bless others, God is glorified.



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2. **Giving does not deplete our resources** (*Luke 6:38*): Many of us are afraid that if we give too much, our resources will be depleted. However, with God, it is the exact opposite. The more we give, the more God provides such that our portion increases. God gives us resources that will not be depleted when we exercise generosity.
3. **It is more blessed to give than to receive** (*Acts 20:35*): Just as Paul laboured for the welfare of others out of a love for God, we must also labour to support the weak and the poor, building up the people of God. Blessing someone may require us to invest our time and love, but God promises us that it is more blessed to give than to receive!
4. **The more we are blessed, the more we are expected to bless others** (*Luke 12:38*): God has entrusted both spiritual and earthly blessings to us. As His faithful stewards, we are His instruments to fulfill His purposes of blessing others. We have been blessed to be a blessing.

## Pointers in Blessing Others

In the prayer of Jabez in *1 Chr 4:9-10*, God answered because Jabez prayed for things important to the Lord's Kingdom. Cultivate a life of stewardship and pray that our lives will be more than just another life chasing after earthly treasures. Ask the Lord to enlarge our territory so that we can live lives of faithful stewardship that God wants!

### Pointers in blessing others:

1. Do not trumpet your acts to be honoured by men (*Matt 6:1-4*): It is healthy to share your testimonies in order to encourage one another, but be careful not to boost and feed the egos of men.
2. Do as unto the Lord (*Matt 25:40*): This is a reminder that God is a key part of the equation of what we are doing in this Blessing Campaign. We are not doing this for our private agenda, but for the Lord.
3. Do not give up easily (*Gal 6:9*): The results of good works do not appear instantly – sometimes they require time. Do not give up but have patience and persevere.
4. Do so with love and do it out of gratefulness (*Mark 12:44, Matt 26:7*): When we bless someone, we should do it with a dash of love and sincerity which makes it meaningful and true.
5. As we bless others, we reflect Jesus and spread His fragrance (*2 Cor 2:14-16*): Let us be the aroma of life and spread the aroma of Christ to bless others!

## Conclusion

The blessings that we receive from God are not to end with us – God intends for them to filter down to others so that His Kingdom purposes may be fulfilled. *Matt 5:16* is a reminder that we are the salt and light of the world so that others may see our good works and give glory to our Heavenly Father. *Luke 4:18-19* and *10:19* tell us that we are all authorised representatives of God to spread His love to others! No matter how small or big our acts of blessings are, as long as we use our gifts from God to meet someone else's need, they are bound to have a positive impact on that person's life! So let us learn to shine our light for God's Glory!



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## Questions

1) How have you personally been blessed by God? Which blessing in particular are you most thankful to God for?

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2) What are some of the setbacks that you encountered while trying to bless others and how have you/can you overcome these setbacks?

(Fill In Answer Here)

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3) The speaker ended with a song by Ray Boltz about how blessing others leads to a great future reward. What would encourage you to bless others more? Share any experiences you might have on how blessing others led to you being blessed instead.

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