

The “Whole” Thing Part Two - He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands

John 3:16 (NIV)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Genesis 12:1-3 (GNT)

The LORD said to Abram, “Leave your country, your relatives, and your father's home, and go to a land that I am going to show you. 2 I will give you many descendants, and they will become a great nation. I will bless you and make your name famous, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you. But I will curse those who curse you. And through you I will bless all the nations.”

Wholeness requires that our focus shift from OUR world to THE world.

Galatians 3:14 (NLT)

Through Christ Jesus, God has blessed the Gentiles with the same blessing he promised to Abraham, so that we who are believers might receive the promised Holy Spirit through faith.

Romans 12:14 (GWT)

Bless those who persecute you. Bless them, and don't curse them.

How to Bless the Whole World

1. Reach beyond the familiar.

Genesis 12:1 (GNT)

The LORD said to Abram, “Leave your country, your relatives, and your father's home, and go to a land that I am going to show you.

2. Practice selflessness.

Proverbs 29:18

When there is no prophetic vision, the people cast off restraint, but the one who keeps the law, blessed is he!

3. Be led by God.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. 6 Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

John 4:35 (GWT)

I'm telling you to look and see that the fields are ready to be harvested.

4. Obey.

1 Samuel 15:22 (NIV)

To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.

Mark 16:15 (GNT)

He said to them, "Go throughout the whole world and preach the gospel to all people."

Acts 1:8 (CEV)

"But the Holy Spirit will come upon you and give you power. Then you will tell everyone about me in Jerusalem, in all Judea, in Samaria, and everywhere in the world."