

From Overwhelmed to Overflowing

SERIES: Existing in God's Goodness – Part 10 -- April 8, 2018

2 WAYS TO APPROACH LIFE

1. A SHORTAGE mindset: I'll never have ENOUGH and never WILL.

Bible words: Lacking, Wanting, Need

The Focus: on my **LIMITED RESOURCES**.

The Result: an **OVERWELMED LIFE**.

2. A SURPLUS mindset: God has MORE than I'll ever NEED . . .

Bible words: Abundance, Abounding, Plentiful

The Focus: on God's **LIMITLESS RESOURCES**.

The Result: is an **OVERFLOWING LIFE**.

PSALM 23:5

“You fill my cup to overflowing.” (NCV)

“You give me more than I can hold.” (ICB)

“My cup overflows!” (NIV)

WHAT'S MY CUP? MY LIFE!

“On the last day of the festival, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds: ‘If you are thirsty, come to me and drink! Everyone who really believes in me will have rivers of living water flowing out of their lives.’ John 7:37-38 (NLT)

WHAT IS AN OVERFLOWING LIFE?

**To be filled BEYOND CAPACITY with an
ENDLESS supply of God's goodness!**

“I am the holy God, who rescues you. For your own good, I teach you, and I lead you along the right path. How I wish that you had obeyed my commands! Then your success and good fortune would have OVERFLOWED like a flooding river!” Isaiah 48:17-18 (CEV)

Jesus: “I've come that you may have real life, and enjoy it in abundance - to the fullest, until it overflows!” John 10:10 (Amp)

HOW CAN I EXPERIENCE AN OVERFLOWING LIFE?

1. Stay **CONNECTED** to Jesus every day.

Jesus: "I am the vine, and you are the branches. If you stay connected to me . . . you'll produce a lot of fruit. But you can't do anything without me!" John 15:5

Jesus: "If you stay connected to me and my words remain in you, you may ask any request you like, and it will be granted! My true disciples produce much fruit. This brings glory to my Father . . . So, stay connected to my love. You stay connected to my love when you obey me . . . I've told you this so that you'll be filled with my joy. Yes, your cup of joy will OVERFLOW!" John 15:7-11 (NLT/TLB)

2. Stop **COMPLAINING** and start being **GRATEFUL**.

"In everything you do, stay away from complaining and arguing . . ."
Philippians 2:14

"Let your lives overflow with thanksgiving for all God has done."
Colossians 2:7

"No matter what happens, always be thankful, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (TLB)

3. Stop **COMPARING** and start being **CONTENT**.

"It's healthy to be content, but envy will eat you up."
Proverbs 14:30 (CEV)

"It is better to be content with what you have than to always be struggling for more. That is like chasing the wind." Ecclesiastes 4:6 (NCV)

4. Stop being **STINGY** and start being **GENEROUS**.

"Remember this: A stingy planter will only reap a small crop. But anyone who sows generously will also reap generously. So, each of you should give serious consideration to what you want to give God, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver. And you can be sure that God is able to bless you with all his grace, so that in all things, at all times, you will always have all you need, and you'll ALSO OVERFLOW so you can give to every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

"Bring your full tithe to My storehouse, so that there will be food in My House. Test Me now in this,' says the Lord, 'and see if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing UNTIL IT OVERFLOWS.'" Malachi 3:10 (NASB)

Jesus: "If you give, you will receive back. Your gift will be returned to you in full measure, packed down and shaken to make room for more, and RUNNING OVER. Whatever measure you use in giving—large or small—it will be used to measure whatever is given back to you." Luke 6:38 (NLT)