

OVERFLOWING

Selected Scripture

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INTRODUCTION: A SIMPLE TRUTH

The idea of overflow is one of the most basic concepts in the world.

Our Resolution

We strive to be fully and solely satisfied in Christ as our supreme treasure, joyfully overflowing to fulfill God's purpose for each of us.

Satisfaction

fulfillment of one's wishes, expectations, or needs, or the pleasure derived from this.

Treasure

That which a person values

A supreme treasure then is that which you value most.

? How do you know if you are satisfied in Christ?

? How can you tell if Christ is your supreme treasure?

Check the overflow.

The idea of overflow comes from four biblical words. In the Hebrew, the words mean "stir up (Psalm 45:1)," "to go out, extremity (Proverbs 4:23)" and saturation (Psalm 23:5)." In Greek the word means "to be over and above."

There are two ways these words are used in the Bible.

1. Expression of true self.
2. Saturation.

Overflow (according to the Bible)

1. The expression of an essential quality in any or every situation.
2. Saturation of one thing with another.

I. OVERFLOW IS THE EXPRESSION OF TRUE SELF

A. USED IN REFERENCE TO GOD

Job 40:11

"Pour out the overflowings of your anger,
And look on everyone who is proud, and make him low.

Isaiah 10:22

For though your people, O Israel, may be like the sand of the sea, Only a remnant within them will return; A destruction is determined, overflowing with righteousness.

B. USED IN REFERENCE TO MANKIND

Matthew 12:33-37

1. If The Tree Is Bad...

Psalm 73:7 ESV

Their eyes swell out through fatness; their hearts overflow with follies.

1. If The Tree Is Good...

? How does this work out practically.

a. Grace

Romans 6:20

The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,

b. Wisdom

Psalm 37:30, 31

The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, And his tongue speaks justice. The law of his God is in his heart;
His steps do not slip.

c. Love for God

Psalm 45:1

My heart overflows with a good theme; I address my verses to the King; My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

d. Joy

2 Corinthians 7:4

Great is my confidence in you; great is my boasting on your behalf. I am filled with comfort; I am overflowing with joy in all our affliction.

e. Generosity

2 Corinthians 8:1, 2

Now, brethren, we wish to make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia, 2 that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality.

f. Thanksgiving

Colossians 2:7

having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.

This kind of overflow is involuntary.

Galatians 5:19-24

II. OVERFLOW IS SATURATION FROM THE OUTSIDE

We can't just put anything into our minds and expect that because we are filled with the Spirit only good things will come out. That with which we saturate our hearts, mind, lives, senses, flesh, is what will inevitably overflow.

A. BLESSINGS FROM GOD

1. Toward Creation

Psalm 65:9

You visit the earth and cause it to overflow; You greatly enrich it; The stream of God is full of water; You prepare their grain, for thus You prepare the earth.

2. Toward Humans

Psalm 23:5

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows.

Psalm 65:11

You have crowned the year with Your bounty, And Your paths drip (overflow) with fatness.

2 Corinthians 9:8

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;

B. INPUT THAT AFFECTS YOUR SOUL

1. Initiated By God

John 1:16

For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.

Romans 15:13

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 3:12

and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all people

Romans 10:11-13

For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; for "Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved."

2. Initiated By Humans

Galatians 6:6-10

a. For the worse

Proverbs 5:(2)16 (cp. Proverbs 7:25)

Drink water from your own cistern, flowing water from your own well.
Should your springs be scattered abroad, streams of water in the streets?

? Why do you watch what you watch, listen to what you listen to, hang out with the friends, you hang out with? Does it make you more or less godly?

b. For the better

Ephesians 5:18-21

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

CONCLUSION: GUARD YOUR HEART

Proverbs 4:23

APPLICATION:

To have godly overflow two things have to happen.

1. make the tree good.
2. sow to the Spirit

? Does your overflow reflect satisfaction in Christ and Him as your treasure?