



## ❖ MESSAGE NOTES

### LIVING IN THE OVERFLOW ~ Week 1

#### ~ PERISSEUÓ - GREEK ~

to overflow, to exceed what is necessary, to abound, superabundance

#### **GOOD NEWS: You are already rich!**

**“We are rich!”**

#### **“We are rich! God has blessed us with the overflow!”**

*Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to set their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. ~ 1 Timothy 6:17*

#### **Every blessing that we don't turn back to praise has the potential to turn into pride.**

*Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life. ~ 1 Timothy 6:18-19*

#### **BAD NEWS: We are rich!**

*Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to set their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. ~ 1 Timothy 6:17*

*Furthermore, as for every person to whom God has given riches and wealth, He has also given him the opportunity to enjoy them and to receive his reward and rejoice in his labor; this is the gift of God. ~ Ecclesiastes 5:19*

#### **God is not opposed to US having nice THINGS.**

#### **What God does NOT want is for the THINGS to have US!**

*“How hard it is for those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God!” ~ Luke 18:24b-25*

#### ~ THREE RICH PEOPLE CHALLENGES ~

- 1) It's harder for us to depend on God.
- 2) Our wealth, distracts us from true priorities.
- 3) The more wealth we have, the greater our responsibility in the Kingdom of God.

*From everyone who has been given much, much will be required, and from the one who has been entrusted with much, even more will be asked. ~ Luke 12:48b*

#### **We are rich! God has blessed us with the overflow!**

## ❖ DIVE IN! ~ Discussion Questions

1. What was one thing Pastor G said this week that spoke directly to you?
2. Are you inspired by that to make a decision, make a change, or take some action in your life?
3. Pastor Greg said “Everything you have is a blessing, an overflow, a perisseuó from God, the creator, and owner of everything in the universe. Learn how to live in the overflow.” Do you feel that way in your life? Do you feel like you are living in the overflow of God's blessings? Why or why not?
4. Greg shared that compared to most of the world, those of us who live here in Waikoloa are one percenters. We are wealthier than 99% of the rest of the world and we have options and opportunities and blessings that people in the developing world can only dream about. We are rich! How do you feel about that statement?

#### ◆ **READ:** 1 Timothy 6:17

1. Greg referred to this verse and then said “Every blessing that we don't turn back to praise has the potential to turn into pride.” Do you agree? Have you experienced this in your life or seen it in the lives of others?

#### ◆ **READ:** 1 Timothy 6:18-19 and Ecclesiastes 5:19

1. Paul says this spirit of generosity is how we become good at being rich. Paul, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, commands us to be generous BOTH with our good works AND with our finances and other blessings. Paul says living this way is the way to take hold of true life. With that in mind, why do so many people NOT share their time, talents, and treasures? Why don't more people enjoy practicing generosity, seeing the opportunity to give as a blessing from God?
2. Greg said the good news is we are rich AND the bad news is we are rich. That's because there are Three Rich People Challenges. 1) It's harder to depend on God. 2) Our wealth distracts us from true priorities. 3) The more wealth we have the greater our responsibility in the Kingdom of God. As your wealth has grown over your life have you found any of these challenges to be true in your life?

#### ◆ **READ:** Luke 18:24-25

1. Jesus indicates that the richer we are, the more danger there is of our possessions starting to control us and the more danger there is of us missing out on the kingdom of God. What do you think of the story of the Rich, Young Ruler?
2. Pastor G said “God is not opposed to US having nice THINGS. What God does NOT want is for the THINGS to have US!” What do you think about that statement? Do any of your things exercise control over you? In what way? How can you more fully live in the overflow of what God has given you?