



❖ MESSAGE NOTES

LIVING IN THE OVERFLOW ~ Week 2

~ PERISSEUÓ - GREEK ~

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

“We are rich!”

And the one sown with seed among the thorns, this is the one who hears the word, and the anxiety of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. ~ Matthew 13:22

The world wants you to love and serve money instead of God.

No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. ~ Matthew 6:24

Money promises, but cannot deliver, what only God can provide.

WHAT DOES MONEY PROMISE?

- 1) Money promises happiness.
- 2) Money promises security.

... And the borrower becomes the lender's slave. ~ Proverbs 22:7b

**We are rich! God has blessed us with more than we need!
Therefore, we will not trust in riches, but in Him who richly provides!**

THREE PROBLEMS FOR THOSE WHO LOVE AND TRUST MONEY

- 1) They will **NEVER** have **ENOUGH**.

One who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor one who loves abundance with its income. This too is futility. ~ Ecclesiastes 5:10

A rich person's wealth is his strong city, And like a high wall in his own imagination. ~ Proverbs 18:11

But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned before, but you lacked opportunity. Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. ~ Philippians 4:10-13

2) They find it increasingly difficult to give big.

Then He sat down opposite the offering box, and watched the crowd putting coins into it. Many rich people were throwing in large amounts. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, worth less than a penny. He called His disciples and said to them, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the offering box than all the others. For they all gave out of their wealth. But she, out of her poverty, put in what she had to live on, everything she had." ~ Mark 12:41-44

3) They may have money in the bank, but they won't have peace in their heart.

Better is a little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure, and turmoil with the treasure. ~ Proverbs 15:16

Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share ... ~ 1 Timothy 6:18

For by grace you are saved through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so that no one can boast. For we are His creative work, having been created in Christ Jesus for good works that God prepared beforehand so we can do them. ~ Ephesians 2:8-10

Give, and it will be given to you: A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be poured into your lap. For the measure you use will be the measure you receive." ~ Luke 6:38

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Therefore, we will not trust in riches, but in Him who richly provides!**

❖ 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?

◆ READ: Matthew 6:24, Matthew 13:22 and 1 Timothy 6:10

1. Jesus says it is impossible to serve **BOTH** God **AND** money. Have you found that to be true in your life or do you feel like it is possible to serve both?
2. Jesus refers to "**the deceitfulness of wealth**" choking out the word of God and causing people to miss out on Spiritual growth. How can you protect yourself from the deceitfulness of wealth?
3. Why is "**the love of money**" the root of all evil? How is this different from just having money?

◆ READ: Proverbs 22:7

1. In what way does being in debt rob you of your freedom?

◆ READ: Ecclesiastes 5:10

1. How much money do you feel like you need to feel like you have "**enough?**"

◆ READ: Proverbs 18:11

1. In what ways does wealth offer false security to us? Is there some amount of "**enough wealth**" that can provide absolute happiness and security?

◆ READ: Philippians 4:10-13 and Proverbs 15:16

1. Paul talks about learning to be content with whatever blessings the Lord provides for us, whether we consider it a lot or a little. Proverbs 15:16 has the same wisdom. Have you learned this kind of contentment as well?

◆ READ: Mark 12:41-44

1. Jesus makes it clear that He was far more impressed by the percentage of the gift given by the widow than by the amount. Greg encouraged us to consider our own levels of generosity. Are you "**sacrificially giving**" like the widow, or are you only giving a small percentage of your wealth by comparison?
2. Greg shared that the more we have, the more difficult it becomes for us to "**give big**" like the widow did. In other words, some people find it easy to give \$10 when they make \$100/week, but it seems harder to give \$100 when they start making \$1,000/week. Why do you think that is?

◆ READ: Luke 6:38

1. How does this Scripture challenge you when you think about giving to your church?