

WHERE IS YOUR OVERFLOW?

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The dictionary defines the word overflow as having the contents flowing over or spilling; to be filled or supplied with in great measure; to flow or run over, as rivers of water. John 10:10 says that Jesus has come so that we may have life and have it more abundantly, that's overflow. Malachi 3:10 says when we give our tithes and offering, God will pour us out a blessing so big that we won't have room enough to receive it, that's overflow. Psalms 23 says the since the Lord is our shepherd, we don't have to want for anything. He will anoint us until our cup runs over, that's overflow. Proverbs 3:9-10 states that God will bless us until our barns are filled and our presses burst out with new wine, that's overflow. You get the picture. These are just a few of the blessings God has promised his children.

Where is your overflow? God blesses us with overflow so that we can bless others. When God blesses us to the point where our lives become more abundant, where our cup runs over, or where we don't have room enough to receive, or our presses burst out with new wine, then are we able to share our overflow with others. Consequently, if our room keeps getting bigger and bigger, our cup turns from a cup, to a pint, to a quart, to a half-gallon, to a gallon, our presses just don't seem to be large enough, and it seems as if we just can't get enough, how will we ever get to the point of overflowing?

Often times we as Christians are waiting on God to keep these aforementioned promises, but what we don't realize is that we really can't experience our overflow until we decide for ourselves, just how much is enough? Do we really need all that we have? Why have five or six of those expensive cars? You can only drive one of them at a time. Do we really need two or three summer homes? We can only live in one of them at a time. How about those closets full of all those fancy tailored suits? After all, we can only wear one of them one at a time. We always seem to keep wanting and wanting and can never seem to get enough. At some point we have to decide for ourselves, just how much is enough for me? It is not until then and only then, will we be able to see the overflow and be a blessing to someone else.

Many times the reason why we can't see the overflow is because in our minds we tend to think, when the closet gets too full we need to build a bigger closet. When the garage seems to be getting a little too small, we need to build a bigger garage. When there's not enough room for all the furniture, it's time to buy a bigger house, and the list goes on. But once we make a decision on how much is enough, how much are we satisfied with, will we ever begin to experience the overflow in our lives; our cup will be big enough, one or two vehicles will be all we need, and our house will be just the right size.

As Christians we need to learn how much is actually enough and be "satisfied" with having enough. In Mark 6 where Jesus fed the multitude with 2 fish and 5 loaves of bread, verse 38 says they ate until they were "satisfied" and they had an overflow of twelve baskets left over. In the second chapter of the book of Ruth, Boaz offered Ruth enough grain and she ate all she wanted, until she was "satisfied," and she had some left over. After she gleaned the fields she went back to her mother-in-law and gave her what she had left over after she had eaten enough, in other words, after she was "satisfied."

My challenge to you is to examine your life and look for the overflow. If you are still waiting on God to bless you with more than enough, then I would advise you to check to see if you have drawn that line or made that decision on just how much is enough. You won't ever be able to see the overflow until you know just how much is enough for you?