

Mother's Day 2018: Burdened to Freedom

Two different approaches to life:

1. _____.

"A man brought Elisha, the prophet some loaves of bread. Elisha said, 'Give it to the people so they can eat.' Elisha's servant said, 'There's not enough here for a hundred people.' 'Just give it to them,' Elisha said. 'The Lord has promised that there will be more than enough.' So the servant gave the bread to the people. They ate until full and still had some left over, just as God had promised." – 2 Kings 4:42-44 LB

Results of a Shortage Mindset:

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2. _____.

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"You fill my cup to overflowing."

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

"My cup overflows." (NIV)

"My cup runneth over." (KJV) – Psalm 23:5

"On the last day of the festival... at the temple in Jerusalem, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds... if you are thirsty, come to me... Everyone who really believes in me will have rivers of living water flowing out of their lives." – John 7:37-38

_____ - **pisteuo (Greek) – more than knowledge, to trust in, to cling to.**

An overflowing life means to:

- _____.

"I've come that you may have real life." – John 10:10 (AMP)

How do we have a life that overflows?

1. _____.

"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 (LB)

"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 when you obey me... I've told you this so that you will be filled with joy. Yes, your cup of joy will overflow!" – John 15:7-11 (NLT)

The overflowing life rather than overwhelmed life comes from being connected to God.

2. _____.

When you are grateful, it changes the chemistry of your brain.

Being grateful should be an artform for believers.

“In everything you do, stay away from complaining and arguing.” – Philippians 2:14 (NLT)

“Let your lives overflow with thanksgiving for all God has done.” – Colossians 2:7 (NLT)

“No matter what happens, always be thankful, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NLT)

3. _____.

“We do not make the mistake of comparing with others. When we compare ourselves, we are foolish.” – 2 Corinthians 10:12 (CEV)

Two Reasons We Shouldn’t Compare:

- **You’ll always have somebody in life who’s doing a better job than you, and you’re going to be full of discouragement.**
- **You can always find somebody who doesn’t do as good a job as you, and you get full of pride.**

It’s easier than in any other time in human history to compare yourself to other people.

Why? _____.

“Who says you are better than others? What do you have that was not given to you? And if it was given to you, why do you brag as if you didn’t receive it as a gift?” – 1 Corinthians 4:7 (LT)

“It’s healthy to be content, but envy will eat you up.” – Proverbs 14:30 (CEV)

“It’s better to be content with what you have than to always be struggling for more. That’s like chasing the wind.” – Ecclesiastes 4:6 (NCV)

“I’ve learned to be content.” – Philippians 4:12

4. _____.

“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. You can be sure, that God is able to bless you with all grace, so that in all things, at all times, you will always have all you need, and you’ll also overflow, so that you can give to every good work” – 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Reflect: How will you apply this teaching? What really stood out to you in this message?
