



OVERFLOW—Part 4: Blessed to be a Blessing!

Right now you have plenty and can help those who are in need. - 2 Cor 8:14 NLT

For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity[e] in you. 11 Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God. - 2 Cor 9:10-11 NLT

When we get blessed we often increase our standard of living but not our standard of giving.

Practicalities of Generosity

1. Give CHEERFULLY!

“For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.” - 2 Cor 9:7 NLT

2. Give SACRIFICIALLY!

For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. - 2 Cor 8:3 NLT

3. Give PROPORTIONALLY!

Give in proportion to what you have. 12 Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly. And give according to what you have, not what you don't have. 13 Of course, I don't mean your giving should make life easy for others and hard for yourselves. I only mean that there should be some equality. - 2 Cor 8:11-13 NLT

4. Give VOLUNTARILY!

For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will. - 2 Cor 8:3 NLT

You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. - 2 Cor 9:7 NLT

5. Give INTENTIONALLY!

Now you should finish what you started. Let the eagerness you showed in the beginning be matched now by your giving. - 2 Cor 8:11 NLT

Now regarding your question about the money being collected for God's people in Jerusalem. You should follow the same procedure I gave to the churches in Galatia. 2 On the first day of each week, you should each put aside a portion of the money you have earned. Don't wait until I get there and then try to collect it all at once. - 1 Cor 16:1-2 NLT

But generous people plan to do what is generous, and they stand firm in their generosity. - Isaiah 32:8 NLT

TALK IT OVER

- What do you think of when you hear the words “be generous”?
- Share about a time when someone with plenty shared with you in your time of need, or when you had plenty and helped others in need. How did that build your faith?
- What practical step will you take to become a more cheerful giver?

Suggested Reading Plan: [Being Generous: With and Without Money](#)

Announcements:

- **Sunday Service @ 10 AM.** Visit newlife-saugerties.org for our location and livestream link. Nursery is available for children up to age 4, and KidZone is available for ages 5-11 each week. Find sermon notes, suggested Bible reading plan, prayer request form, and connection card under “Events” on the [YouVersion Bible App](#).
- **Girl’s Ministry** Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30 PM! See Sharee Haromontelongo for more info.
- **Finish Line Youth** Fridays from 7 to 8:30 PM! See Pastor James for more info.
- **Pizza With The Pastor** 11/6 & 11/13 following the service. If you’re new at New Life or interested in exploring membership, join us for this four-week course to meet and eat with the pastor and learn about New Life’s “DNA.” Please register [HERE](#) so we know how much pizza we need!
- **Missions Focus:**
 - **Operation Christmas Child** shoebox packing and collection is November 13. See Melissa Lasher for more info.
 - Offerings will be received throughout November to help **the DeMartinos, missionaries to Mexico**, purchase a facility to serve the hungry and the homeless in Guadalajara. Please be sure to write “DeMartino” on your envelope or in the memo of your check.
 - **Baby Bottle Campaign** to benefit the BRAVO Pregnancy Support Center of Ulster County. See Jeannie & Jim Bach for more info.
- **Water Baptism** Sunday November 20 following the service. See Pastor Tim if interested.