

Encounter Church
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God's Love Language
He Meets Your Needs (Part 3)

INTRODUCTION: Do you want a snack or a steak? Are we expecting God to meet our need at "snack level" or "eat till you are satisfied level?"

Matthew 14:20- (NKJV)- "So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained."

Being satisfied with food in abundance! To abound, be in abundance, to overflow, to excel.

It is God's nature to give far more than the minimum required.

God has a habit of providing more than enough!

Ephesians 1 tells us that God has "lavished" his grace on us!

More than enough, over and above, supply of God's grace has been poured upon us.

God owe's me nothing! God owe's you nothing! It's because of his kindness! It's because of his love. He's a generous God THAT LOVES TO GIVE GOOD GIFTS TO HIS CHILDREN.

Ephesians 3:20- "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,"

I'LL GET BACK TO THIS BUT LOOK AT THE VERSE BEFORE.

Ephesians 3:19- "to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

Fullness- (*pleroma*) - full number, full complement, full measure, plentitude, that which has been completed. ***The word describes a ship with a full cargo and crew, and a town with no empty houses!***

All the fullness of God speaks of more than one experience or one aspect of his truth or power. It points to a broad-based spirituality, balanced through participating in all of God's blessings, resources and wisdom!

All the fullness of God speaks of more than one experience!

I don't want the "eat and be satisfied" to be a one time experience!

I want you and me to have any abundance mentality!

HOW CAN WE LIVE IN THE OVERFLOW?

Matthew 25:14-30 (AMP)- "19. Now after a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. 20. And the one who had received the five talents came and brought him five more, saying, 'Master, you entrusted to me five talents. See, I have [made a profit and] gained five more talents.' 21. His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful and trustworthy over a little, I will put you in charge of many things; share in the joy of your master.' 22. "Also the one who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you entrusted two talents to me. See, I have [made a profit and] gained two more talents.' 23. His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful and trustworthy over a little, I will put you in charge of many things; share in the joy of your master.' 24. "The one who had received one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a harsh and demanding man, reaping [the harvest] where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter seed. 25. So I was afraid [to lose the talent], and I went and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is your own.' 26. "But his master answered him, 'You wicked, lazy servant, you knew that I reap [the harvest] where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter seed. 27. Then you ought to have put my money with the bankers, and at my return I would have received my money back with interest. 28. So take the talent away from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.' 29. "For to everyone who has [and values his blessings and gifts from God, and has used them wisely], more will be given, and [he will be richly supplied so that] he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have [because he has ignored or disregarded his blessings and gifts from God], even what he does have will be taken away. 30. And throw out the worthless servant into the outer darkness; in that place [of grief and torment] there will be weeping [over sorrow and pain] and grinding of teeth [over distress and anger]."

HOW CAN WE LIVE IN THE OVERFLOW? BE A GOOD STEWARD!

Biblical Stewardship- (*oikonomos*) *a manager trusted to oversee a master's household, property, or affairs, acting on behalf of the owner rather than themselves. Biblically, this means humans are stewards of God's creation, time, talents, and resources, called to manage them faithfully for His glory!*

THERE ARE FOUR PRINCIPLES OF STEWARDSHIP.

These principles four principles of stewardship encourage believers to view their possessions, talents, and time as resources for serving God's Kingdom rather than personal gain!

HERE ARE THE FOUR PRINCIPLES OF STEWARDSHIP AND HOW YOU CAN LIVE IN THE OVERFLOW.

THINK ABOUT IT! THE MASTER OF THE SERVANTS TOOK THE ONE TALENT AND GAVE IT TO SOMEONE WHO ALREADY HAD TEN TALENTS! THE MASTER DIDN'T FIND SOMEONE WHO NEEDED ONE TALENT TO GET BY. HE GAVE IT TO THE ONE WHO ALREADY HAD MORE THAN ENOUGH BECAUSE HE KNEW HE WOULD BE A GOOD STEWARD!

THE FOUR PRINCIPLES OF STEWARDSHIP:

1. The Principle of Ownership

God owns everything.

Psalm 24:1 (NLT)- “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him.”

Psalm 100:3 (NLT)- “Acknowledge that the Lord is God! He made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.”

MY RESPONSE

Psalms 25:1 (NLT)- “O Lord, I give my life to you.”

Romans 12:1- “And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.”

2. The Principle of Responsibility.

Stewards are responsible for utilizing God’s assets- our time, talents and treasure.

I have to ask myself, “Am I being faithful with the time, talent and treasure that God has entrusted to me?”

1 Corinthians 4:2 (NLT)- “Now, a person who is put in charge as a manager must be faithful.”

ARE YOU BEING FAITHFUL WITH WHAT GOD HAS ENTRUSTED TO YOU?

1 Corinthians 12:7 (NLT)- “A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.”

1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)- “God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.”

Are you being responsible with the gifts God has blessed you with.

Ephesians 4:11-16 (NLT)- “Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won’t be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.”

DO YOU WANT TO LIVE IN THE OVERFLOW? There’s the Principle of Ownership. There’s the Principle of Responsibility.

Luke 16:10-13 (NLT)- “If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won’t be honest with greater responsibilities. And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? And if you are not faithful with other people’s things, why should you be trusted with things of your own? “No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.”

3. The Principle of Accountability.

We will give an account of how we managed what has been entrusted to us!

Luke 12:47-48 (TPT)-“Every servant who knows what pleases his master yet does not make himself ready and refuses to put his master’s will to action will receive many punishing blows. Every servant who does not know his master’s will and unwittingly does what is wrong will receive a less severe punishment. For those who have received a greater revelation from their master are required a greater obedience. And those who have been entrusted with great responsibility will be held more responsible to their master.”

We will give an account of how we managed what God entrusted to us!

Romans 14:10,12 (NLT)- “So why do you condemn another believer? Why do you look down on another believer? Remember, we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. Yes, each of us will give a personal account to God.”

2 Corinthians 5:10- (NLT)- “For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body.”

We will be called to give an account of how we managed what has been entrusted to us!

4. The Principle of Reward

Faithful stewards can expect to be rewarded!

Matthew 25:21 (NLT)-““The master was full of praise. ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together! “

I want to hear “WELL DONE!” How about you?

CONCLUSION: How can we live in the overflow of God’s provision?

BE A GOOD STEWARD!

Ephesians 2:10 (AMP)- “For we are His workmanship [His own master work, a work of art], created in Christ Jesus [reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, ready to be used] for good works, which God prepared [for us] beforehand [taking paths which He set], so that we would walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us].”

BEFORE WE PRAY

Did you know you have to make the decision for your life to belong to God. For him to be the owner of your life and everything you have.

HE WANTS YOU! HE’S NOT REJECTING YOU!

Let’s pray!