



OVERFLOW

“Why it’s genius to be generous”

Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21

Getting Started

What are some strange treasures that people might find odd in the following accounts in your life?

- You’re Amazon account
- You’re bank account
- You’re credit card statement

How would you be different if your accounts were overflowing

Going Deeper

Do you find [Matthew 6:21](#) to be a guilt producing statement? Why or why not?

On Sunday Jack made this statement:

“Here’s where most of us miss the boat. They don’t realize that overflow is an attitude, not a financial plateau. Overflow is a mindset not a money goal.”

Do you agree with that statement? Why or why not?

Read [Ecclesiastes 5:12](#). Why do you think this statement is true?

There are some advantages to letting God hold your checkbook. Let’s take a moment to explore them.

When God holds the checkbook He’s the one who has to worry about your finances. You’re off the hook.

Read [Matthew 6: 31-34](#) and discuss what the advantage is of having God hold your checkbook

What are the reasons why it is so difficult for most people to give up control of their finances?

When God holds the checkbook you develop a generous heart not a selfish heart

What do the following verses have to say about the benefits of developing a generous heart?

[Proverbs 11:25](#)

[Acts 20:35](#)

[Deuteronomy 15:7,8,10](#)

What people in your life have modeled for you a generous heart?

What characteristics do those people have that draw you to them?

When God holds the checkbook he can provide the overflow

Read the following verses

[Malachi 3:10](#)

[2 Corinthians 9:6-8,11](#)

Why do you think it's hard for most people to believe the truth of those verses?

When God holds the checkbook your investments are sound

Read [Matthew 6:19-21](#). Why are spiritual investments good long term investments?

Take a moment to read and discuss the following story...

Let's just say we all have a two year old in our house. Imagine your house right now 30% messier and you 40% more exhausted. One day you invite someone else from the church over and since we all have two year olds, they start to play together. What would make you most proud of your child? Would you be more proud if that child took every one of their favorite toys, gathered them in a tight circle and hovered above them and said "Mine." Or would you be more proud of your child if they took their favorite toy, walked over to the other two year old and said, "Here, I want you to have this."

What kind of person do you think God would be looking to bless? Is he going to be looking to bless the person who has selfish habits or is he going to be looking to bless those people who are ready to overflow to others?

