

How can I let Grace so abound in my life that it would overflow like a river of gratitude that can be used to refresh every life I encounter?

John 7:37-38 (NASB) “Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. “He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.”

First: Celebrate your FIRST LOVE.

Revelation 2:4 (NASB) “But I have this against you, that you have left your first love.”

Hebrews 10:32 (NLT) “Think back on those early days when you first learned about Christ. Remember how you remained faithful even though it meant terrible suffering.”

Ephesians 1:18-19 (NASB) “I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might.”

Second: Celebrate His WONDERFUL DEEDS.

1 Chronicles 16:12 (NASB) “Remember the wonderful deeds He has done, His wonders and His decisions.”

Romans 5:2-5 (NASB) “We have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; ⁵and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”

Deuteronomy 7:9 (NLT) “Understand, therefore, that the LORD your God is indeed God. He is the faithful God who keeps his covenant for a thousand generations and lavishes his unending love on those who love him and obey his commands.”

Third: Practice being GRACIOUS.

Colossians 3:12-13 (NASB) “So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.”

Fourth: Practice being GENEROUS.

1. Generosity makes you HAPPY.

Acts 20:32-35 (NIV) “Remember the words of the Lord Jesus. It is more blessed to give than to receive.”



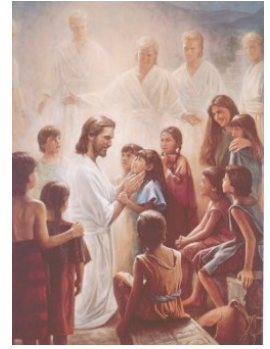
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2. Generosity just makes SENSE.

2 Corinthians 9:6 (NIV) “Remember this, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. Whoever sows generously will also reap generously.”

3. Generosity shows the world what GOD IS LIKE.

2 Corinthians 9:12-15 (NLT) “So two good things will result from this ministry of giving—the needs of the believers in Jerusalem will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanks to God. As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ. And they will pray for you with deep affection because of the overflowing grace God has given to you.”



Fifth: Practice God's PRESENCE.

Isaiah 43:2 (NLT) “When you go through deep waters and great troubles, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up. The flames will not consume you.”

Sixth: Rely on God's PERFECTING grace.

Philippians 1:6 (NASB) “For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.”

1 Corinthians 1:9 (NLT) “He will keep you strong to the end so that you will be free from all blame on the day when our Lord Jesus Christ returns. God will do this, for he is faithful to do what he says, and he has invited you into partnership with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Application:

Do you remember the time when you first trusted Christ?

Can you recount how God has worked and is presently working in your life?

Who do you need to show God's grace to this week?

Have you been practicing the grace of generosity?

How would you describe God's presence in your life at this moment?

What has God started in you that He is working out by His grace?

What has God shown you through this lesson?

What do you need to do to adjust your life to accommodate God's revealing Grace?

Memory Verse: Psalm 103:2 “Praise the LORD. O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.”