



When Grace Flows In, Gratitude Fills Up, and Generosity Flows Out

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THE BIG IDEA:

GENEROSITY is the overflow of a heart filled with **GRATITUDE** when you receive the **GRACE** of GOD.

PEOPLE WHO ARE MORE GRATEFUL GET:

- 25% happier
- Better sleep
- Exercise 33% more
- 10% drop in blood pressure
- Decrease dietary fat intake by up to 20%
- (Studies compiled by Dr, Robert Emmons in *Gratitude Works*)

When one of the **Pharisees** invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and **reclined** at the table. ³⁷ A **woman** in that town who lived a **sinful life** learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an **alabaster jar of perfume**. ³⁸ As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to **wet his feet with her tears**. Then she **wiped** them with her hair, kissed them and **poured perfume** on them. ³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and **what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner.**" **LUKE 7:36-39**

The Pharisees were concerned of _____

1. WHEN _____ FLOWS IN

Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. ⁴¹ "Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he **forgave** the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?" **LUKE 7:40-41**

LIFE LESSON: When we receive **GOD'S GRACE**, we go from taking things **FOR GRANTED** and we begin to see them as **GRANTED**.

2. _____ FILL US UP

As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to **wet his feet with her tears**. Then she **wiped them with her hair**, **kissed them** and **poured perfume** on them.
LUKE 7:38

Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been **forgiven**—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been **forgiven** little loves little.”⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are **forgiven**.” **LUKE 7:47-48**

3. _____ FLOWS OUT

When a certain immoral woman from that city heard he was eating there, she brought a beautiful alabaster jar filled with **expensive perfume**. **LUKE 7:37 NLT**

As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and **poured perfume on them**.
LUKE 7:38

LIFE LESSONS: THREE CHARACTERS TO LEARN FROM

Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon,
“**Do you see this woman?** **LUKE 7:44**

- **SEE SIMON AS A _____ TO _____**

Don't be Judgmental

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LUKE 7:39

- **SEE THE WOMAN AS AN _____ TO _____**
- **SEE JESUS AS THE BEAUTIFUL _____ TO _____**

JESUS said to the woman, “your **faith** has **saved you**” go in peace **LUKE 7:50**

THE BOTTOM LINE:

When I see Jesus poured out His life for me, I will pour out my life for Him.

Resources used in preparing this message:

- Gratitude works by Dr. Robert Emmons
- Generosity and God's Grace by Tim Keller
- NIV Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible