



Part 4: So Much in Return

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The Context of Luke 6

- 1) Do the work of rest and restoration on the Sabbath (verses 1-11)
- 2) Do this together (verses 12-16)
- 3) Do keep the right perspective: now versus eternity; blessing versus woe (verses 20-26)
- 4) Do the right work with your enemies (vs. 27-37)

And then comes this...

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” - Luke 6:38

The wrong interpretation:

Giving is my ticket to prosperity

The right interpretation:

I can't out-give God

Jesus promises a return on pure generosity

Jesus is the ultimate standard for generosity

The standard of never — *I can't afford to*

The standard of convenience — *I will when it works for me*

The standard of consistency — *I will purpose in my heart*

The standard of sacrifice — *I will choose the joy of sharing the blessing I have in Jesus*

The Giving Style of Jesus

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, *who gave himself for our sins to rescue us* from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.
- Galatians 1:3-5 (*emphasis added*)

Jesus gave sacrificially

Jesus gave completely

Jesus gave ultimately

Next Steps

When we give out of devotion to God, Jesus promises a return – and not only for the person who gives, but for the entire kingdom of God. Today you have an opportunity to give for the benefit of The Kingdom through our special missions offering. Details about our 2017 recipients are on today's program insert. If God is prompting you to give, please use the blue envelope included in today's program, or choose Missions if you give online.

Small Group Questions

- 1) 1) Have you ever stepped out of your bubble and traveled to the developing world? What did you see and experience?
- 2) Have you ever experienced outrageous generosity? What did you learn? Were you on the giving or receiving end?
- 3) Read Luke 6. What is Jesus saying to you right now? What will you do about it?
- 4) Jesus gave all. How does that impact every area of your life?
- 5) Read Luke 6:38. After this conversation with yourself or your small group, what will you do with this verse?
- 6) What do you need prayer for today?