

HOW TO RECEIVE
MORE THAN WE GIVE

LUKE 6:38

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Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

Not everyone does this

Philippians 4:15

Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only.

Introduction

A. Words from Jesus about giving and receiving

1. God intends that His people be generous givers

2 Corinthians 9:7

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

2. Jesus reveals a plan for receiving more than we give

Introduction

- B. Is it right to expect our giving to make us receivers?**
 - 1. Let Jesus answer that frequently asked question**
 - 2. “Give and it shall be given you”**
 - a. A guarantee from the Lord that givers become receivers**
 - b. Consider also the quantities given and received**

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**C. “A man there was, though some did think him mad,
The more he cast away, the more he had.”**

- John Bunyan

D. Bunyan evidently wrote his quote from experience

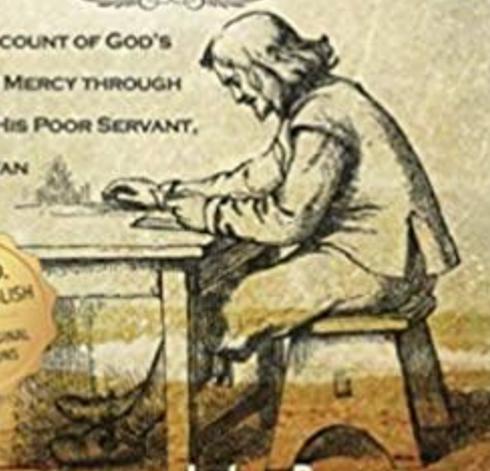
**1. His years in Bedford jail proved his investment
in time paid off**

2. He believed his giving produced his receiving

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I. Our Lord's Guarantee Of "The Same Measure"

A. Your receiving will equal or exceed your giving

1. "The same measure that ye mete" is significant

2. God controls the scales and makes them balance

2 Corinthians 9:6

But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

B. Stinginess results in a poverty of blessing

C. Generosity guarantees increased blessings

I. Our Lord's Guarantee Of "The Same Measure"

D. Notice the compressing of receipts over donations

- 1. Givers now move into the good measure category**
- 2. Their possessions are pressed down and shaken together**
- 3. The total report of their receipts is "running over"**

I. Our Lord's Guarantee Of "The Same Measure"

E. Application of the principle

Matthew 5:7

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Mark 10:29-30

29 And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,

30 But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

Malachi 3:10-12

10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

12 And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

II. The Old And New Testaments Agree On Giving And Receiving

A. The more we give to God and invest in His work, the more we receive.

B. The less we surrender to the Lord and His work, the less we receive

C. Giving and receiving are investments that pay high dividends

1. The question is not “How much can we keep?”

2. It is “How much can we give to honor and bless others?”

**Will We Become The Giving Church
God Wants Us To Be?**