

Portland Area Bible Students Topical Study #2 - Luke 6:38



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. **Luke 6:38**

Generosity - Giving plentifully beyond what is expected, customary or necessary

1. In a sense, our theme text is the summary or conclusion of verses 27-37. In that context, how is "Give, and it shall be given unto you" reflected or shown in those preceding verses?
2. Our theme scripture in the KJV has the phrase, "good measure ... and running over". Explain the word picture that it portrays. Suggestion, check the Amplified Bible (AMP), Amplified Bible Classic (AMPC), Expanded Bible (EXB).
3. In light of question #2, how does "shall men give into your bosom" continue and add to the word picture? Look back at the context verse 27-37, is it saying that men will reciprocate necessarily?
4. The last phrase of our theme text says, "For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again". Does that mean that whenever we give, expect an immediate return? The Message translation, reads "Generosity begets generosity". Can that also be true?
5. Consider some other texts regarding some principles of giving:
 - a. God's example of giving: John 3:16
 - b. Motivation for giving: Heb 12:2; Phil 2:1-9 (Emphatic Diaglott)
 - c. The size of your gift: 2 Cor 8:12; Luke 21:1-4
 - d. Attitude: 2 Cor 9:7;
 - e. Blessings for service: Pro 11:24-25; 2 Cor 9:16
 - f. Give quietly: Matt 6:2-4
 - g. When and choices for giving: Gal 6:10; I John 3:16-17
 - h. What is better than receiving; acts 20:35

Other related texts: Matt 6:21; Rom 12:20; I Tim 6:17-19;
Pro 19:17; James 1:17