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## **Giver**

**What am I like?** *You are unlike any other.* **How do I treat you?** *You don't give me what I deserve. Instead, you give me what I don't deserve.* **What do you mean by that?** *You give to me based on who you are and not based on what I have done.* **What have you done?** *I have sinned, wandered away and ignored you. I've done worse than that. At one time I was your enemy. I took your name in vain and even mocked you and your followers. I had no interest in you at all.* **So how did I treat you then?** *Well, there were a lot of negative consequences that I experienced as a result of my sin. When I was in deep pain, I cried out to you and asked for your help.* **Did I judge you? Did I condemn you? Did I turn you away?** *No, you did not. That is what I deserved.* **What did you receive instead?** *You gave me forgiveness. You welcomed me to you with your arms opened wide. You showered me with your kindness, mercy, and love.* **How did that feel to you?** *It felt great. I couldn't believe it. I felt so loved and accepted.* **What did my kindness, mercy, and love, motivate you to want?** *I wanted to follow you. I wanted to be like you. I wanted to treat others just like you have treated me.* **Is that what you still want today?** *Yes it is.*

**Tell me how you want to treat others?** *When I am wronged, I will give forgiveness. When others don't act like I would expect I will give acceptance rather than judgment. Instead of condemnation, I will give kindness, mercy and love.* **Why would you be willing to do this?** *Because that is exactly what you gave to me. I want to be like you and do what you have done and are still doing today.*

**What do you think will happen as you treat others with kindness, mercy, and love?** *I think that I will be a tool in your hands. I will be like a vessel through which your love can pour. My life will become like a signpost pointing people to you.* **Has that been happening in your life these days?** *Yes, I believe that even people who have regarded themselves as my enemies can see your life shining through me.* **Do you want more of this to happen?** *Yes, I do.*

*Father, change my heart and mind. I want to think and act as you do. Instead of judgment and condemnation I want to freely give kindness, mercy and love to others. Use my life as a signpost that points people to you. Amen*

**Identity**      *Give And It Will Be Given To You*

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. 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."

NIV      Luke 6:36-38

**Identity**      *Give And You Will Receive*

You must be compassionate, just as your Father is compassionate. "Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn others, or it will all come back against you. Forgive others, and you will be forgiven. Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back."

NLT      Luke 6:36-38

**Identity**      *Give And It Will Be Given To You*

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

NRSV      Luke 6:36-38

**Identity**      *Give And Gifts Will Be Given To You*

So be merciful (sympathetic, tender, responsive, and compassionate) even as your Father is [all these]. Judge not [neither pronouncing judgment nor subjecting to censure], and you will not be judged; do not condemn and pronounce guilty, and you will not be condemned and pronounced guilty; acquit and forgive and release (give up resentment, let it drop), and you will be acquitted and forgiven and released. Give, and [gifts] will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will they pour into [the pouch formed by] the bosom [of your robe and used as a bag]. For with the measure you deal out [with the measure you use when you confer benefits on others], it will be measured back to you.

AMP      Luke 6:36-38

**Identity**      *Give And It Will Be Given To You*

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; and do not condemn, and you will not be condemned; pardon, and you will be pardoned. "Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return."

NASB      Luke 6:36-38

**Identity**      *Give And It Will Be Given To You*

Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

ESV      Luke 6:36-38

**Identity**      *Give And It Will Be Given To You*

Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful. "Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

NKJV      Luke 6:36-38

**Identity**      *Give Away Your Life; You'll Find Life Given Back*

Our Father is kind; you be kind. "Don't pick on people, jump on their failures, criticize their faults—unless, of course, you want the same treatment. Don't condemn those who are down; that hardness can boomerang. Be easy on people; you'll find life a lot easier. Give away your life; you'll find life given back, but not merely given back—given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity."

MSG      Luke 6:36-38

**Identity**      *For If You Give, You'll Get*

"Try to show as much compassion as your Father does. "Never criticize or condemn—or it will all come back on you. Go easy on others; then they will do the same for you. For if you give, you will get! Your gift will return to you in full and overflowing measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, and running over. Whatever measure you use to give—large or small—will be used to measure what is given back to you."

TLB      Luke 6:36-38

**Identity**      *Give And You Will Receive*

Show mercy, just as your Father shows mercy. "Don't judge other people, and you will not be judged. Don't accuse others of being guilty, and you will not be accused of being guilty. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and you will receive. You will be given much. Pressed down, shaken together, and running over, it will spill into your lap. The way you give to others is the way God will give to you."

NCV      Luke 6:36-38

**Give And It Will Be Given To You** Year \_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_

**Identity** – Luke 6:36-38

**In Context:** *Read Luke 6*

**Begin With Prayer:** *Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.*

**Meditating On God's Word:** *(What is God speaking to your heart?)*

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**Considering The Words:** *(What words speak to your heart?)*

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**Praying The Scripture:** *(What prayer from your heart will you write?)*

Father, change my heart and mind. I want to think and act as you do. Instead of judgment and condemnation I want to freely give kindness, mercy and love to others. Use my life as a signpost that points people to you. Amen

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**What It Means:** *(What questions speak to your heart?)* (Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)

How has the Lord shown His kindness, mercy and love to you?

What could the Lord judge and condemn you for?

What do you deserve and what did you receive from the Lord?

**How has the Lord demonstrated generous giving to you so that you wanted to follow His example?**

When have you given forgiveness to someone who deeply hurt you?

**When have you given kindness, mercy and love to someone who did not deserve it?**

**How will you be repaid for generously giving kindness, mercy and love to others?**

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**Living It Out:** *(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)*

Give to others the same kindness, mercy and love that He has given to you.

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**Seeing It Happen:** *(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)*

Have faith that the Lord will help you to give to others the kindness, mercy and love that He has given to you.

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**Get Ready To Share:** *(What can you share with others from your heart?)*

Share with another person or your small group how God has used you to show His kindness, mercy and love to others.

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**Close With Prayer:** *Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you freely give love and kindness to others so you can be a witness and signpost that points them to God.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, help me to give to others the same underserved love and kindness that I have received from you.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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