

*"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." Luke 6:37-38 (NIV)*

## **A Blessing To Others**

**What do you hope to receive from me? What do you hope to receive from others?** I'm not sure how to answer that question. I'm not positive what you are asking of me. **I could ask you more questions.** I would like you to ask me more questions. **Do you hope to receive forgiveness? Do you hope to receive mercy? Do you hope to receive love? Do you hope to receive kindness? Do you hope to receive generosity?** Now, I understand what you are asking of me. Yes, I want to receive forgiveness and mercy and love and kindness and generosity. **That's good.**

**How can you be sure to receive forgiveness and mercy and kindness and generosity? You seem hesitant. Would you like me to ask another question?** Yes, please ask me another question. **How can you be sure to not receive forgiveness and mercy and kindness and love and generosity?** Well, I am certain that I will never receive what I am unwilling to give to others. If I don't give forgiveness and mercy and love and kindness and generosity to others, I will surely not receive it from you or anyone else. I have heard you say, 'Forgive others, just as I have forgiven you.' I know that you expect me to forgive others. I know that you want me to give to others what I have received from you. **Yes, I do.** If I give others forgiveness and mercy and kindness and love and generosity, I will surely receive it myself. **Yes, you will.**

**With what measure will you use to give others your forgiveness, mercy, love, kindness and generosity? Will you give sparingly? Will you give reluctantly? Will you give begrudgingly?** No, I will not. **What will you do?** I will generously give to others what I have received from you. I will give freely. I will give joyously. It will be my daily practice to give all of these with an abundant measure. **Why will you do this?** This is what you have asked of me. This is your will. You want me to become like you. You want me to go and do what you did. **Yes, I do.** You also want to be able to abundantly bless my life as I live as a blessing to others. **Yes, I do. Will you live this kind of life for me?** Yes, I will. **That will be very good.**

*Lord, I will use a very large measure when I decide how much to give to others. I will give to others only what I hope to receive back. I will not judge or condemn. I will make it my practice to graciously forgive others just as you have graciously forgiven me. Amen*

**Becoming Like Christ** *Do Not Judge*

"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 6:37-38

**Becoming Like Christ** *Do Not Judge*

"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 6:37-38

**Becoming Like Christ** *Do Not Judge*

"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 6:37-38

**Becoming Like Christ** *Judge Not*

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 6:37-38

**Becoming Like Christ** *Do Not Judge*

"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 6:37-38

**Becoming Like Christ** *Judge Not*

"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 6:37-38

**Becoming Like Christ** *Judge Not*

"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 6:37-38

**Becoming Like Christ** *Don't Pick On People*

"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 6:37-38

**Becoming Like Christ** *Never Criticize*

"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 6:37-38

**Becoming Like Christ** *Don't Judge*

"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 6:37-38

# Do Not Judge

Year \_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_

**Becoming Like Christ** – Luke 6:37-38

**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?)***

Lord, I will use a very large measure when I decide how much to give to others. I will give to others only what I hope to receive back. I will not judge or condemn. I will make it my practice to graciously forgive others just as you have graciously forgiven me. Amen

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

How are you making sure that you don't judge or condemn others?

How are you making it your own ongoing practice to graciously and freely forgive others?

**Why will it be wise of you to use a very large measure when you decide how much to give to others?**

**How are you making it your consistent practice to give to others only what you hope to receive?**

How has the Lord richly blessed your life as you have been a been a rich blessing to others?

What have you received back as you have generously given to others?

**What joy have you found in making it your goal to live your life as a rich blessing to others?**

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

Allow the Lord to use you to bless the lives of others.

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

Have faith that the Lord will bless your life as you bless the lives of others.

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

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord is using you to bless the lives of others.

**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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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

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

*May you give to others what you hope to receive.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

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

*Lord, I will give to others what I hope to receive.*

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

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how can I bless the lives of others today?*

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