

*"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)*

## **Giving And Receiving**

**What will you give to others? What do you hope to receive from others? I know where this is headed. Where is this headed?** There is a law of reciprocity in life. **Tell me about it.** If I judge others, I can expect that others will judge me. If I condemn others, I can expect that I will be condemned by them. If, I don't forgive others, they will not forgive me. **You are correct. But you can say more.** I know that if I am to receive your forgiveness, I must also forgive others. **That is also true.** So, failing to forgive is not only a tragedy in this life, it is a tragedy in the next life as well. **How so?** I don't want to live with the consequences of being unforgiving, judging and condemning. I want to live in your forgiveness both now and forever. **And so, you will as you continue to show others the same kindness and mercy and love that I have shown to you.** That I will do. I will follow your example. I will do for others, what you have done for me. I will allow your kindness and mercy and love to flow in and through me to others. **That will be very good.**

**There is more to talk about regarding this law of reciprocity.** Yes, I do have more to say. **I'm listening.** You want me to be generous with what you have given to me. You have richly blessed my life. You have blessed me so I could be a blessing to others. **That is true.** You do not want me to be tight fisted and closed handed with those who are in need. You want me to give freely just as you have given freely to me. **Yes, that is exactly what I want and what I expect of you. But what else do you know?** I know that I can't outgive you. As I continue to give and be generous with others, you will continue to give me more so I can continue to keep on blessing the lives of others. I have found it to be abundantly true that with the measure I give will be the same measure with which I will receive. If I give very little, I will receive very little. **So, will you keep on generously giving to others what you hope to receive?** Yes Lord, I will keep on giving and receiving so I can bless the lives of others, just as you have blessed my life. **That will be very good.**

*Lord, I will generously give to others what I hope to receive back from them. I will give out forgiveness and kindness, mercy and love. I will give out understanding, encouragement and compassionate. Help me to freely give out what you want me to receive back. Amen*

**Promises** *Give And It Will Be Given*

"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

**Promises** *Give And You Receive*

"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

**Promises** *Give And It Will Be Given*

"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

**Promises** *Give And It Will Be Given*

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

**Promises** *Give And It Will Be Given*

"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

**Promises** *Give And It Will Be Given*

"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

**Promises** *Give And It Will Be Given*

"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

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

"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

**Promises** *Give And It Will Be Given*

"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

**Promises** *Give And You Will Receive*

"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

# Give And It Will Be Given

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

**Promises** – 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?)***

"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)

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

Lord, I will generously give to others what I hope to receive back from them. I will give out forgiveness and kindness, mercy and love. I will give out understanding, encouragement and compassionate. Help me to freely give out what you want me to receive back. Amen

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

When have you freely forgiven others just like you would like to be forgiven by them?

When have you refrained from judging others just as you would like others to refrain from judging you?

When have you resisted condemning others just as you would like them to resist condemning you?

Why do you have no solid ground to stand on in judgement or condemnation of others?

**Why can you be sure to receive back from others what you have freely given out to them?**

**When have you been grateful and thankful to receive from others what you have given to them?**

**How are you continually giving out good things that you would like to receive back from others?**

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

Freely and generously give to others what you hope to receive back from them.

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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 what hope to receive back from them.

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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 you have received back from others what you have given to them.

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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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**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 back from them.*

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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 back from them.*

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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, what do you want me to give to others today?*

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