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Give and it Shall be Given Unto You

Unleash the ability to give love.

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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.

Luke 6:38

After reading this today, I became so deeply stirred that I felt compelled to share the greatness of this principle with you in hopes you too, will receive the same effects.

Mankind is all too often so anxious to receive things of others, receiving, receiving, receiving, and yet giving nothing in return. Of that sort, we want no part, for such a life contradicts the very nature of God. God's nature is to give relentlessly, no matter the cost. God wants us to be like Him.

The greatest thing you can give is love. The most demanded gift of all is love, for people crave it and desire it above most any other thing. Do you give love? Jesus Christ was the greatest lover ever to walk this earth. He left us a legacy of love and example to follow. How much love do you give? If you are a man, probably less than you should. If you are a woman, probably more



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than a man, but you are forever seeking more since God put that in your nature. Men, love people more and women, don't be afraid to quiet your souls so that you can receive that love.

If you give love, you will receive love, good measure, pressed down and shaken together, and running over shall men give into your bosom. Those who give, receive. Those who don't give, hurt themselves. To quote John G. Lake,

The reverse of God's law is always evidenced in the soul of man as selfishness. Always getting, always getting, until the nature

contracts and the face distorts and the brain diminishes and the life that God gave to be abundant becomes an abomination, that men are compelled to endure.

What are you enduring today? Those who give are the ones who receive directly into their bosom. Don't compel yourself to receive less than you ought.

We are to be a loving people, people who are not afraid to love and give to those in need of spiritual love and strength. The most loving people have the most loving friends. The most loving churches have the most loving people attracted to them. Why? Because the longing nature of man to be loved drives him to find love – and he will. God will see to that. Give and it shall be given unto you!

It is only right that a Christian draws to himself the love of others. The more he does it, the more he will have it. Christ loved all. He gave himself for mankind so that God could have a family, loving people whom he could love. God had him do this so that He could have Christ-like people, not weak, sniveling, sinful, hopeless people with which to fellowship.

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What do you know of Christ? Do you know the historic Christ, the ideal man, the Christ and Savior? Or do you know him as a living Christ, the son of God, a man ever-ready at the right hand of the throne of God to serve and support you? That's the real Christ!

Become Christ-like. Love others from your heart and draw them unto you, unto God's family. Can you imagine what kind of church Christ would have if he couldn't produce even one Christ-like man or woman on this earth – one who would be willing to love like him? Give and it shall be given unto you! What a failure it would be. But it is not a failure for God has made us able to love if we only remove the worldly suppression that has imprisoned our souls to love. To quote a man delivered from painful physical trauma:

It would be a strange Word indeed, and a strange salvation if Jesus [Christ] was not able to produce from the whole race one man in his own image, in his own likeness and of his own character. We would think that salvation was weak, would we not?

Yes we would. And do we? For if we are afraid to love our friends, wives, children, and strangers, we certainly are not proclaiming the love of Christ to the world. Love, and it shall be given back abundantly to you in your bosom.

Down in the human heart,
Crushed by the tempter,
Feelings lie buried that
grace can restore,
Touched by a loving heart,
Wakened by kindness,
Chords that were broken
Will vibrate once more.

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