

## **THE SPARK OF GENEROSITY**

**It seems to me that Jesus' command to love your enemies has never been more counter-cultural than it is today.**

**Be the c\_\_\_\_\_ that you wish to see in the world. Ref: Gal.6:7**

**"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 6:38)**

**Jesus is not talking exclusively about money. Jesus is not talking about the secret to receiving, or the secret of accumulation. He's talking about the secret to living.**

**Generosity includes, as we see in the full context of Jesus' words, being openhanded with mercy, kindness, forgiveness, encouragement, friendliness, companionship, and gratitude — as well as offering financial support to those who are in need.**

**To live the life of generosity that he is challenging us to live, there are three things that we need to keep in mind.**

**1. It starts with y\_\_\_\_. Ref: Luke 6:38**

**There's no trick to side-stepping the process. The order never changes you reap what you sow, a\_\_\_\_\_ you sow.**

**You're the one who sets in motion the abundant life that God wants you to live.**

**It starts with me. I'll make the first m\_\_\_\_\_.**

**2. It comes back your w\_\_\_\_. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together (Luke 6:38)**

**Jesus is saying that when you give, what you give comes back your way.**

**This is a teaching that is found in the Old Testament, as well. Ref: Prov. 11:17: 11:24, 25**

**The most wonderful news in the world is that this law works in every area — not just your f\_\_\_\_\_. Ref: Prov.11:17;24;25**

**3. It follows the standard you set for yourself. "For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."**

**You get to decide how much a\_\_\_\_\_ you will ultimately enjoy.**

**The principle of generosity is about living your life f\_\_\_\_\_ on what you can do for others.**

**Giving is its own reward, but that's not its *only* reward.**

