

A Generous Heart: Part 3

Luke 6: 27-38

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Introduction:

- One of the most misused scriptures
- False Belief: If you want something, give something, and you will receive something greater.

I. Context of Luke 6:38

A. Love Your enemies. (vs.27-36)

1. Love your enemies
2. Do good to those who hate you
3. Bless those who curse you
4. Pray for those who abuse you
5. Turn the other cheek
6. If they take your coat give them your shirt
7. Give to everyone who ask of you
8. Do good to your enemies
9. Be merciful like God is merciful

B. Judge not, condemn not, forgive. (vs. 37)

1. Don't judge
2. Don't condemn
3. Forgive and you will be forgiven

II. Clarifying Forgiveness

A. Definition: Giving up my right to hurt you for hurting me. Willing to release my right to get even.

B. Reasons to be generous in forgiving:

1. It's good for your health.
2. It changes families and communities (Hebrews 12:15)
3. It breaks your fellowship with God (Matthew 18:35)

C. How do I forgive?

1. Realize Jesus understands, Give me a heart like Jesus.
2. Choose to forgive.
3. Thank God for each person who wounded you.
 - Biblical examples:
Joseph, The Prodigal Father, Stephen
4. Confess to God any wrong response.
5. Confirm your love. (2Cor. 2:5-11)
 - Unforgiveness is a scheme of Satan.

Conclusion: Be generous in your forgiveness

Example: Corrie Ten Boom