

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

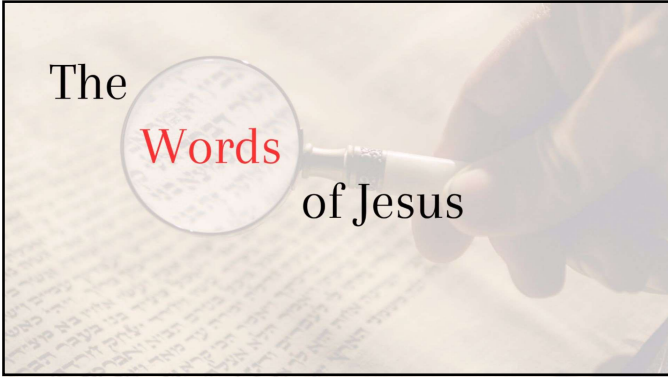
The Words of Jesus: Give
Luke 6:38; 21:1-4; John 3:16

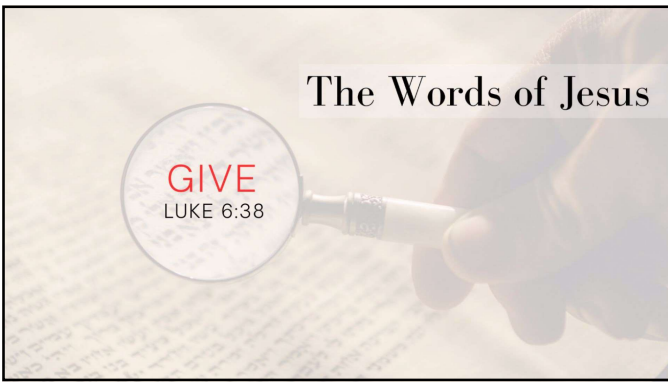
1. What does giving mean to you?
2. What is God's expectation when it comes to giving? How can we give like Jesus?
3. What does the story of the widow's mite teach us about giving?
4. How does the law of reaping and sowing work? How have you seen it work in your life positively or negatively?

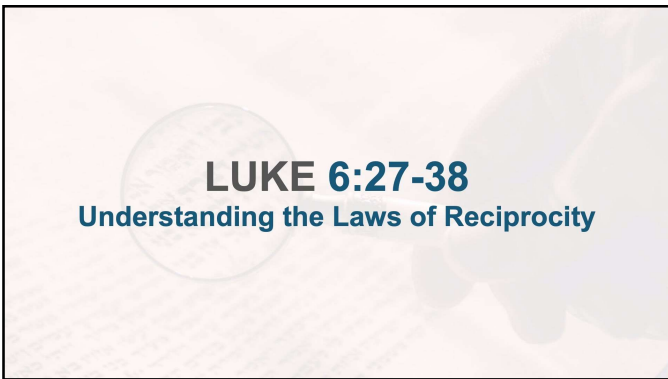
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or people you really don't like.**

**If needed, fill in with people who you believe or
feel don't like you.**









LAWS OF RECIPROCITY

- 1. The Golden Rule (Luke 6:27-31)**
- 2. Natural Law of Reciprocity (Luke 6:32-34)**

TOXIC CYCLES

- Natural Law of Reciprocity can create toxic cycles of violence (revenge, retaliation, etc.), arguments about being right, poor relationships in all areas of life.**
- It's toxic because it is a belief that you will live up to my expectations founded in an entitlement to rights rather than the Law of Christ.**

“An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind.”

LAWS OF RECIPROCITY

1. The Golden Rule (Luke 6:27-31)
2. Natural Law of Reciprocity (Luke 6:32-34)
3. Spiritual Law of Reciprocity (Luke 6:35-38)

3 TYPES OF GIVING

- **Giving Up** - Letting go of something
- **Giving In** - Letting something/someone take hold of you
- **Giving Away** - Releasing resources (material or immaterial) to someone else

METHOD TO BREAK TOXIC CYCLES

- **Giving Up** (your right)
- **Giving In** (to God's way/plan)
- **Giving Away** (giving away something that requires God-size faith to let go; **sacrifice**)

SCRIPTURAL SUPPORT

1. Luke 21:1-4 (Widow's Offering)
2. 1 Kings 17:7-16 (Widow & the Jar of Oil)
3. Philippians 2:5-9 (Imitating Christ's Humility)

But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back (GIVE).

- LUKE 6:35a (NIV)

LOVE. DO GOOD. GIVE.

Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High...
- LUKE 6:35b (NIV)

ACTION ITEM
(does not apply to abusers or abusive relationships)

- 1) Write the list of five enemies or people you really don't like. Fill in with people who you believe don't like you.
- 2) Find a way to **love, do good, and give**, to each one of them. At least one person per week.
