

PARADOX #4 – “Give And You Shall Receive”

INTRODUCTION: **PARADOX** – “A seemingly contradictory statement that may nonetheless be true.”

GOD SAYS – “Give and you shall receive.” – Prov. 11:24 – NLT
Acts 20:35 – Our blessings come more from the OUTFLOW than the INCOME ... “Sea of Galilee” ... “Dead Sea”.

Luke 6:38

1.- THE COMMAND – “Give” – A life-style, continuous action.

- 6:27 – We’re also to give LOVE.
 - To GET love, you must GIVE love – Prov. 18:24
- 6:32 - We’re told to love our ENEMY!
 - What will we RECEIVE? 6:35 God loves our ENEMY!
 - If you don’t love those I love, we have a problem!
 - God loved us though we were enemies with Him – Rom. 5:10
 - WHY ... should we love our ENEMIES? Prov. 25:22 – God will REWARD you.
 - You can’t expect others to return your good deeds.
- 6:34 - Others may not pay you back your LOANS.
- 6:35 – We’re to pay back when we borrow - Psalms 37:21
 - If not, one day, the borrower will answer to God.
- 6:36 - We owed a “*sin-debt*” to God, that Jesus had to pay for us.

1 First, provide for your own – 1 Timothy 5:8

2 Second, don’t be an “*enabler*” – 2 Thessalonians 3:10

2.- THE CERTAINTY – “*it will be given to you*”

- “*You can’t out-give God.*” ... Giving has a “*boomerang*” effect.
- Think of the long-term investment, not the short-term investment.
- You won’t always RECEIVE in the same way you GAVE.
- Matthew 6:19-21 – Don’t focus on earthly treasures – Lk. 12:15
- Psalms 126:5-6 – Do you GIVE more than you RECEIVE?

3.- THE COMPENSATION – “*good measure ...*”

- There’s an abundance of blessings from GIVING
- God has a bigger “*fist*” than you – Ps. 23:5, Mal. 3:10, Eph. 3:20

4.- THE CLAIM – “*For with the same measure ...*”

- Paul said ... Gal. 6:7, 2 Cor. 9:6 – You’ll reap what you sow.

CONCLUSION: “*You can give but not love, but you can never love without giving.*”

- What we HAVE here on earth won’t last, but what we DO here on earth can last for eternity.