

February 24, 2019

Luke 6:27-38

Last Sunday, focus: Reign of God, Kingdom of God
– Kin-dom of God

This Sunday, “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

Wanted to look at what it means

Not a pledge passage, financial or otherwise

Part of larger passage

Last week, took focus out of context and it worked

This week, not so much

This last verse – a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over – is really part of a “full-life recipe”, similar to a bread recipe.

Putting all the ingredients together and “pounding” them together

What are the ingredients of a full-life recipe that needs “a good measure, pressed down”? And, for what?

- love of enemy
- do good to those who hate you
- turn the other cheek, when struck
- give coat and shirt off your back

- give to the beggar
- forget stolen goods, and the one who stole
- do to others what you want done to you
- lend without interest
- be merciful
- do not judge
- do not condemn
- forgive
- give

These are the ingredients for the “good life”

A life that gives life

a life “running over”

for indeed, “the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

So, as you go about your daily lives, look for ways you can take “a good measure” of these “full-life ingredients” and press them down, shake them up, and allow them to run over the top of your life’s bowl.

You will be surprised by how joyously you will “rise” from the experience.

Amen.