

Give and Given!

Luke 6:38; 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

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Introduction

- The Bum and the *Inn of St. George and the Dragon*
- Giving reveals the true character of....
 - 1) Our faith—James 2:15-17
 - 2) Our love—1 John 3:18
- Compassionate, merciful people....
 - 1) Do not judge
 - 2) Do not condemn
 - 3) Forgive

“Give and Given”

A. *“Give”*

1. God as the Consummate Giver
2. Giving for us does not come naturally. Learned behavior.
3. Followers of Christ are to be givers. Psalm 37:21; Prov. 21:26
4. **Six Principles for Giving**—2 Corinthians 9:6-11
 - a. Private—*“let each one give”*
 - b. Planned—*“as he purposes in his heart”*
 - c. Proportional
 - 1) As to Income—2 Corinthians 8:11
 - 2) As to Need—2 Cor. 8:13-15
 - d. Painless—*“not grudgingly”*
 - e. Pressure Less—*“not of necessity”*
 - f. Pleasurable—*“cheerful giver”*

B. *“Given”*

1. God gives GENEROUSLY—*“good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom”*
 - a. Ancient Illustration—measuring corn
 - b. Modern Illustration—scooping ice cream
 - c. Scriptural Illustrations
 - d. How God repays?
 - 1) Not necessarily in KIND
 - 2) Not necessarily in TIME
2. God gives PROPORTIONALLY—*“with the measure that you use it will be measured back to you.”*