

SONS OF THE MOST HIGH ADMINISTER KINGDOM GENEROSITY - Luke 6:38

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INTRODUCTION

1. Generosity is about the heart more than the amount. Review & overview of [Lk 6 v20-23; 24-26; 27-35 - v35](#). Sons of Most High: position of authority administering God's rule among men - [v35-38](#).
2. Sons of Most High are overcomers who triumph by loving enemies.

1st: Like Father, Like Son

1. More than command: being sons determines behavior as sons. Our being determines our doing. [v43-45](#) produce fruit of sonship; since we are sons, we are authorized to engage in the family business: commerce of gospel
2. Relationship w/ Father [life] undergirds ethical commands: *be merciful, do not judge, do not condemn, pardon, give* - Why? Life. How? Love.
3. Nuance [v31](#) - treat others as Father treats them

2nd: The Exhortation to be Generous

1. *give* [3x] *give, it will be given & they will pour* [give]: generous generosity!
2. [Lk 12:32-34](#) having been given the kingdom & Father's promise of provision, be like Father & give kingdom blessings to others.
3. Gospel of free grace: Eph 2:8-9. The gift is free & we give that gift freely - Mt 10:7-8 *Freely you received, freely give*.
 - i. Do good works - promote life - conquer principalities - preach gospel
 - ii. In kingdom: *great reward*. In this age - *expect nothing*. Spend, be spent; lay up treasure in heaven & your heart will follow.
4. Commendation: GCBC is a Macedonian church: 2C 8:1-5.

3rd: The Example of Generosity

1. Generosity exemplified by Father - *for He Himself is & just as your Father*.
2. Parable of laborers in vineyard [Mt 20] - work for wages or work for generous master? [v14-15](#) *I am generous*
 - i. Justified by grace - a gift - Rm 3:24-26.
 - ii. Why are you a Christian? Grace - Rm 8:30
 - iii. God is *generous*. Grk = "good". [Dolezal's SSs]. "God is great & God is good, let us thank Him for our food" [childhood prayer].
 - a. God is good - revealed in creation & redemption: abundance.
 - b. "I will not gaze at glory, but on my King of grace; not at the crown He gifteth, but on His pierced hand, The Lamb is all the glory of Emmanuel's land" [THB #599]. Jesus is the giver & the gift.

4th: The Encouragement to be Generous

1. [Lk 6:38](#) an overflowing abundance - this age, next age, both?
2. Marketplace - merchant powers in more than container can hold. Who is doing the pouring? *They*: KJV: *men shall give*. [Mrk 10:28-30](#)
3. *They will pour into your lap* - amazing providence - amazing grace
4. [A 4:32-35](#) Marx: "From him according to his ability, to him according to his need." A generous community is powerful. [2 C 9:6-15](#); 1T 6:17
5. Does Lk 6:38 rlt to this life only? Jesus' statements are general, indefinite. God's providence thru people & circumstance - Rm 8:32.

5th: The Principle of Kingdom Reciprocity

1. *For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return*. Not the reciprocity of sinners [[v32-34](#)]; but not idealized altruism - [Lk 9:24](#)

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- i. The question is: "Do you want to live the life of this age or the life of the age to come?" One -> death; the other is eternal: seek life!
 - ii. Do not be offended by the cross - there are real, eternal rewards.
2. Kingdom reciprocity - a correspondence tw/ deeds & rewards - but according to the generosity of our Father: exceeds worth of our "work".

#1: How We Treat Others Reflects Our Experience of Father's Treatment of Us

1. Our treatment of others is a display of our theology.
2. Seek true communion w/ Father by "means of grace" to experience grace & learn to be gracious. Be intimate w/ Father & imitate Him.
3. As Sons of Most High, imitate Father: accurately represent Him to sinners.

#2: Our Treatment of Others Has Eschatological, "Prophetic" Significance

- 01. The life lived = evidence of the God served. The life I live; my treatment of others; "prophesies" how I will experience Final Judgment. Have I truly received God's grace in Christ? My life will bear evidence: fruit.
2. Lk 6:20-38 May Father say of each of us: *He who overcomes will inherit these things & I will be his God & he will be My son* [Rv 21:7]. AMEN