

"Economics"
Series: The Kingdom of God
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Of all 'Kingdom' considerations, economics may be simultaneously the most challenging, the most practical, and the most liberating.

Luke 6:38 (NLT) - "Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back."

3 "Laws" regarding 'giving':

## 1. The law of heart-condition.

Luke 6:37 (NLT) - "Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn others, or it will all come back against you. Forgive others, and you will be forgiven."

## 2. The law of reciprocity.

Luke 6:38a (NLT) - "Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap."

## 3. The law of self-determination.

Luke 6:38b (NLT) - "The amount you give will determine the amount you get back."

Psalm 37:25 (NLT) - Once I was young, and now I am old. Yet I have never seen the godly abandoned or their children begging for bread.

## STUDY GUIDE

- 1. Be honest how did you feel when you realized that Sunday's Kingdom topic was "Economics" (in other words, 'Giving')?
- 2. Again, in the spirit of honesty, what have been your historical challenges to giving financially? Where are you presently in your journey to understand and ultimately overcome those challenges?
- 3. Can you recall a time in which God has generously (even miraculously!) provided for your needs? Take a few moments to thank and praise Him.
- 4. Here's a few scriptures to assist you in developing your faith in God, with regards to giving:
  - Luke 6:37-38
  - Luke 12:32-34
  - Mark 12:41-44
  - Proverbs 3:9-10
- 5. Take some time to tenderly pray for each other. Walking in assurance in this critical area of our lives is vitally important for our overall spiritual health.