

GOOD MEASURE

The background of the slide is a soft-focus photograph of a natural landscape. It features a field of tall, golden-brown grasses in the foreground and middle ground. On the right side, there is a small, gnarled tree with dark bark and clusters of bright green, needle-like foliage. The sky is a pale, hazy yellow, suggesting a bright, sunny day. The overall mood is peaceful and natural.

Luke 6:37-38

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- **Our text this morning is found in the midst of what many call the “Sermon on the Plain” that begins in Luke 6.**
- **Because of the many similarities to the “Sermon on the Mount” found in Matthew 5-7, some scholars believe these two instances are the same.**
- **Regardless, the content is worth our attention.**

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- **Maybe, you have heard someone say something like, “that blessing just fell into my lap.” Have you ever had that happen to you?**
- **Perhaps, some concept of this is found in our text as rendered by the ESV.**
- **The original idea for verse 38 is an old Eastern reference to the fold on the front of the outer robe that served as a pocket.**

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- **However, the real meaning of the text resembles other passages in the Bible.**
 - **Proverbs 11:24-25**
 - **Proverbs 22:9**
 - **Malachi 3:10**
 - **II Cor. 9:6-8**
 - **Galatians 6:7**

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- In considering Jesus's teaching on how people should treat one another, we come to understand that our kindness is characterized in the following terms:
 - Good measure
 - Pressed down
 - Shaken together
 - Running over

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A photograph of a pine tree in a field of tall grass. The tree is on the right side of the frame, with its branches extending towards the center. The grass is tall and golden-brown, suggesting a late summer or autumn setting. The sky is bright and hazy, with a warm, yellowish glow. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

- **What do these things mean?**
 - **Good measure**
 - **A lot, a substantial amount**
 - **Pressed down**
 - **Pack it in**
 - **Shaken together**
 - **Sprinkle a little more to fill in all the gaps**
 - **Running over- Even extra**

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- This applies to what will be given to us when we give in this manner.
- But perhaps, we should think about this in terms of all the things that Jesus discussed in this sermon.
- **LOVING ENEMIES**
- **JUDGMENT**
- **FORGIVENESS**
- **BENEVOLENCE**

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- **Let's apply this method to all these things and watch the blessings just fall into our lap.**
- **Then we will truly come to understand the meaning of Acts 20:35, "*It is more blessed to give than to receive.*"**