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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. (NIV)

There is perhaps no greater picture of those who are dwelling and abiding in the LORD than this very verse. Why? Because in this statement, Jesus was teaching a number of principles. The first is that you are not owners of anything because God has allowed us to be stewards of them only. He still owns it all. What we have, He has allowed us to use to bring Him glory. If the LORD has our hearts, He will have everything else as well. I heard this when I was very young, and I believe it to be completely true: you cannot out-give God. You see, since He is LORD and in control, He will continue to give and give through us, not in spite of us. We are simply the vessels that He wants to use to touch others.

And according to His word, the more you give, the more you will receive. The more you give of your time, your talents, your tithes and offerings, the more you will see Him bless you beyond what you could think or imagine. This is the way that the LORD blesses. He knows when he has our hearts, everything else will follow. Most people try to hold on to what they have. But like a pastor friend of mine used to say, "I've never seen a hearse pulling a U-haul to the cemetery!" Don't try to hold onto that which is temporal, but instead, allow the LORD to use it through you to bless more and more people.

Dear LORD, turn our hearts to You so that You can use us to touch others. There is freedom in giving, so help us to release all that we have into Your control. It's all Yours anyway. In Jesus Name, Amen