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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

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)

One of the most amazing lessons I have learned over the years of walking with the Lord is that you can never 'out give' Him. His desire is to bless us beyond anything that we could ever think or imagine. In fact, Jesus told those that were listening that day that when you give, it will be given back to you to overflowing. It is this way when we give up our selfish life in exchange for the abundant life of Christ. The 'good measure' was given to someone with more than they had expected. In fact, it is the picture of wheat that was poured into a basket, shaken, patted down and more added, so that they got a 'good measure.'

The LORD doesn't want to just give you a life of existence, He desires for us to have a life that is a 'good measure.' You can try to get all the world offers and you will find out you really have nothing of lasting value. Or you can look to the LORD and rely on Him and He will fill you completely with His joy and peace. He will give more than you could ever ask for. Paul put it this way to the churches in Galatia in **Gal. 6:7-9** ***Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what He sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. (NIV)***

As hard as this world seems to get, let's finish the race strong. Let's keep focused on the Creator and not the creation. Let's run the race with perseverance. And when we do, we will experience life that is full, abundant and overflowing so that it influences others around us.

Dear LORD, we need You above all things. You are our hope and the giver of all good things. Help us to be bold givers and not takers. Help us to love freely as we are loved. Help us to reach out and speak out and live out Your love to all who know us. In Jesus Name, Amen