



Luke 6:36-42
New International Version

³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. 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.”

³⁹ He also told them this parable: “Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into a pit? ⁴⁰ The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher.

⁴¹ “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ⁴² How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

Advent is Christian life in four weeks.

(abundance vs scarcity)

Jesus said, “I guarantee this. Anyone who gives up anything for the kingdom of God will certainly receive many times more in this life and will receive eternal life in the next world to come.”
Luke 18:29

4 Laws of a Blessed Church



SERMON NOTES

There is a little bit of Scrooge in all of us.

GENEROSITY is the best cure for a Heart-cold

It must flow OUTWARDLY

“I will bless you and you will be a blessing to others.” Gen 12

When we bless others, we feel God’s presence

It must flow FAITHFULLY

Give us today our daily bread. Matthew 6:11

When we bless others, we trust God with our present

It must flow CONFIDENTLY

“Give your life away and you’ll find your life given back. But not merely given back. Given back with bonus and blessing.” Lke 6:38

When we bless others, we trust God with our future

It must flow CONSISTENTLY

“Much is required from those to whom much is given. For their responsibility is greater.” Luke 12

To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Matthew 25:15

When we bless others, we are being transformed.

Philippians 2

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature^[a] God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature^[b] of a servant, being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

If your church is blessed with resources that others around the world do not have, how do you think God wants you to use them to help (or plant) other congregations?

“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ Luke 12:20

SACRED JOURNEY

“A Morning Wish” W.R. Hunt

The sun is just rising on the morning of another day, the first day of the new year. What can I wish that this day, that this year, may bring to me?

Nothing that shall make the world of others poorer, nothing at the expense of others; but just those few things which in their coming do not stop with me but touch me rather, as they pass and gather strength:

- A few friends who understand me, and yet remain my friends.
- A work to do which has real value without which the world would feel the poorer.
- A return for such work small enough not to tax unduly anyone who pays.
- A mind unafraid to travel, even though the trail be not blazed.
- An understanding heart.
- A sight of the eternal hills and unbelting sea, and of something beautiful the individual hand has made.
- A sense of humor and the power to laugh.
- A little leisure with nothing to do.
- A few moments of quiet, silent meditation. The sense of the presence of God.
- And the patience to wait for the coming of these things, with the wisdom to know them when they come."