

# GIVE

AND IT  
SHALL

# BE GIVEN

— UNTO YOU —



## OBJECT LESSON

Giving of your time, talents, and  
treasures. Luke 6:38

For this object lesson, you will need one (or more) play (bouncing) ball(s). (See the last page for more options...and more fun ways to teach this object lesson!)

Bible: Luke 6:38



Jesus said this in 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



Today, we're going to use a simple play ball to help us understand Luke 6:38.  
(hold up the ball for all to see)

This little ball is not a baseball.

It's not a basketball.

It's not a dodgeball or a 4-square ball.

It's not a golf ball...a soccer ball...or even a ping pong ball.

It's just a simple bouncy ball!

There isn't anything special about it.

In fact, its only purpose is to  
BOUNCE, TOSS BACK AND FORTH,  
OR ROLL AROUND!

BUT today...this little ball is going to be more valuable than all the other balls...because it is going to help illustrate Luke 6:38

So to begin with, let's imagine that this little play ball represents our wealth.

Our wealth, meaning, our time, our talents, our things, our treasures...whatever God has given us.

That's our wealth!

So this little ball represents ALL that God has given us.

Now we can take our wealth (hold up the ball) and hold on tightly to it.  
(Hold the ball tightly in both hands).  
We can carry it around with us all day.

But the Bible tells us that what we give, we will receive.

Give, and you will receive...isn't that what Jesus said?

So, I could hold my wealth tightly, maybe I will stick it under my arm or carry it in my hand, or maybe stick it in a bag or backpack...and I could walk around all day long...holding tight to all my wealth.

But God tells us to give!

So, when we look back at this little ball, what did we say it is used for?

To roll around, to toss back and forth, and to BOUNCE.

But if I hold this ball close all day long...  
Am I getting to enjoy it?

Am I using the ball for what it was intended for? NO!

Its purpose is to BOUNCE!

If this ball represents my wealth...and I'm holding tightly onto it. Then what good is it?

Am I getting any fun out of holding onto my wealth? It's not doing any good...I'm just holding onto it.

If God gave you a beautiful singing voice and you're not using it to share Christ...then what good is it?

If you have the gift of teaching or a love for children, and you're not using that gift to teach and share Jesus...then what good is it?

If you have money and you can give to send a child to camp, and you're not using it to help a child go to camp...what good is it?

Jesus said GIVE and you shall receive.

But here's the thing...the only way you can give...is by letting go!

(Toss the ball into the crowd)

And when I give (have someone toss you another ball)...I receive.

You can't give with a closed fist (make a fist).

What do you have to do? You have to open your hand... and LET GO...you have to give!!

(Toss the second ball into the crowd)

And when I give (have someone toss you another ball)...I receive.

Jesus tells us to LET GO of our wealth.

Use it to share God's word, use it to help those in need, use it to minister to others.

And when we LET GO (toss another ball) of our wealth...Jesus tells us we will receive (have someone toss you another ball)

Now, if I bounce this ball, what happens? It comes back to me doesn't it?

Does it come back smaller?

No, it comes back to me the same size.

Does it come back larger?

No, it comes back to me the same size.

I get the same amount back that I give.

This passage doesn't say we will receive more than we give; it tells us that we will receive the same amount we give away.

So learn to GIVE (toss the ball), and watch  
as God sends it back! (have someone toss  
you another ball)

You may purchase and TOSS as many balls as you choose during this lesson.

Just make sure that someone tosses one back to you when you give one away.

If you can only afford one ball, then adjust the lesson...perhaps tossing the ball and having them toss the same ball back to you.

If you are a larger church and you choose to purchase all the balls mentioned at the beginning of the lesson, you can do that as well.

As you are saying...“It’s not a basketball.” Shake your head and dismiss the basketball as if it’s useless. (Give the ball to a child.)

Then continue down the list of balls.

Have someone replace a new identical ball each time you give one away...act surprised when the identical ball you gave away returns on the table full of balls.