

## **JON'S SERMON OUTLINE....**

### **PROSPERITY PERSPECTIVES**

*<sup>35</sup> "Love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Highest. For he is kind to the unthankful and evil. <sup>36</sup> Therefore, be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. <sup>37</sup> Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. <sup>38</sup> Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."*

Luke 6:35-38

Introduction: Now that we seem to be getting a handle on this virus situation, attention will be given to restarting our economy. There'll be some challenging issues to deal with, but America will rise to the occasion and we'll get back to what we do best...prosperity. Christians will admittedly be cautious about this endeavor. We want to do this God's way. Does God even want us to be rich? Should we take the path of "Prosperity Gospel" proponents? To answer this, we need to consider a few things from Scripture:

1. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF MONEY:
  - a. The danger expressed (Matthew 6:19-21, 1 Timothy 6:6-10).
  - b. The damage executed (John 10:10).
  - c. The doubt experienced (Luke 6:38).
2. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF GIVING:
  - a. The measure you receive (Luke 6:35-38).
  - b. The motive you conceive (1 John 4:19).
3. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF LIVING:
  - a. Selfishness is probed (Luke 12:15-21).
  - b. Stewardship is paramount (Luke 16:10-12).

CONCLUSION: What's the size of your heart?

Answers:     1. Menace     2. Motive     3. Manner