

The Fullness of God . . . and More

Luke 6 vs 38 says: "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."

When something is full, it is full. There is no room for more.

I remember giving a children's message in church where I had a glass jar filled with ping pong balls. There were enough balls in the jar to fill it to the top. I also had another glass jar filled half way with rice. I asked the children if they thought that I could fit all the ping pong balls in the jar with the rice. They quickly concluded that I couldn't. They were right. There wouldn't be enough room for all the ping pong balls in the jar of rice.

But then I took the jar partially filled with rice and poured the rice into the glass jar with the ping pong balls. The rice filled in the open spaces around the balls. Consequently, both the rice and the ping pong balls fit in the jar together. There was enough room for both.

Sometimes you can't imagine how you can fit one more thing into something that is already full.

Sometimes our lives seem so busy that we can't imagine adding on one more responsibility. There aren't enough hours in the day.

Likewise, perhaps there are times when you can't imagine responding to one more financial request. Your financial resources may be maxed out as it is.

But then someone comes along and invites you to participate in this worthy effort. And it is a worthy effort. Can you do it? Even if your immediate answer is "No" or "I'm not sure," how about rereading Luke 6:38? You see, this is a prime example of how God is able to do "immeasurably more" than anything we can.

If you feel this ministry is indeed a worthy effort, and if the word of God challenges you to . . . "give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over . . ." as the verse says... then the fullness of God **in** your life and the fullness of God **from** your life will be **God's doing**. God can always do more than we can do. Thanks be to God!

It is our prayer today that what God might want to do in the "Building Hope for the Future" campaign will display His fullness to you and through you... in ways" immeasurably more than you can ask or imagine."