

A Measure of God's Glorious Spirit



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"Then He said to them, 'Take heed that you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given. For whoever has, to him more will be given; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him'" (Mark 4:24-25).

Jesus knew his words would sound strange to nonspiritual ears so he prefaced the message by saying, "If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear" (4:23). He was saying, in essence, "If your heart is open to God's Spirit, you'll understand what I have to say to you." Jesus is speaking of the glory of God in our lives, Christ's manifest presence. In short, the Lord measures out his glorious presence in various amounts, whether to churches or individuals.

Jesus alone was given the Holy Spirit without measure: "For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure" (John 3:34). The Lord has already allotted to each of us a measure of his Spirit. Paul writes, "To each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift" (Ephesians 4:7) and "For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith" (Romans 12:3).

What is God's goal in measuring out his Spirit, his glory and presence, to us in varying amounts? He has a single purpose, that "... we all come to the unity of the faith ... to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13).

Today, cry out to Jesus, "I don't want to miss what you're about to do in your church." As you give to your Savior a greater measure of yourself, you will see evidence everywhere of his presence, glory and love. He has promised to pour out his Spirit on his people in these last days, and he will be faithful to come to you and give you more of himself.

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