

# MEASURE FOR MEASURE

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*This well known story is used to illustrate the principle of Luke 6 v 38 that if we give we receive from God in return.*

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Narrator 1

Narrator 2

King

Pauper [male or female even though written for a male here]

Narrator 1      Once upon a time there was a king who owned a kingdom.

Narrator 2      Well, he would wouldn't he?

N1                *[Annoyed by interruption]* Would what?

N2                Own a kingdom if he was a king.

N1                Quite. Thank you. *[Pause]* May I continue?

N2                Be my guest.

N1                Once upon a time there was a king. *[Enter King]* One day he was travelling in his kingdom *[Looks pointingly at N2]* and came to a small hamlet.

N2                That's tautology.

N1                I beg your pardon?

N2                Well, do you mean a small ham or a hamlet.

N1                What are you talking about?

N2                Well, a small play is called a playlet so presumably a hamlet is a small ham.

N1                So what's a singlet then – a small sing?

N2                I hadn't thought of that.

N1                No, well while you are, I am going to continue with our story. The king came to a small village.

- N2 Living in the village was a poor man. *[Enter man who sits down]* The poor man was sitting by the side of the road eating his lunch. This consisted of a bowl of beans.
- N1 The king noticed the man and went over to him. *[Poor man stands as king approaches]* The king said to the man, “I am hungry. Please give me some of your beans”.
- N2 The poor man looked at his beans – it was all he had to eat that day – and looked at the king.
- N1 The king held out his hand.
- N2 Slowly and reluctantly the man put some of his beans into the king’s hand. 1,2,3,4,5. He then clutched his bowl to himself and turned away from the king.
- N1 The king then continued his journey. *[Exit king. The poor man resumes his sitting position]* the next day the king came to the village again at the same time.
- N2 The poor man was eating his lunch by the roadside – a bowl of beans.
- N1 The king went up to the man. *[Man stands]* The king said to the man, “Hold out your hand”.
- N2 The man cautiously held out his hand.
- N1 The king took out a large bag of gold coins from his pocket . From this bag he started to place coins into the hand of the man 1,2,3,4,5. Then he stopped, closed up the bag and continued on his journey.
- N2 “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.”

*THE END*