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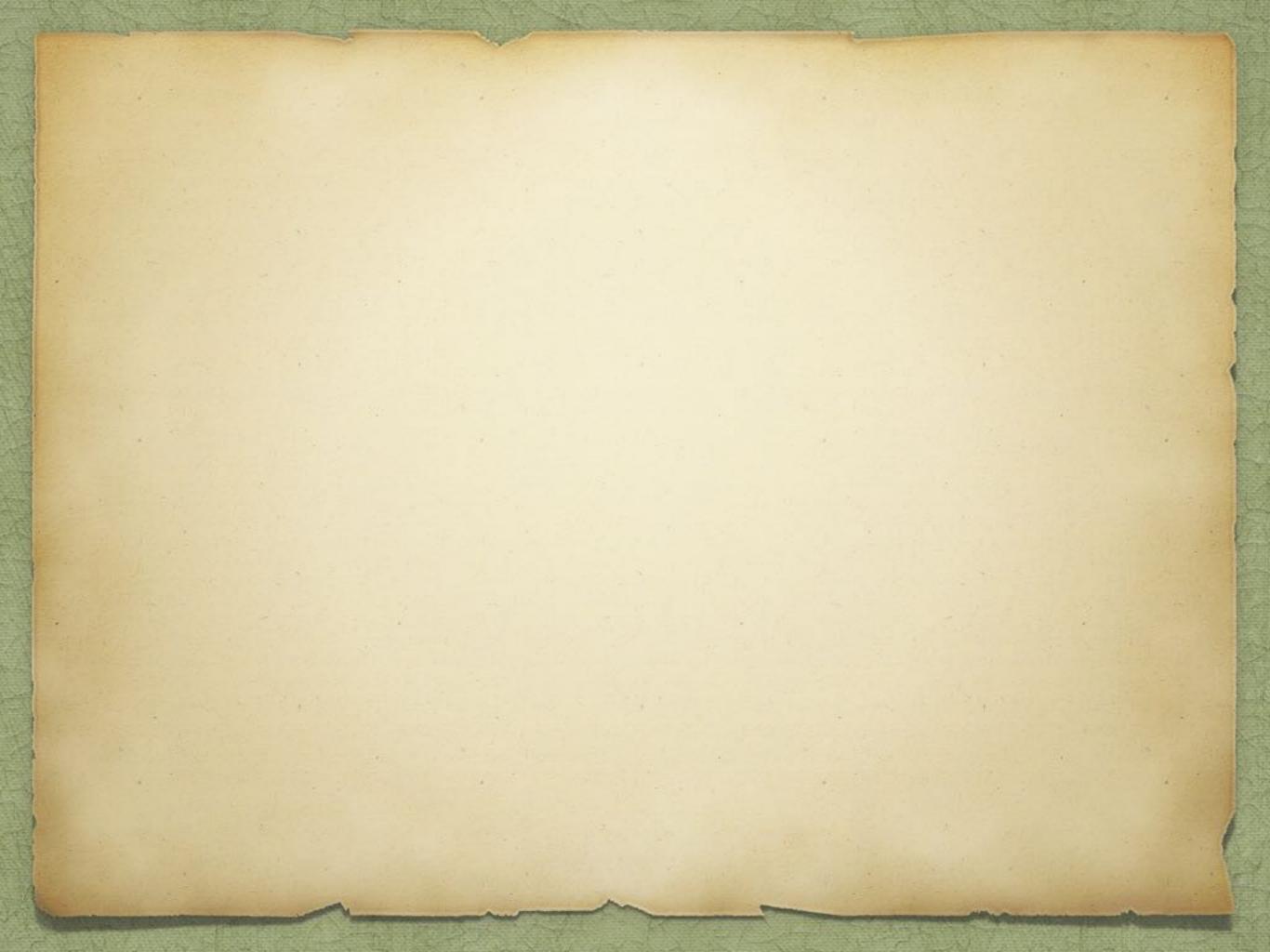












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Luke 6:38a Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over.

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Do not rob the poor because he is poor, nor oppress the afflicted at the gate.

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Do not remove the ancient landmark, nor enter the fields of the fatherless.

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Deliver those who are drawn toward death, and hold back those stumbling to the slaughter. If you say, "Surely we did not know this," does not He who weighs the hearts consider it? He who keeps your soul, does He not know it? And will He not render to each man according to his deeds?

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Proverbs 20:7

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