

THE BOOMERANG EFFECT

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The Power and Complexity of Forgiveness, part 4

BIG IDEA: The Boomerang Effect—You Get What You Give.

“whatever a person sows he will also reap.” **Galatians 6:7**

³¹ Just as you want others to do for you, do the same for them... ³⁵ But love your enemies, do what is good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High. For he is gracious to the ungrateful and evil. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

³⁷ “Do not **judge**, and you will not be judged. Do not **condemn**, and you will not be condemned. **Forgive**, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸ **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 back to you.” **Luke 6:37-42** CSB

JUDGE: to form/express an opinion about someone, mostly negative; deciding who they are, their value/lack

“For you’ll be judged by the same standard that you’ve used to judge others. The measurement you use on them will be used on you.” **Matthew 7:2** TPT

CONDEMN: declare to be reprehensible, bad, wrong, or evil (public), weighing evidence. Accusation. Judge and jury.

“Don’t condemn those who are down; that hardness can boomerang.” **Luke 6:37** TM (John 3:17)

FORGIVENESS: Releasing. Pardoning. Unburdening. Erasing. Washing away. Letting go. Having mercy on.

“You can’t get forgiveness from God, for instance, without also forgiving others. If you refuse to do your part, you cut yourself off from God’s part.” **Matthew 6:14-15** TM

“Forgive each other, just as God forgave you because of what Christ has done.” **Ephesians 4:32** NIRV

GIVING & GENEROSITY:

“The point is this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously.” **2 Corinthians 9:6** CSB

“You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.” **2 Cor. 9:11**

“All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had... that there were no needy persons among them.” **Acts 4:32, 34**

1. Do some _____ with God. (1 Cor. 11:28)
2. Agree with _____ of what you find. (1 Tim. 6:3; Mk. 12:32)
3. _____ for your thoughts, attitudes and words you’ve spoken. (Ezk. 18:20)
4. _____ and _____ where you’ve sinned in this. (Lk. 5:8; Mt. 5:23-24)
5. Commit to and start _____ today. (Mt. 6:12; Col. 3:13)
6. Commit to and start _____ today. (2 Cor. 9:6, 11; Mal. 3:10)