

The Law of Reciprocity

Luke 6:37-38

“What goes around, _____” actually reflects one of the spiritual laws of the universe
4 variations of this law are stated in Luke 6, but restatements of this law are found throughout the _____

I. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS REGARDING THE LAW OF RECIPROCITY

A. The Law of Reciprocity Is a Statement of the Way Things _____

- 1) Scientists tell us that objects on Earth accelerate as they _____ at a rate of 98 meters/second
- 2) Science cannot answer, “Why?” but the Bible can: “In the beginning God”—God _____ it that way
- 3) Vv.37-38 are not promises of how God Himself directly responds to what men do; rather, they are statements about the way God created the universe; they are general _____ of the universe

B. The Law of Reciprocity Has a Parallel in the _____ Realm

The parallel law of physics states that for every action, there is an equal and opposite _____

C. The Law of Reciprocity Can Work FOR or _____ Us

D. The Law of Reciprocity Engages When We Act _____

This law works only when we start the cycle going or if a negative cycle is at work, when we _____ it

II. SPECIFIC APPLICATIONS OF THE LAW OF RECIPROCITY

A. The Law of Reciprocity Functions on the _____ Level

- 1) The Law of Reciprocity is one of the ways that God rewards us when we obey the _____
How do you want people/life to treat you? _____

- 2) Luke 6:37: If you are critical and condemning then other people will tend to _____ you

- 3) Luke 6:37: If you forgive and seek reconciliation then other people will tend to _____ you

- 4) Proverbs 18:24: If you want to have friends then you must first be a _____

- 5) Proverbs 16:7: If we show love toward enemies, it tends to break the _____ of enmity

- 6) Proverbs 15:1: If we lower the decibels and answer calmly, it diffuses _____ and brings calm

B. The Law of Reciprocity Functions on the _____ Level

- 1) Luke 6:38 teaches us that the solution to many financial problems is to become a _____

- 2) Prov. 11:24 & Ecc. 11:1 state a “Holy Paradox”—the more we give, the more we _____

- 3) Mal. 3:8-10 & Prov. 3:9-10: if we _____ off the top, then God will abundantly meet our needs

C. The Law of Reciprocity Functions on the _____ Level

Luke 6:38d: “For with the same measure that you use it will be measured _____ to you.”

- 1) This principle applies to what we get out of _____ services

- 2) This principle applies to what we get out of _____ service

- 3) This principle applies to what we get out of personal _____