**Giving = Receiving - Ponderings**

**Cast your bread upon the waters;   
for you shall find it after many days.  *(Ecclesiastes 11:1)***

**Judge not, that you may not be judged.   
For with the same judgment that you judge, you will be judged,   
and with the same measure with which you measure,   
it will be measured to you.  *(St. Matthew 7:1-2)***

**Be therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.    
Judge not, and you will not be judged;   
condemn not, and you will not be condemned;   
forgive, and you will be forgiven.  
Give, and it will be given to you;  
Good measure shaken down and running over   
  they will pour into your robe.    
For with the measure that you measure,   
it will be measured to you. *(St. Luke 6:36-38)***

**He who sows sparingly shall reap also sparingly;   
and he who sows generously shall reap also generously. *(2 Corinthians 9:6)***

**History’s saloon-hating hatchet lady charged forth to lead the country away from alcohol in the belief her real name - Carry A Nation - was preordained. But the press kept misspelling it “Carrie.” That is said to have infuriated her. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**1. You always reap what you sow. 2. You always reap later than you sow. 3. You always reap more than you sow. *(Illustration Digest)***

**When we are at variance with someone, the argument we use enables him to see quite well that we wish to win out; that is why he prepares to resist rather than to recognize the truth. So, by beginning in this way, instead of making some kind of opening in his mind, we usually close the door of his heart. On the other hand, how quickly we may open it by gentleness and courtesy. *(St. Vincent de Paul)***

**Stay away! What goes around comes around, faster than you think! *(Todd Siler, in Truizms)***

**I truly believe that whatever you send into the lives of others, comes back into your own. *(Mary Kay Ash)***

**When you betray somebody else, you also betray yourself. *(Isaac Bashevis Singer, Nobel Prize-winning author)***

**I had forgotten how to throw a boomerang, but now it’s all coming back to me. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Children are the purpose of life. We were once children and someone took care of us. Now it is our turn to care. *(Cree Elder)***

**Be careful what you do! Consequences go on forever. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer someone else up. *(Mark Twain)***

**If we raise healthy children, we don’t have to heal broken adults! *(Gerry Comstock)***

**Being nice to people who are rude to you is being dumb like a fox. Unexpected -- and undeserved -- civility throws people off balance and allows you to take the advantage. “Turn the other cheek,” isn’t an endorsement of wimps -- it is sound business advice. *(Susan Stewart, in Atlanta Magazine)***

**It is one of the most beautiful compensations of life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself. *(John P. Webster)***

**Curses are like processions. They return to the place from which they came. *(Giovanni Ruffini, Italian writer)***

**The biggest disappointments come to those who get what’s coming to them. *(Farmers’ Almanac)***

**You can’t hold a man down without staying down with him. *(Booker T. Washington)***

**Entertaining would be a lot easier if you could just convince yourself that guests don’t expect any more at your house than you do at theirs.  *(Beryl Pfizer, in Ladies’ Home Journal)***

**I have faith that the time will eventually come when employees and employers, as well as all mankind, will realize that they serve themselves best when they serve others most. *(B. C. Forbes)***

**Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must undergo the fatigue of supporting it. *(Thomas Paine)***

**You can make more friends in two months by becoming really interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you.  Which is just another way of saying that the way to make a friend is to be one. *(Dale Carnegie)***

**What we are is God’s gift to us. What we become is our gift to God. *(Quoted by Eleanor Powell)***

**When you give blood in France you get coffee, a croissant, a ham sandwich and a large mug of wine. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Happiness may be had only by helping others to find it. *(Napoleon Hill)***

**Help others: someday you'll be one of them*. (Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**When you help yourself, you help others too, by relieving them of the burden of helping you. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**You cannot train a horse with shouts and expect it to obey a whisper. *(Dagobert D. Runes, Letters to My Son)***

**Until the hurt is returned to us, from someone whom we adore! *(Nick Kenny, in Collected Poems)***

**For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction. If you push hard on the world, the world pushes back on you. If you touch the world gently, the world will touch you gently in return. *(Paul G. Hewitt, in Conceptual Physics)***

**Nothing is quite so annoying as to have someone go right on talking when you’re interrupting. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**It is well, when one is judging a friend, to remember that he is judging you with the same godlike and superior impartiality. *(Arnold Bennett)***

**One of the most difficult things to give away is kindness -- it is usually returned. *(Cort R. Flint)***

**A hundred times every day, I remind myself that my inner and outer life are based on the labor of other men, living and dead, and that I must exert myself in order to give in the same measure as I have received.*(Albert Einstein, in Living Philosophies)***

**Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take nothing that you have received – but only what you have given. *(Jan Karon)***

**Liberty is the only thing you cannot have unless you are willing to give it to others. *(William Allen White)***

**If you want life’s best, see to it that life gets your best. *(Farmers’ Almanac, 1988)***

**On a Marietta, GA, church marquee: “The Lord giveth if you worketh.” *(Patricia Patterson, in Reader’s Digest)***

**God will never cease to love His Son, and His Son will never cease to love Him. *(A Course In Miracles)***

**People usually get what’s coming to them--unless it’s been mailed. *(Quoted in Grit magazine)***

**People who matter are most aware that everyone else does, too. *(Malcolm S. Forbes)***

**A grateful mind is a great mind which eventually attracts to itself great things. *(Plato)***

**Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one. *(Charles Sykes)***

**Good will never cease to love His Son, and His Son will never cease to love Him. *(A Course In Miracles)***

**Often, because we think God must be awfully busy, we feel justified in carrying out His justice. We do this so that nobody gets away with a thing. However, we are the ones who never get away with a thing. *(William Earle Cameron)***

**Something you get for nothing is usually worth it. *(Farmers’ Almanac)***

**When you get something for nothing, you just haven’t been billed for it yet. *(Franklin P. Jones, in Quote magazine)***

**Here it is in a nutshell. Like attracts like. It always has and it always will. It is an unbreakable universal law. It is the law of mind action. *(Richard & Mary-Alice Jafolla, in The Quest, p. 193)***

**Think of what others ought to be like, then start being like that yourself. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Fortunate parents who have fine children usually have fortunate children who have fine parents. *(Persian proverb)***

**The father in praising his son extols himself. *(Chinese Proverb)***

**The best way to forget your own problem is to help someone else solve theirs. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**It is true that other people are a reaction to our action, but that means that our expectations have to be upon our own Self, not them. What we send out is what comes back, so again we are back to the Truth that our own good and happiness reside within our own Self, nowhere else. *(Tom Johnson, in New Thought magazine)***

**How can we ever repay all that we owe each other? *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**If you say what you think, don’t expect to hear only what you like. *(Malcolm S. Forbes)***

**What man says of others will be said of him, and what he wishes for another, he is wishing for himself. *(Florence Scovel Shinn, in The Game Of Life)***

**It is not out of goodness towards others that I am gentle, peace loving, long-suffering and friendly but because in this way I ultimately sustain my deepest self. *(Albert Schweitzer)***

**He who wishes to secure the good of others has already secured his own. *(Confucius)***

**Hiring people smarter than you proves you’re smarter than they are. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**To most people I’m nobody - but what matters is being somebody to everybody who’s somebody to me. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**If you want something you have never had you have to do something you have never done. *(Mike Murdock)***

**When people ask me if I have any spare change, I tell them I have it at home in my spare wallet. *(Nick Arnette)***

**Do not do unto others as you think they should do unto you. Their tastes may not be the same. *(George Bernard Shaw)***

**Galatians 6:7 teaches us at least three things about how the universe operates.**

**He enjoys much who is thankful. A grateful mind is a great mind which eventually attracts to itself great things. *(Plato)***

**Life is an investment. Our returns are based on our contributions. The interest is compounded by your attention to life, and your sustained giving to life. If we give to life unstintingly, on a sustained on-going basis, we are going to reap proportionate results. Life tends to unfold in the exact pattern of your thoughts about yourself and your thoughts about life, itself. You are the one that calls the shots. “Thou shalt decree a thing and it shall be established unto you.” Your thinking has put the limits on life that you are now experiencing. You supply the material to the loom and the loom produces the fabric of experience. *(Jim Ockley)***

**It is from our thoughts that we systematically draw the people, places, and circumstances into our lives that eventually become our reality. Each thought is a living “brick” that, piled one on another, constructs our future. True, it is action which shapes our material world, but actions are nothing more than three-dimensional thoughts. It is through our thoughts that we give life to our world. To us has been given the power to create and to destroy. *(Richard & Mary-Alice Jafolla, in The Quest, p. 188)***

**How you use today will determine how tomorrow uses you. *(Quoted by Earl Wilson, in Reader’s Digest)***

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