

Throw a boomerang

It's impossible to give anything away.

Whatever you give out will always come back - like a boomerang.

Now the Jews, who are noted for shrewdness, have this boomerang principle enshrined in their holy writings! Jesus summed it up in eleven words, "do to others what you would have them do to you" Matthew 7.12 (NIV)

He said it's the theme not only of the whole Jewish law, but also of all the writings of the Old Testament prophets.

What urgent need then for people who are filled with despair, or those contemplating suicide, or those who feel no one loves them to try the boomerang effect.

Give love, and you'll receive love in return. Show interest in others, and have interest shown in you. But be cold and frigid towards others, and you can expect a chilly response.

Now notice the great exception to this rule.

While humans often leave God out of their reckoning, our Creator hasn't done that to us.

"God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners" Romans 5.8 (Living Bible)

As a result, "We love Him, because He first loved us." (1 John 4.19). How gracious of Him to catch us on the rebound.

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The Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes recommends the boomerang principle:

"Give generously, for your gifts will return to you later."

Ecclesiastes 11.1 (Living Bible).

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