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## The Edge of the Boomerang

Text Proverbs 11:17-25

Review:

If you will become a student of the Word you become a student of wisdom. If you will become a student of the Word, you will learn principles and develop habits that influence every decision you make.

To live a life filled with purpose, you need to guard your heart, watch your mouth, fix your eyes on Jesus, and point your feet in the direction God wants you to go — and start walking.

Each day we ask ourselves: What can I learn today? What can I do better today? What can I change about myself today? People who are serious about excellence are always looking to know more and to do better and most of all, to *be* better.

The Rule of Reciprocity -- What you do comes back to you. Ref: Galatians 6:7 KJV

The sooner you begin sowing the right kind of seed, the sooner you will experience the right kind of harvest. Ref: Pro: 11:17

Don't live as if there's no such thing as consequences. God is not to be mocked. Neither are the principles of scripture. We need to take them seriously. Ref: Pro: 11:18

Three Ways To Practice Reciprocity

1. The Way You Do Your Work Ref: Prov. 14:23; 10:14; 11:29

The Bible teaches that the effort you put into your job will ultimately pay off according to the measure of your efforts. Ref: Colossians 3:23

## 2. The Way You Use Your Words. Ref: Prov. 15:4, 11:17

Kindness begins with kind words spoken.

Kindness can prevent and solve problems. We need to remember that we can solve problems with pleasant words as easily as we can solve them with harsh words. Ref: 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 6:6

## 3. The Way You Handle Your Wealth.

Your attitude toward money reflects maybe more than anything else, what you really believe about the goodness of God, the faithfulness of God, and the promises of Scripture. Ref: Matt.6:21

Your heart tends to follow your money. That means that we need to make sure we're investing our money in the right place and distributing it in the right way. Ref: Prov. 11:24, Luke 6:38

The more that you give; the more comes back to you. When you bless others, you are blessed. When you refresh others, you yourself are refreshed. Ref: Prov. 19:17

Allow yourself sometimes to give in to the whim of spontaneous generosity.

You will reap what you sow. Maybe not immediately, but certainly ultimately. Ref: Gal: 6:9