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He is STILL The Lord,

He is STILL ADEQUATE;

He is STILL SUFFICIENT,

He's STILL more than ENOUGH through all 2009.

Here's something I read this week:

Did you know???

At five minutes and six seconds after 4.00am on the eight of July this year, The time and date will be **04:05:06 07.08.09**.

This will never happen again

THE LAW OF RECIPROCITY

The Law of Reciprocity is not something that many people know about or even understand today. Some of you reading this may need to go to your dictionary and look up the meaning of the word reciprocity.

Everyday we see the effect of gravity at work. We know that if we throw a ball up in the air it, will fall back to the ground. We are not stupid enough to throw a brick up and hope it will float away: we know it will fall straight down, and perhaps land on our head if we don't move out the way fast.

Likewise, we see the affects of the law of reciprocity daily, yet by our actions we prove that we don't understand it!

Reciprocity isn't a word we use everyday, but we do experience it every day.

A lemon growing on the branch of a pine tree is not in harmony with the biological law that everything brings forth after its kind.

Every time you eat a salad or enjoy the beauty of a flower you are benefiting from the Law of Reciprocity.

Reciprocity is the return of like kind of offering; it's the law of harvest.

Genesis 1.11 *Then God said, Let the earth produce vegetation: plants bearing seeds, each according to its own type, and fruit trees bearing fruit with seeds, each according to its own type. And so it was.*

A plant gives up a seed and in return it makes a whole new plant. I am sure as you were growing up you heard the saying, *What goes around, comes around.* That is a true principle. If you are willing to cheat a friend, you will most likely choose the same type of friends as yourself, who will ultimately cheat you. It is a matter of reaping what you have sown.

Another saying you probably heard is *One good turn deserves another.* Apparently our grandparents had a grasp of reciprocity. Back then, a handshake or a verbal contract meant something. Our grandfathers understood that a good name was better than riches; and that going to bed with a clear conscience was reward enough for a hard day's work. Apparently they understood much better than us what the Bible meant by *Do unto others as you would have done unto you* or in layman's terms, *treat others the way you want them to treat you.* Why? It's because they understood this Law of Reciprocity.

I was reading recently again about Mother Teresa and she says in her writings that one night a man came to our house and said, *There's a family of eight children who haven't eaten for days.* She then says: I took some food and went to see them. When I got there I saw the faces of little children disfigured with malnutrition. There was no sadness, just the pain of hunger. I gave a sack of rice to the mother. She kept one half and went out carrying the other. When she came back I asked, *Where did you go?* The woman then answered *To my neighbours they are*

hungry also.

I was not surprised that she gave because the poor are usually very generous. But I was surprised that she knew they were hungry. As a rule, when people are suffering, they are so focused on themselves that they have no too much time for others needs.

When Job became more concerned about others than himself, God healed him and gave him back twice as much as he had before.

Job 42:10 *after Job had prayed for his friends, the Lord gave him twice as much as he had before.*

It's the Law of Reciprocity. You see reciprocation flows from Divine Law that cannot either be ignored or put aside.

The Law of Reciprocity means: to give and take mutually; to return in kind or even in another degree. You may have heard the Law of Reciprocity expressed as: *I'll scratch your back if you scratch mine.*

The Law of Reciprocity, which applies in EVERY culture on the face of the earth, simply explains that that when someone gives you something you feel an obligation to give back again.

It teaches you two things:

[1] You can give your way out of trouble. Jesus said, *Give, and it shall be given unto you* [Luke 6:38].

Your future starts with whatever you have in your hand today. Nothing is too little to multiply – but you have to sow it in order for God to multiply it!

A popular song says *A little in the hand of The Lord becomes much!*

[2] What you're willing to do for someone else, it determines what God is willing to do for you. Eph. 6.7-8 *...whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord...*

Some folks say reciprocity is giving without expectation of

return.

Do things for others not expecting to get something back. That's a good attitude to have but it does not change the law of Reciprocity, it still works whenever it is put to work.

Have an abundance mentality with this and add the God factor then everything is possible.

Know this; that having a poverty mentality, where people come from fear of not having enough is a negative way to live. So begin to believe in the universal Law of Reciprocity, know that what you give out comes back ten-fold at least; often much more.

The Law of Reciprocity can basically be summed up by stating the golden rule: **do unto others as you would have others do unto you.**

However it goes one step further than this. The law states that whatever you do will be returned back to you. In other words, if you want to create success for yourself, help someone else become successful.

Your mother may have told you many things that fall under this law when you were a child. For instance, she may have told you that if you wanted friends you needed to be friendly. Or, if you are a bully one day you will be bullied back.

She may have tried to direct you to be truthful saying; if you tell a lie to someone then someone else will lie to you. Your mother actually was telling you about the Law of Reciprocity without you or her perhaps even knowing about it.

When it comes to success in your life the Law of Reciprocity will help you gain unparalleled amounts of success. The more you help others gain what they are looking for the more you will be helped. It may not seem like this is the case on the surface of it but you cannot give without receiving back again.

In Australia the Aboriginal people [original Australians] used boomerangs for hunting and for sport. When a boomerang [a simple curved bit of wood] is thrown away from you and then it will then swing around and come right back again and land in

your hand again; if you understand how to use it.

Elizabeth and I want to demonstrate this principle to you today and we want to give you a CD from our ministry. It is **FREE** and **POST PAID**. All you need to do is reply to this NORMality email and give us a mail address to send it to and it will be in the mail in a few days straight to you with our love and blessings.

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There should be more smiles in your life!

For the pastor's birthday, the congregation decided to give him a new suit. He was so touched by the gift that the following Sunday he stood before everyone and, with tears in his eyes, announced. *Today I am preaching to you in my birthday suit.*

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