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**"Blessed are the merciful" for they shall obtain mercy." Matthew 5:7**

People get back in this world " just about what they give. If we think the world is hard with us " the probability is that the hardness is in ourselves, and that it is . . .  
the echo of our own speeches, that we hear,  
the rebound of our own smittings, that we feel,  
the reflection of our own ugliness of disposition and temper, that we see,  
the harvest of our own sowing, that we gather into our bosoms.

If we are untrue to anyone, it is quite likely that some day somebody will be untrue to us. If we are unjust to another, there is little doubt that some time someone will deal unjustly with us.

On the other hand, if the world seems to us full of love, it is quite likely that we give the world little but love.

People generally treat us " just as we treat them.

The generous man, finds people generous.

The sympathetic man, finds sympathy.

The merciful man, obtains mercy.

The selfish man, always thinks this world very selfish.

Hence the Golden Rule rests on a deep principle in life. "So in everything, do unto others " what you would have them do unto you." Matthew 7:12. What we do to others " they will do to us. That is the principle. If we want mercy " we must be merciful. If we expect sympathy and help " we must give both sympathy and help. As a rule, people do not give . . .  
warmth " for coldness,  
courtesy " for rudeness,  
kindness " for unkindness.

The principle applies even to the divine treatment of us. In God's judgment " we receive according to our deeds. He who obtains forgiveness " is he who forgives others. He who finds mercy " is he who shows mercy to others. He whom Christ will confess before His Father " is he who here before men confesses Christ. So for eternity we shall reap " what we have sowed, and gather " what we have scattered.