

About Giving

Contemplations on the Power of Generosity

Give, and it shall be given unto you.

—*Jesus (Luke 6:38)*

You give but little when you give of your possessions.

It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.

—*Kahlil Gibran*

Give light, and the darkness will disappear of itself.

—*Desiderius Erasmus*

It is better to give than receive—especially advice.

—*Mark Twain*

One of the best ways to heal is to give back and live in contribution.

—*Donna Johnson*

Life is a gift, and it offers us the privilege, opportunity and responsibility to give something back by becoming more.

—*Anthony Robbins*

Real generosity toward the future lies in giving all to the present.

—*Albert Camus*

One would give generous alms if one had the eyes to see the beauty of a cupped receiving hand.

—*Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*

The manner of giving is worth more than the gift.

—*Pierre Corneille*

I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver.

—*Maya Angelou*

Complete possession is proved only by giving.

All you are unable to give possesses you.

—*André Gide*

You can't get rid of poverty by giving people money.

—*P. J. O'Rourke*

Giving pays the highest interest rate, and has the longest term, of any investment available.

—*Jeffrey K. Wilson*

Give to the world the best you have and the best will come back to you.
—*Madeline Bridges*

If you have much, give of your wealth; if you have little, give of your heart.
—*Arab proverb*

For it is in giving that we receive.
—*Saint Francis of Assisi*

To give and then not feel that one has given is the very best of all ways of giving.
—*Max Beerbohm*

You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give.
—*Winston Churchill*

No one has ever become poor by giving.
—*Anne Frank*

You give before you get.
—*Napoleon Hill*

The greatest gift you can give another is the purity of your attention.
—*Richard Moss*

The artist is nothing without the gift, but the gift is nothing without work.
—*Emile Zola*

The poor don't know that their function in life is to exercise our generosity.
—*Jean-Paul Sartre*

The generous man enriches himself by giving; the miser hoards himself poor.
—*Dutch proverb*

Generosity gives assistance, rather than advice.
—*Marquis de Vauvenargues*

An act of goodness is of itself an act of happiness. No reward coming after the event can compare with the sweet reward that went with it.
—*Maurice Maeterlinck*

Being generous, just helping one's relatives and being blameless in one's actions; this is the best good luck.
—*Buddha*