

Quotes about Giving

"You have not lived until you have done something for someone who can never repay you." -John Bunyan

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." -Winston Churchill

"I expect to pass through life but once. If, therefore, there can be any kindness I can show, or any good things I can do to any fellow human being, let me do it now, and not defer it or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again."—William Penn

"It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out where the strong man stumbled or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, and comes up short again and again... who does actually try to do the deed; who with great enthusiasm spends himself in a worth cause; who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly. "Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs even though checkered by failure, than to rank with those spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much because they live in the gray twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat." — Theodore Roosevelt

"The happiest people are those who care more about others than they do about themselves." —Ted Turner

"There is a loftier ambition than merely to stand high in the world. It is to stoop down and lift mankind a little higher."--Henry Van Dyke

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart." -Helen Keller

"There is a wonderful mythical law of nature that the three things we crave most in life -happiness, freedom, and peace of mind-are always attained by giving them to someone else." —Peyton Conway March

"A bit of fragrance always clings to the hand that gives roses." — Chinese proverb

"Over and over again, the courts have said there is nothing sinister in so arranging one's affairs as to keep taxes as low as possible. Everybody does so, rich and poor, and all do right, for nobody owes any duty to pay more tax than the law demands. Taxes are enforced exactions, not voluntary contributions."
— Judge Learned Hand

"To place your name by gift or bequest in the keeping of an active educational institution is to...make a permanent contribution to the welfare of humanity." -Calvin Coolidge (1872-1933)

"It takes a noble man to plant a seed for a tree that will some day give shade to people he may never meet." - David Trueblood

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." — Jim Elliott

"To give away money is an easy matter and in any man's power. But to decide to whom to give it, and how large, and when, and for what purpose and how, is neither in every man's power nor an easy matter." ~ Aristotle

"In a world filled with violence, hatred, and suspicion, giving is an expression of faith, trust, and concern." -Douglas Lawson

"What is the use of living, if it not be to strive for noble causes and to make this muddled world a better place for those who will live in it after we are gone?" — Sir Winston Churchill

"It is by spending ONESELF that one becomes rich." - Sarah Bernhardt

"Profit is what we have left after we make a donation to a worthwhile cause." - Marilyn Vos Savant

"Philanthropy is the rent we pay for the joy and privilege we have for our space on this earth."

- Jerold Panas

"Giving pays the highest interest rate, and has the longest term, of any investment available."
-- Jeffrey K. Wilson

"Money is like manure; it's not worth a thing unless it's spread around encouraging young things to grow." -- from "The Matchmaker" by Thornton Wilder.

"If to be venerated for benevolence, if to be admired for talents, if to be esteemed for patriotism, if to be beloved for philanthropy, can gratify the human mind, you must have the pleasing consolation to know that you have not lived in vain." — George Washington in a letter to Benjamin Franklin in 1789

"No person has ever been honored for what he received. Honor is our reward when we give."
-- Calvin Coolidge, 1872-1933

"A person's true wealth is the good he or she does in the world." — Mohammed

"Surplus wealth is a sacred trust which its possessor is bound to administer in his lifetime for the good of the community." - Andrew Carnegie

"In the quiet hours when we are alone and there is nobody to tell us what fine fellows we are, we come sometimes upon a moment in which we wonder, not how much money we are earning, nor how famous we have become, but what good we are doing."
--A.A. Milne

"One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty."
--Proverbs 11:24

"Whatever you spend is gone. What you keep, someone else gets. What you give is yours forever."
- Dr. Wil Rose

"The service we render to others is really the rent we pay for our room on this earth. It is obvious that man is himself a traveler; that the purpose of this world is not 'to have and to hold' but 'to give and serve.'
-Sir Wilfred T. Grenfell

"You can easily judge the character of others by how they treat those who can do nothing for them or to them."

-Malcolm Forbes

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." - Bible, II Corinthians 9:7

"Too many have dispensed with generosity in order to practice charity." - Albeit Camus, The Fall

"Secure, whate'er he gives, he gives the best." - Samuel Johnson

"He who cannot give anything away cannot feel anything either." -Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche

"We should give as we would receive, cheerfully, quickly, and without hesitation; for there is no grace in a benefit that sticks to the fingers."-Seneca

"We are rich only through what we give, and poor only through what we refuse." - Anne Swetchine

"The manner of giving is worth more than the gift." - PEERRE CORNEILLE, Le Menteur

"We do not quite forgive a giver. The hand that feeds us is in some danger of being bitten."

- RALPH WALDO EMERSON, Essays

"What is called liberality is often merely the vanity of giving." - LA ROCHEFOUCAULD, Maxims

"Presents, I often say, endear absents." - CHARLES LAMB, Essays of Elia

"Ever since Eve gave Adam the apple, there has been a misunderstanding between the sexes about gifts."

- NAN ROBERTSON, in New York Times

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"Complete possession is proved only by giving. All you are unable to give possesses you."

- Gide, Andre

"The love we give away is the only one we keep." - Hubbard, Elbert (1856-1915)

"The decent thing to do is get rid of some of this money." -James Michener, 89, author, commenting on his giving of \$117,000,000 during his lifetime

"Be good, be kind, be humane, and charitable; love your fellows; console the afflicted; pardon those who have done you wrong." - Zoroaster

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not love, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal." - BIBLE, I Corinthians 13:1

"And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." - BIBLE, I Corinthians 13:13

"Charity shall cover the multitude of sins." - BIBLE, I Peter 4:8

"When thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth." - BIBLE, Matthew 6:3

"Philanthropy is commendable, but it must not cause the philanthropist to overlook the circumstances of economic injustice which make philanthropy necessary."
- MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Strength to Love

"Anticipate charity by preventing poverty."
- MAIMONIDES, Guide to the Perplexed

"Our charity begins at home, and mostly ends where it begins."
- HORACE SMITH, Horace in London

"No one would remember the Good Samaritan if he'd only had good intentions. He had money as well."
- MARGARET THATCHER, television interview