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Did you know?

“If you can’t feed a hundred people, then just feed one.” — Mother Teresa

I know you should be wondering how giving away your assets can help you live a better life. The truth is that many often regard generosity one of the keys to being truly happy in this miserable world.

Be Generous

A generous person is not required to give all their possessions away. A generous person is also not required to allow others to push them around. Being generous involves firstly, the readiness to give or being willing to give more than is required.

Being generous takes kindness to the next level. You might be kind at heart, and often think about helping others, but unless

you actually take the time to actually get the ball rolling in offering your time, energy or other resources for the benefit of another individual, you have not truly mastered the art of being generous.

Generosity moves us to give of ourselves willingly, and expect nothing in return. A generous person often seeks out opportunities to do good for others. Just think about volunteers who make

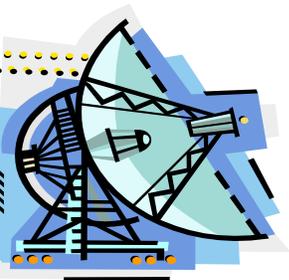
their way to help out at Soup Kitchens every weekend. Those of us brave enough to sign up for the Peace Corps are also considered quite generous. But simply helping an elderly lady with her grocery bags, or stopping to allow a child to cross the road, can be considered generous. This kind of concern for others proves beneficial because it forces us to focus on the needs of others

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careful when being generous to members of the opposite sex. If you are already taken, and you don’t want to send the wrong impression, avoid gifts or favors that are personal in nature. A per-

sonal gift is anything related to one’s body. Perfume, for example, would be considered a personal gift. Please also bear in mind that your own safety may come into play when being gen-

erous. Many people have gotten robbed when asked by a seemingly homeless person to give some money. Reaching into your wallet or bag, and revealing where your cash is kept, and



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instead of on our own problems.

I would, however, encourage you to be cautious as you endeavor to be more generous. Be very careful of the way in which you demonstrate your generosity. Please be especially

how much cash you have, is a bad idea, no matter how needy the person may appear to be. A safer option would be to let the person know that you will return with a gift. Even the best of intentions can put you in awkward situations.