

Is it better to give than to receive?

Nowadays, an increasing number of people are getting selfish and greedy. They would like to receive rather than to give since they do not want to give and would rather enjoy themselves. While some people think this is fine with them, I believe this will make the world a worse place to live in. In this essay, I will argue why it is better to give than to receive.

To begin with, if you are willing to give, you will gain broad appreciation. For example, have you ever heard of 'Ming Gor'? He owns a restaurant called Pei Ho Ton Hang in Sham Shui Po. It is well known for its cheap, tasty meals. You might think Ming Gor is a typical restaurateur, but he and his volunteers hand out free lunch boxes to the poor, homeless, elderly individuals, as well as the grassroot families for several years. They even do this when the Hong Kong Observatory hoists typhoon signal eight! He was awarded the Honorary Fellowship of the Hong Kong Metropolitan University as a token of gratitude for his heroic effort. Why does he do this? According to an interview, he does this because he wants to serve and give a hand to the citizens in need. Currently, Ming Gor has received many 'Thank you cards' and positive comments.

Moreover, if you are willing to give, you might have an opportunity to be famous. Weren't the Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors without borders) aiding populations in distress, to victims of natural or manufactured disasters, and to victims of armed conflict? Recently, they are providing medical aids to some developing, or disastrous countries, like Syria, India, and South Sudan. I admire those warriors very much. They must bear the risk of being infected by lethal diseases, for instance, Ebola Virus, Measles as well as Cholera. Simultaneously, they must sacrifice themselves. The hygiene, society, food supply conditions must not be as good as in the metropolitan cities. In other words, they must worry about their daily lives: water and shortages, dirty working conditions, wars, etc. The most frustrating is that they must prepare for the worst-case scenario – losing

their precious lives. These doctors won enormous hearts and the organization 'Doctors without borders' became a household name.

Furthermore, if you are willing to give, this not only benefits yourselves but for others. The United States of America donated 110 million Covid-19 vaccine doses (3 folds of the donations of China) to over eighty countries, Asia, Africa, and South America LDCs, for instance, Indonesia, Pakistan, and the Philippines. This kills two birds with one stone, not only does the U.S.A. improve their political relationship with these countries but also helps curb the pandemic owing to an increasing amount of vaccinated people and antibodies, providing a protecting shield and herd immunity.

In conclusion, when you give something out, e.g., give a hand to poor people in need, you will be satisfied. Such kind of satisfaction is much greater than the satisfaction when you receive something—you will be overjoyed when you see smiles on their faces.

Therefore, based on the above reasons, it is better to give than to receive. On the other hand, people should be more generous to enjoy the 'satisfaction' of giving and make the world a better place to live.