



Generosity



Prayer

O Lord! Unto Thee I repair for refuge, and toward all Thy signs I set my heart. O Lord! Whether traveling or at home, and in my occupation or in my work, I place my whole trust in Thee. Grant me then Thy sufficing help so as to make me independent of all things, O Thou Who art unsurpassed in Thy mercy! Bestow upon me my portion, O Lord, as Thou pleasest, and cause me to be satisfied with whatsoever thou hast ordained for me. Thine is the absolute authority to command.

(The Bab, Baha'i Prayers, p. 55)

Quotation

Be generous in prosperity, and thankful in adversity.

(Baha'u'llah, Epistle to the Son of the Wolf, p. 93)

Discuss the Spiritual Quality

Generosity is sharing what you have because you want to, and not because you expect something in return. When we are generous, we believe in our heart that there really is enough for everyone. Being generous means we value the opportunities to share that we are presented with in life because we feel great joy from giving to others. When we practice generosity, we show others we love them and care for them.

Discuss the Spiritual Quality (cont.)

- How do your parents show Generosity?
- In what ways can you practice Generosity?
- What does it feel like when someone shows Generosity to you?

Story



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Generosity is one of the best ways to show people around us that we care for them.



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When we are generous, we look for ways we can help people and we share what we can.



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We give our time, our talents, our friendship, and also material things.



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Generosity is a spiritual quality; what we give is not the most important, rather how we give it is what makes people feel loved.



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When we have something to give, we share freely. Being generous is believing that there will be enough for everyone.



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Generosity is a way for us to help others, but in the course of helping we are given a gift as well. The gift, the joy of giving, is more special than what we gave away.



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(Nabil H., *Virtues In Us* #30)

A smile is something if you give it away,
Give it away, give it away

A smile is something if you give it away
Then it comes right back to you

The Sharing Song
(Raffi, *Singable Songs*
for the Very Young #17)

It's mine but you can have some
With you I'd like to share it
'Cos if I share it with you
You'll have some too

Activity

Let's all practice Generosity!