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Quotes about Giving

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I have somewhere met with the epitaph on a charitable man which has pleased me very much. I cannot recollect the words, but here is the sense of it: What I spent I lost; what I possessed is left to others; what I gave away remains with me.

- Addison, Joseph

It is by teaching that we teach ourselves, by relating that we observe, by affirming that we examine, by showing that we look, by writing that we think, by pumping that we draw water into the well.

- Amiel, Henri Frederic

The trick is to realize that after giving your best, there's nothing more to give.

- Anderson, Sparky

The human contribution is the essential ingredient. It is only in the giving of oneself to others that we truly live.

- Andrus, Ethel Percy

No matter what age you are, or what your circumstances might be, you are special, and you still have something unique to offer. Your life, because of who you are, has meaning.

- Angelis, Barbara De

From what we get, we can make a living; what we give, however, makes a life.

- Ashe, Arthur

It is rare indeed that people give. Most people guard and keep; they suppose that it is they themselves and what they identify with themselves that they are guarding and keeping, whereas what they are actually guarding and keeping is their system of reality and what they assume themselves to be.

- Baldwin, James

Sharing is sometimes more demanding than giving.

- Bateson, Mary

Nature does not give to those who will not spend...

- Baughan, R.J.

There never was a person who did anything worth doing, who did not receive more than he gave.

- Beecher, Henry Ward

Getters don't get -- givers get.

- Benge, Eugene

Gifts must affect the receiver to the point of shock.

- Benjamin, Walter

Let each one do just as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver. [2 Corinthians 9:7]

- Bible

The Liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

[Proverbs 11.25]

- Bible

It is more blessed to give than to receive. [Acts 20:35]

- Bible

Give, and it shall be given to you. For whatever measure you deal out to others, it will be dealt to you in return.

- Bible

Give and it shall be given unto you: good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over... [Luke 6:38]

- Bible

One man gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and

only suffers want. [Proverbs 11-24]

- Bible

It is possible to give without loving, but it is impossible to love without giving.

- Braunstein, Richard

He who bestows his goods upon the poor shall have as much again, and ten times more.

- Bunyan, John

All who joy would win must share it. Happiness was born a Twin.

- Byron, Lord

I do detest everything which is not perfectly mutual.

- Byron, Lord

It is normal to give away a little of one's life in order not to lose it all.

- Camus, Albert

When you're nice to people, they want to be nice back to you.

- Canfield, Jack

The most satisfying thing in life is to have been able to give a large part of oneself to others.

- Chardin, Pierre Teilhard De

You cannot hold on to anything good. You must be continually giving -- and getting. You cannot hold on to your seed. You must sow it -- and reap anew. You cannot hold on to riches. You must use them and get other riches in return.

- Collier, Robert

You have to sow before you can reap. You have to give before you can get.

- Collier, Robert

The manner of giving is worth more than the gift.

- Corneille, Pierre

Look around for a place to sow a few seeds.

- Dyke, Henry Van

In helping others, we shall help ourselves, for whatever good we give out completes the circle and comes back to us.

- Edwards, Flora

What we gave, we have; What we spent, we had; What we left, we lost.

- Edwards, Tryon

One must be poor to know the luxury of giving.

- Eliot, George

Always think in terms of what the other person wants.

- Fleet, James Van

The more sympathy you give, the less you need.

- Forbes, Malcolm S.

The man who will use his skill and constructive imagination to see how much he can give for a dollar, instead of how little he can give for a dollar, is bound to succeed.

- Ford, Henry

For it is in giving that we receive.

- Francis of Assisi, St.

He that bringeth a present findeth the door open.

- Fuller, Thomas

It is better to give than to lend, and it costs about the same.

- Gibbs, Philip

You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that

you truly give.

- Gibran, Kahlil

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

- Gide, Andre

Giving presents is a talent; to know what a person wants, to know when and how to get it, to give it lovingly and well. Unless a character possesses this talent there is no moment more annihilating to ease than that in which a present is received and given.

- Glenconner, Pamela

God has given us two hands, one to receive with and the other to give with.

- Graham, Billy

You give before you get.

- Hill, Napoleon

There would be no advantage to be gained by sowing a field of wheat if the harvest did not return more than was sown.

- Hill, Napoleon

The nine-tenths prove man's love, but the one-tenth tests man's legal obedience.

- Hobbs, Herschel

Men are rich only as they give. He who gives great service gets great rewards.

- Hubbard, Elbert

A check or credit card, a Gucci bag strap, anything of value will do. Give as you live.

- Jackson, Jesse

To give is to receive...

- Jampolsky, Gerald G.

Giving half answers won't make the conversation half as long.

- Johnson, Dave

While you have a thing it can be taken from you... but when you give it, you have given it.

No robber can take it from you. It is yours then for ever when you have given it. It will be yours always. That is to give.

- Joyce, James

He that loveth, flieth, runneth, and rejoiceth. He is free, and cannot be held in. He giveth all for all, and hath all in all, because he resteth in one highest above all things, from whom all that is good flows and proceeds.

- Kempis, Thomas

To whom much is given is much required. [Luke 12:49]

- Bible

In the long run, we get no more than we have been willing to risk giving.

- Kopp, Sheldon

You only get to keep what you give away.

- Kopp, Sheldon

We read on the foreheads of those who are surrounded by a foolish luxury, that fortune sells what she is thought to give.

- La Fontaine, Jean De

If you would take, you must first give, this is the beginning of intelligence.

- Lao-Tzu

He who obtains has little. He who scatters has much.

- Lao-Tzu

Before he left, Aunt William pressed a sovereign into his hand guiltily, as if it were conscience money. He, on his side, took it as though it were a doctor's fee, and both ignored the transaction.

- Levenson, Ada

Nothing that you have not given away will ever be really yours.

- Lewis, C. S.

I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare.

- Lewis, C. S.

To give without any reward, or any notice, has a special quality of its own.

- Lindbergh, Anne Morrow

There is only one way to succeed in anything and that is to give everything. I do and I demand that my players do. Any man's finest hour is when he has worked his heart out in a good cause and lies exhausted on the field of battle... victorious.

- Lombardi, Vince

we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.

- Macewan, Norman

All that this world knows of living lies in giving -- and more giving; He that keeps, be sure he loses -Friendship grows by what it uses.

- Maclaren, Alexander

A handful of pine-seed will cover mountains with the green majesty of forests. I too will set my face to the wind and throw my handful of seed on high.

- Macleod, Fiona

We must give more in order to get more, It is the generous giving of ourselves that produce the generous harvest.

- Marden, Orison Swett

It is like the seed put in the soil -- the more one sows, the greater the harvest.

- Marden, Orison Swett

In Giving, a man receives more than he gives; and the more is in proportion to the worth of the thing given.

- Mcdonald, George

The gifts that one receives for giving are so immeasurable that it is almost an injustice to accept them.

- Mckeun, Rod

Blessed are those who give without remembering. And blessed are those who take without forgetting.

- Meltzer, Bernard

We may give without loving, but we cannot love without giving

- Meltzer, Bernard

It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.

- Mother Teresa

When people grow gradually rich their requirements and standard of living expand in proportion, while their present-giving instincts often remain in the undeveloped condition of their earlier days. Something showy and not-too-expensive in a shop is their only conception of the ideal gift.

- Munro, Hector Hugh

What you keep to yourself you lose, what you give away, you keep forever.

- Munthe, Axel

Any person who contributes to prosperity must prosper in turn.

- Nightingale, Earl

Plant a kernel of wheat and you reap a pint; plant a pint and you reap a bushel. Always the law works to give you back more than you give.

- Norvell, Anthony

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Why is it no one ever sent me yet one perfect limousine, do you suppose? Ah no, it's always just my luck to get one perfect rose.

- Parker, Dorothy

Give a lot, expect a lot, and if you don't get it, prune.

- Peters, Thomas J.

A bit of fragrance always clings to the hand that gives you roses.

- Proverb

Sow much, reap much; sow little, reap little.

- Proverb, Chinese

You must give to get, You must sow the seed, before you can reap the harvest.

- Reed, Scott

It is not what we get. But who we become, what we contribute... that gives meaning to our lives.

- Robbins, Anthony

I wonder if it isn't just cowardice instead of generosity that makes us give tips.

- Rogers, Will

Giving is better than receiving because giving starts the receiving process.

- Rohn, Jim

The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little.

- Roosevelt, Franklin D.

He who gives while he lives, get to know where it goes.

- Ross, Percy

To get, give.

- Roth, Bob

Give little love to a child, and you get a great deal back.

- Ruskin, John

For true love is inexhaustible; the more you give, the more you have. And if you go to draw at the true fountainhead, the more water you draw, the more abundant is its flow.

- Saint-Exupery, Antoine De

When you give yourself, you receive more than you give.

- Saint-Exupery, Antoine De

There is only one real deprivation... and that is not to be able to give one's gifts to those one loves most.

- Sartre, May

There is no delight in owning anything unshared.

- Seneca

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

Do not do unto others as you would that they should do unto you. Their tastes may not be the same.

- Shaw, George Bernard

The big print giveth, and the fine print taketh away.

- Sheen, Fulton John

Giving opens the way for receiving.

- Shinn, Florence Scovel

The more we give of anything, the more we shall get back.

- Speare, Grace

Giving is true having.

- Spurgeon, Charles Haddon

We are rich only through what we give; and poor only through we refuse and keep.

- Swetchine, Anne Sophie

The more credit you give away, the more will come back to you. The more you help others, the more they will want to help you.

- Tracy, Brian

The real secret of happiness is not what you have or what you receive; it's what you share

- Unknown, Source

When it comes to giving, some people stop at nothing.

- Unknown, Source

You can no more give what you haven't learned than you can come back from a place you've never been.

- Unknown, Source

You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give.

- Unknown, Source

The Dead Sea is the dead sea, because it continually receives and never gives.

- Unknown, Source

Go-Givers will become the best go-getters.

- Unknown, Source

Let me be a little kinder, Let me be a little blinder To the faults about me; Let me praise a little more, Let me be, when I am weary; Just a little bit more cheery, Let me serve a little better Those that I am striving for. Let me be a little braver When temptation bids me waver, Let me strive a little harder To be all that I should be; Let me be a little meeker to the brother that is weaker; Let me think more of my neighbor and a little less of me.

- Unknown, Source

Fragrance clings to the hand that gives the rose.

- Unknown, Source

Give light and people will find their own way.

- Unknown, Source

God has given to all men free agency and has granted us the privilege to serve Him or serve Him not, to do that which is right or that which is wrong, but he will hold us strictly to an account for the use that we make of this agency.

- Unknown, Source

If you continually give, you will continually have.

- Unknown, Source

Seek joy in what you give not in what you get

- Unknown, Source

Trust not the horse, O Trojans. Be it what it may, I fear the Grecians even when they offer gifts.

- Virgil

EARN as much as you can. SAVE as much as you can. INVEST as much as you can.

GIVE as much as you can.

- Wellesly, Rev. John

Do unto the other feller the way he'd like to do unto you, and do it fast.

- Westcott, Edward Noyes

There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.

- Wharton, Edith

When I give I give myself.

- Whitman, Walt

If I choose to bless another person, I will always end up feeling more blessed.

- Williamson, Marianne

I have always noticed that a man who gives the most for the money, gets the most business.

- Young, Vash



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