

"No One Has Ever Become Poor by Giving" - Anne Frank

In this world of 6,371 km, reside 7.8 Billion people live. Among them, 47 million people live in the millionaire club, while the rest 1.89 billion people, nearly 36% of the world's population, live in extreme poverty. In all the religion and cultures of this planet, it has been highly advised to take part in charity, "Charitable giving as a religious act or duty is referred to as almsgiving or alms. The name stems from the most obvious expression of the virtue of charity; giving the recipients of it the means they need to survive. With regards to religious aspects, the recipient of charity may offer to pray for the benefactor (unknown source). In Islam, it is told, "Those who in charity spend of their goods by night and by day, in secret and in public, have their reward with their Lord: on them shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve" (2:274). In the Bible it is in the 2 Corinthian 9:6-8, "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver". The same phrases have been repeated in Hinduism, Buddhism, Bangladeshi culture, Japanese culture, and in every single society.

So, what things can we donate? There are a lot of things that can be donated to the poor or to needy the people, for example: we can donate winter clothes to the poor people, educational materials to the poor and orphans, blood to the emergency patients etc. "Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more." —H. Jackson Brown Jr., American author best known for his inspirational book, *Life's Little Instruction Book*, which was a New York Times bestseller.

Always remember, when you are giving something to someone, it can never make you small; rather, it will make you feel happy and contented. The heavenly smile that you will see in their face will undoubtedly make your day better. "Happiness doesn't result from what we get, but from what we give." —Ben Carson, American politician, author, and retired neurosurgeon who is currently serving as the 17th United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

In this world, there is no example of someone becoming poor by giving. The world's richest man and famous businessmen, Jeff Bezos, Founder and CEO of Amazon donates every year. 'The Chronicle' estimates that Jeff Bezos donated \$67 million between 2000 and 2017. Did that make him? I do not think so!

"It is every man's obligation to put back into the world at least the equivalent of what he takes out of it." — Albert Einstein. It is not right that the richer will get richer and the poor people will stay poor. According to OHCHR (Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights), "Poverty erodes or nullifies economic and social rights such as the right to health, adequate housing, food and safe water, and the right to education. The same is true of civil and political rights, such as the right to a fair trial, political participation and security of the person." So it is high time, we should put an end to poverty through charity and donation.

In conclusion, we must not forget, "The best way to find you is to lose yourself in the service of others." —Mahatma Gandhi