

# Generosity is not a virtue



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**RIGHT NOW** your child is hungry. If you give food to the child, do you think you are generous? Do you feel generous? No. A child on the street is hungry, if you give something to that child, you think you are generous, isn't it?

So your generosity is a weakness that has come from a limited identity of who you are. If your humanity functions from within, then without feeling generous or stingy you do anything that is required or expected from you. Only because you are stingy you can be generous, isn't it? If you are not stingy you don't need any generosity in life. Simply put you will do what is needed.

If I have to give food to somebody on the street, I don't think I am generous. If I have it I shall give it. It is not my generosity, it is not my virtue; it is nothing. I think it's natural. Even an animal in the forest eats what it wants and leaves the rest to the others, isn't it? It is not generous; it is just doing out of its nature. Similarly, if you function out of your humanity it is just natural for you to feel that your heart beats for everybody and everything in the world. It is just natural.



You have not allowed your humanity to function, so you need all these false virtues. You are devoid of love, that is why you take the help of all these false virtues. For example, if you love the person who is sitting next to you, do you need to be generous with him or her? When you have love and affection for that person in your heart, you would always feel that you have not done enough for him or her.

Only a person who has no love in his or her heart feels that s/he has been too generous and has gone out of the way.

These kind of people think that others have never been kind, polite and fair to them. All this negative thoughts come because there is no love in their heart. There is no humanity left in them. They are trying to conform to the standard of right. They know morality but they don't know humanity i.e the quality of being human. With morality you become crooked. With humanity everything will be fine. If you allow your humanity to function, you will naturally witness that your heart beats for everything that exists.

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