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VOLUNTEER AND GIVING QUOTES

The purpose of human life is to serve and to show compassion and the will to help others.

--Albert Schweitzer

A hundred times every day I remind myself that my inner and outer life are based on the labors of other men, living and dead, and that I must exert myself in order to give in the same measure as I have received and am still receiving.

--Albert Einstein

This is our special duty, that if anyone specially needs our help, we should give him such help to the utmost of our power.

--Cicero

Service is the rent you pay for room on this earth.

--Shirley Chisholm

When you cease to make a contribution, you begin to die.

--Eleanor Roosevelt

We are here on earth to do good to others. What the others are here for, I don't know.

--W.H. Auden

Just as the wave cannot exist for itself, but is ever a part of the heaving surface of the ocean, so must I never live my life for itself, but always in the experience which is going on around me. It is an uncomfortable doctrine which the true ethics whisper into my ear: You are happy, they say therefore you are called upon to give much.

--Albert Schweitzer

You have not done enough, you have never done enough, so long as it is still possible that you have something to contribute.

--Dag Hammarskjold

Life is mostly froth and bubble, Two things stand like stone, kindness in another's trouble, courage in your own.

--Adam Lindsay Gordon, "Ye Wearie Wayfarer" 1833-1870

To keep a lamp burning we have to keep putting oil in it.

--Mother Teresa

Wisdom is the power that enables us to use knowledge for the benefit of ourselves and others.

--Thomas J. Watson

If my hands are fully occupied in holding onto something, I can neither give nor receive.

--Dorothee Solle

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

--Anne-Sophie Swetchine 1869

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