

GREATNESS AND GENEROSITY (advance 2)

A rich man once asked a friend, "Why am I criticized for being miserly? Everyone knows I will leave everything to charity when I die."

"Well," said the friend, "let me tell you about the pig and the cow. The pig was lamenting to the cow one day about how unpopular he was. "People are always talking about your gentleness and your kind eyes," said the pig. "Sure, you give milk and cream, but I give more. I give bacon, ham, bristles. They even pickle my feet! Still nobody likes me. Why is this?"

The cow thought a minute and then replied, "well, maybe it's because I give while I'm still living.' "

Let's talk:

1. Why is it better to give while we are alive? Who benefits more, the giver or the receiver?
2. Should we give to make ourselves feel better, or to make others feel better?
3. Why do some people tend to forget the value of gratefulness? How do you thank people who have done great things for you?
4. Which is better giving or receiving? Why?
5. What is generosity?