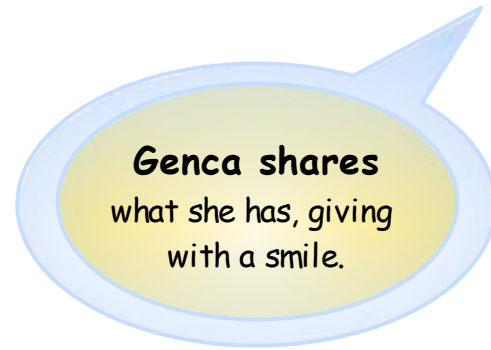


Guideline 7 : Generosity



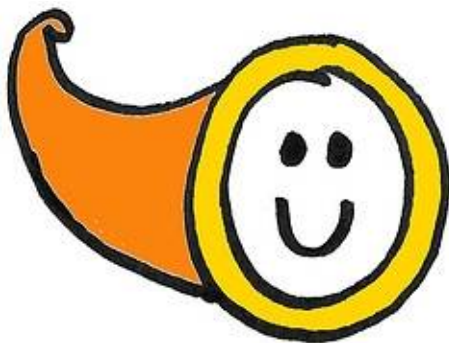
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Character Guide: Genca Generosity



The guides' positive chants help you to remember the most important ideas. Say these over and over to remember them.

**I can share my stuff.
I have enough.**



Our family motto is:

We share until it's gone,
We help until it's done.

You may adopt it if you like it. In Latin it is:

Usque communicamus quoad
exhaustum est.
Usque adiuuamus quoad
perfectum est.

Welcome to the family.



Ripples

If I can make a ripple,
with a stone thrown in the lake,
what ripples in my real life
do my thoughts and actions make?

My rocket climbs then dives down.
If I push you, will you fall?
To see the glass half empty,
does it change the thing at all?

Will one good turn bring others?
Is it just like people say?
Will all I think and do soon
circle 'round back into play?

Does generous or greedy
make a difference here and now?
Can butterfly wings beating
make a storm somewhere somehow?

I question and I wonder
is it just a simple fact?
Does cause-effect apply to
what I think and how I act?

I can't unsplash a ripple
and I can't unspeak a word.
So I will act my best in case
the Universe has heard.





Try it now: Enough is Enough.

How much is enough? I wonder how you decide that you have enough to share, or when you think someone should share with you. If you share but then are not happy about it, perhaps that was something you were not ready to give generously. By noticing how you feel before and after you share you can recognize the things or the amount of time you can give wholeheartedly. With practice, that level may increase!

Art: Share and Share Alike

Can you think of five things you would be willing to share and five things you do not want to share? Draw a picture of the things you could share, and how you plan to do that sometime soon. Give what you can -- share generously.



Try it now: Don't take my word for it!

Six quotes on Generosity from around the world have been cut in half. There are several difficulty levels to choose from as you match them back up. If you make it to Level 3 or up please send us an email at the link at the bottom left of this page. The answers are at the end of this Generosity section on the Instant Replay page.

Puzzle/Game:

Matches on the Level

Print out the following page on card weight paper, or print then glue to thicker paper. Cut into twelve cards along the lines. Reunite the two halves of the quotes.

- Level 1: Lay all cards out face up, and match them as a group effort.
- Level 2: Turn all cards face down and take turns turning over two at a time looking for a match. Play until all sets are matched.
- Level 3: Extend the game by adding cards from the two other sections with quote matchups (Responsibility and Aspiration).
- Level 4: Find or write quotes about Generosity or other guidelines to make your own cards.
- Level 5: Study the quotes and quiz each other by holding up the first halves and seeing who can remember the second halves.

Matches on the Level -- Gamecards



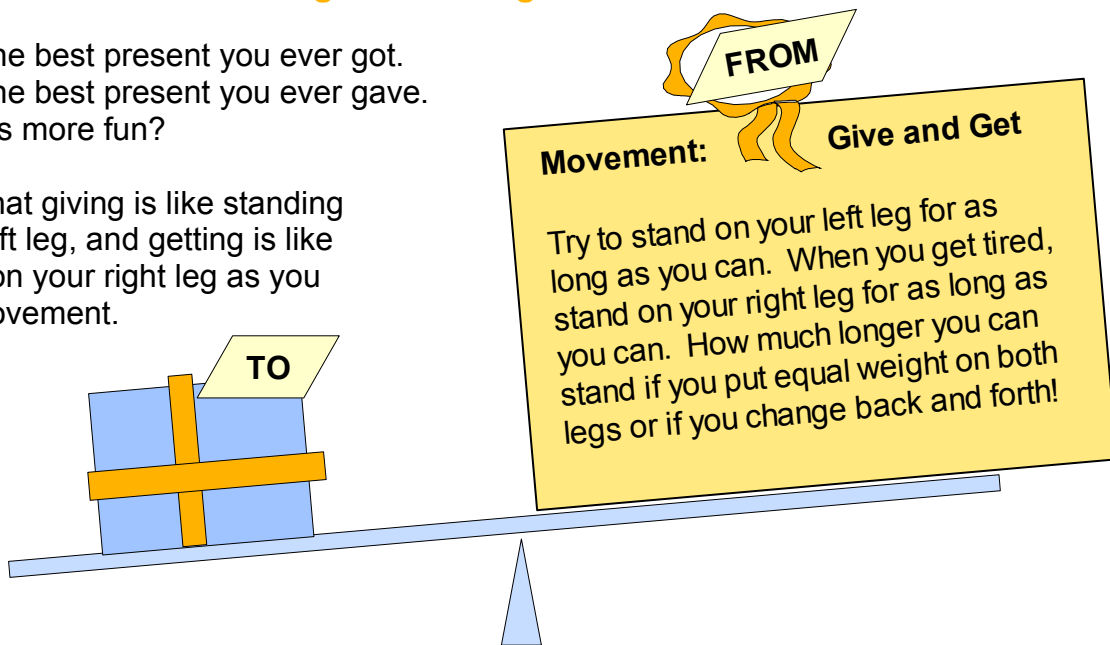
<p>G7 – 1</p> <p>You make a living by what you get...</p>	<p>G7 – 2</p> <p>The real wealth comes from...</p>	<p>G7 – 3</p> <p>Be generous in prosperity..</p>
<p>G7 – 4</p> <p>It is in giving...</p>	<p>G7 – 5</p> <p>The fragrance always stays...</p>	<p>G7 – 6</p> <p>They say my work is just a drop in the ocean...</p>
<p>G7 – A</p> <p>...and thankful in adversity.</p> <p>-- Bahá'u'lláh, Iran</p>	<p>G7 – B</p> <p>...in the hand that gives the rose.</p> <p>-- Hada Bejar, UK</p>	<p>G7 – C</p> <p>...I say the ocean is made up of drops.</p> <p>-- Mother Teresa, Macedonia/India</p>
<p>G7 – D</p> <p>...You make a life by what you give.</p> <p>-- Winston Churchill, UK</p>	<p>G7 – E</p> <p>...that we receive.</p> <p>-- St. Francis of Assisi, Italy</p>	<p>G7 – F</p> <p>...helping others.</p> <p>-- Cesar Chavez, Mexico/USA</p>



Try it now: Balance of Giving and Getting

Think of the best present you ever got.
Think of the best present you ever gave.
Which was more fun?

Pretend that giving is like standing on your left leg, and getting is like standing on your right leg as you try this Movement.



To find more activities and games about giving, check out <http://www.learningtogive.org/>

There are even folktales and stories to read about giving on this page of the site: <http://www.learningtogive.org/materials/folktales/trait.asp?trait=giving>

Try it for real: Oh, that feels better!

You probably have a family member who has a sore back, sore feet, tired shoulder or neck muscles. Be generous with your time and attention and give them a little massage. Maybe make them a cup of tea. They will love it, and you'll feel great.



Try it for real: Charity Begins

You may already be giving a portion of any money you get to a charitable purpose. If you are not, think about beginning that practice. If you set aside a percentage of your money right when you get it, you will be less likely to miss it. Consider giving some every month to a cause you feel good about supporting. If you don't already know one, ask your family and friends for ideas. If you don't have any money to spare, you could ask if there are any jobs you can do to earn a little to give to charity.



Try it for real: Take it Another Level

Next time you are asked to do something you can do, you have an opportunity to not just say yes, but to be enthusiastic, and to do a little more than asked. You might even do something before being asked.



Here's your food, Fish!

Recently I had a chance to help, but much to my regret, I missed my opportunity. I was waiting to see a concert. Most of us had bought tickets ahead, yet some people were being charged an extra fee based on their age. This was a surprise to us all, and some (like the girl in front of me) had not brought any money so they were not allowed in, even though they had mostly paid for their ticket.

What I did was just go in to the show. But I felt badly about it for several days afterward because I could have paid the extra money for some of the younger people to get in. What I wish I had done was to pay the extra bit for the girl in front of me and even to leave some for others who would come behind.

For the price of my own ticket I could have let in six more people. Next time I will.

Action: Generous Choices

Give away some of your things (toys, clothes, etc.) to someone who needs them more than you.

Make some food to give away to neighbors who are sick or just had a baby.

Whenever you bring supplies to school at the request of your teacher bring extra to help others who may not have enough.

Volunteer to do a job for a brother or sister for no reason. Enjoy the surprised look on their faces!



Carwash for a cause

Instant Replay for Generosity:



What questions do you have about Generosity?

Do you have any stories about when you wish you had been more generous?

Which causes seem most important to support to you personally?

Is it more fun to get presents or to give them?

Do you think the photo of a child sharing treats with his brother was a good choice to represent 'Generosity'?

All the world's a stage...

William Shakespeare



Who was generous with you this week? How did that feel to you?

What generous choices did you make this week?

Which was your favorite quote about 'Generosity'?

How do you know when you have enough to share?

Match Answers:
1D 2F 3A 4E 5B 6C

