



# THE CORNERSTONE EAGLE

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A Warm Welcome back to the Eagle after the summer break! We hope you have enjoyed some time off from work for rest and recreation.

As we begin the season of Autumn, perhaps it is also a time for reflection on the year so far. Aside from work and career, and family and friends, **will your thoughts reach an area of your life which engages in Charity**, on a regular or ad hoc way?

We pray that these powerful wings of The Eagle will continue to enable you to soar to new heights.

Cornerstone International Group's **MISSION** is to be the best executive recruiting group worldwide, but our **VISION** is to be a true mentor and coach, one-on-one, with our clients, candidates and partners locally.



We believe the way to do it is to promote **TEAMWORK, CARING, LEARNING** and **THANKSGIVING**. Achieving 'Healthier Business and Life' is what we strive for everyday. The Cornerstone Eagle is not a sales letter to promote activities of our 60+ offices globally, but a 3C tool to inspire you to maximize your personal and professional potential to be a Better Leader and a Better Person both at home and at business.

We shall be your Faithful Companion / Coach / Mentor on your life and career journey, supporting you to discover yourself and offering good advice regarding the **SIX** important aspects of your professional Life: Identity, Money, Career Options, Health, Relationships and Your Future (spiritual and your legacy reminders).

Best Wishes,

**Simon Wan**

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## What is charity?

Charity is one of the great virtues that we praise in others and that we seek to show in ourselves. Sadly, it is also one of the most misunderstood. What does charity mean to you? Most people would say that charity means giving. Giving their money or time to a cause that they feel is worthy.

### A story ...

She asked him: 'How much are the eggs?'

The old seller replied: '40 cents for one egg, Madam.'

She said to him: 'I will take 6 eggs for RM2 or I will leave.'



The old seller replied: 'Come, take them at the price you want. May God ease the way for us, and may this be a good beginning because I have not sold to anyone yet today.'

She took the eggs and walked away feeling she had won.

She then drove and picked up her friend, and went to a restaurant for lunch.

They ate a little and left a lot of what they ordered because they have prestige. By the rules of prestige it is required to eat little from what you order in the restaurant, to show your wealth and success.

Then she went to pay the bill.

The bill was RM94. She gave RM100, and said to the owner of the restaurant: 'Keep the change.'

The story may seem normal to the owner of the restaurant. But it is in stark contrast to the egg seller's scenario.

### The bottom line is:



Why do some people always show that they have the power when they buy from the needy and the poor? And are generous with those who do not need their generosity?

Every time a poor child comes to sell something simple, I will remember a tweet from the son of a rich man who said:

"My father used to buy simple goods and pay more than the price, usually from poor stall owners. Even though he did not need the goods.

"When asked, my father told me: **'It is charity wrapped in dignity, my son.'**"

## Charity really means love

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Charity for many means giving their money or time to a cause that they feel is worthy. However, only when we give with love is it truly charity. Only when we give from our heart do we feel God's love in our heart. Only by expressing God's love from within ourselves are we able to express charity as one aspect of that all encompassing love.

And you can tell the difference between giving and giving with love. Between charity for charity's sake and charity that comes from your soul. When your giving is done more by habit or a need to be or appear charitable you don't feel the same. You may feel resentful at having to give, or you may feel frustrated that you can't give more. Perhaps your giving used to make you feel good, but now you feel nothing. These feelings are all the result of not giving from the heart. Once you learn that, all your giving will truly be charitable.

Every day we're asked to demonstrate our charity by dozens, if not hundreds, of worthwhile groups and organizations. Our church expects a little of our money... many of our community and civic groups run solely on donations of both



time and money... we're asked to support cancer and heart disease research and sick children and orphaned children and starving children and abused women and the homeless and abandoned puppies and kittens...

We are literally bombarded with pleas all day every day. Billboards, TV advertising, direct mailing, e-mail, telephone fundraisers, the homeless woman on the corner... It never seems to end. With so many cries for help, how can we possibly decide where our charity should be directed?

**Let your heart guide you. Let God's love within you direct your actions and your gifts.** It's really simple. Whatever makes you feel good is the right thing for you to be supporting. Whatever makes you feel good is the right thing for you to be giving.

We all give in different ways. Some give money, some give their knowledge and experience, some give physical labor. **What you give doesn't matter, how you give does. How much you give doesn't matter, how you give does.** A smile, a kind word, a day's labor, a month's wages - these gifts are all the same in God's eye. To Him, only the source of the gift matters. **Did it come from the heart? Is this giving done with passion?**

Trust in God's love. When we all express God's love toward humanity and nature the natural flow of abundance in the world is maintained. It is only when we act out of habit or chase a false virtue that we help to maintain an imbalance of abundance in the world.

**Charity is God's love, and we each have an endless supply of that love within us. Share that love generously, and you'll find that being charitable will be a natural state you are already in, not a form of goodness that you have to struggle towards.**

**Charity is love.**

*Excerpt by Bob Crawford*

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## Best Timing For Being Charitable ... is now

Maybe you have not thought seriously about Charity up till now. It is okay, as Now is as good a time as any. Please consider the following when trusting in God's timing for you:

New York is 3 hours ahead of California,  
but it does not make California slow.

Someone graduated at the age of 22,  
but waited 5 years before securing a good job!

Someone became a CEO at 25,  
and died at 50.

While another became a CEO at 50,  
and lived to 90 years.

Someone is still single,  
while someone else got married.

Obama retires at 55,  
but Trump starts at 70.

Absolutely everyone in this world works based on their Time Zone.  
People around you might seem to go ahead of you,  
some might seem to be behind you.

But everyone is running their own RACE, in their own TIME.  
Don't envy them or mock them.

They are in each's TIME ZONE of GOD's grace and you are in yours!  
Life is about waiting for the right moment to act.

**So, RELAX.**

**You're not LATE.**

**You're not EARLY.**

**You are very much ON TIME, and in your TIME ZONE Destiny set up for you!**



## The Bible

**Luke 6:38**

“Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure— pressed down, shaken together, and

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running over. **For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.**"

**2 Corinthians 9:7**

"Each of you should give whatever you have decided. You shouldn't be sorry that you gave or feel forced to give, since **God loves a cheerful giver.**"

**Acts 20:35**

"And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: **It is more blessed to give than to receive.**"



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