

(No.6) People with a Kind Heart

We often hear about famous people donating lots of money to those in need. People like the famous NBA star Lebron James donate lots of money to the single-parent families. We call people like Lebron a good person and we admire them so much. While his deeds are admirable, we seem to overlook the people who help those in need quietly, thinking that they are not really doing such great things. Let me tell you a story that will show you that these people are just as generous as Lebron James, and that they deserve the same praise.

Peter was from a poor family. He was always taught to be a caring and kind person. His goal was to make a lot of money and to help people all over the world. Peter knew that it was a challenging goal to achieve as there were lots of people in need. He thought that donating money would be the only way to help the poor. Hence, he studied hard for a decent job to make enough money.

As the years went by, Peter somehow forgot one part of his goal, to help people. The only part he remembered was to make money. He was a successful person with recognition, money and a wonderful family. He was also a role model for many secondary school students as he had become successful by working very hard. He started to think that the poor did not deserve mercy or money because they could not escape poverty by themselves. He started to believe that the only reason these people were poor, was because they were lazy. He had this mindset for almost 20 years and as a result, helped no one in this time.

In 2008, the financial crisis destroyed thousands of rich families and Peter's family was one of those affected. Peter was poor again - a state that he had experienced when he was young. Peter trusted that he could easily get out of the situation by working hard and putting in a lot of effort. Yet, after three years, their situation was still the same. Indeed, he failed in making his family rich again, no matter how hard he tried. In this time his mindset changed. He no longer thought that the poor did not deserve mercy. Instead he realised that his success was partly due to luck, and not everyone had the same opportunities as he did. He finally understood the challenges of being poor.

He gave up trying to make money and decided on another goal - to help the needy. He figured out that the needy spend most of their money on food and that they usually have bread as part of their meal. He therefore decided to open a bakery for them. He called the bakery "Delison" which means delicious food with reasonable price. The neighbourhood really benefited from the bakery as the bread was really cheap, almost 40% less than the

others, but still tasty and healthy. So their living quality improved and the burden of food costs was relieved.

While one or two dollars does not seem like much to us, it can mean the difference between food and no food for the needy. Today, Peter is not rich and does not donate money, but he is admired by the whole neighbourhood and he does good deeds.

Doing good deeds means taking action to help people solve problems or make them happy. Remember, actions always speak louder than words.