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What are good deeds? A simple question to answer, deeds means "act." People may say that good deeds are some good act that helps the others. For example , we help people when they are in trouble or donate money to charity , street sleepers or beggars. It seems that this is the consensus of our society. However, as for me it is not ample. I think good deeds do not just help but that successfully helps to consolidate the "trust" between people. I would like to share a heartwarming story to you and see whether you agree with me.

"Ken, did you prepare for your secondary one well?" Ken's mum asked. "Already done it," Ken replied. Then Ken left home and waited for the bus to college. When he was waiting, he saw a young man who aged about twenty or more wear a neat white shirt and a pair of light brown trousers with leather shoes. He looked like a clerk in some international enterprises that asked people for money. Soon he turned to Ken. He asked Ken if he could lend him some money. As that man was in a hurry, he forgot to bring his wallet. Ken took his wallet out and opened it and there was only a ten-dollar note. The young man become more nervous than before because Ken, perhaps, is the only one who was willing to help him.

After a while, Ken stopped hesitating and took the note out and gave it to the young man. Right away, the young man's face turned from blue to relieved .He gripped Ken's hands and said he owed Ken something forever.

After the young man left, some passers-by talked to Ken. "Boy, do you know you have just made a silly decision. The reason I don't lend him money is that he won't return it. I don't like giving out as a gift although I have more than a thousand dollars now." After a few seconds, another voice added "Son, do you know you've just been cheated by a swindler? In our society it's different from your world. Some people were planning how to swindle your money and you silly boy has just been trapped by a "wolf." Trust me so that you won't be cheated again."

Then, Ken hesitated with his face turning blue. He took a while to think of the words and replied them, "I would NEVER REGRET! Even I don't have any money now. All I gave him is only ten dollars. All I've been cheated is only ten dollars. If the ten dollars can really help him or save him, I would feel it is worthy and satisfactory too." After a silence, everyone turned around.

"Ken Christopher, if you don't wake up now, you will be late!" Ken looked at the clock which was pointing at 7:30 a.m. There was only thirty minutes before he got late. Rushing to the bus stop, he saw a familiar face. Ken stopped, astonished when a young man gripped his hand and said "Thank you, thank you, thank you so much,

you're my LIFE-SAVER! I owed you everything! Yesterday, I was in a hurry to sign a contract before my client got on the plane but I left my wallet. I was bristled with anger and blaming myself. Fortunately, I met you and you saved my career, my company and my life. I've a lot of things to tell you……" "Me too, I know what you feel. I am in an emergency situation now and I've only a few words to say." Ken replied. "Okay! Go ahead." The young man answered. "I'm going to be LATE !!!" Then Ken rushed on a taxi and left.

Since then, the two have become close friends who meet frequently and look out for each other at the bus stop.

In the story, Ken had done a good deed and his deed has successfully consolidated the "trust" between people, among strangers or passers-by. In the story, the young man is only an ordinary pedestrian but Ken trusted him and lent him all his money to overcome his difficulties. I'm not telling you to spend all your money to help a stranger but to try to lend a hand and trust them. Besides, in the story, the second passer-by said that "Trust me, so that you won't be cheated again." From them, it seems to be teaching Ken. However I am implying a selfishness and apathetic phenomenon in our society. More and more people do not believe others and it burgeons the egoism. To stop egoism sprouts, it is very easy –"trust" and "lending your hand out." I hope that if we can share this faith, we can build an "oasis" in our

"desert" city together.