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Title: Charity is a virtue that everyone should
strive to achieve.

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Among the three distinctive theological virtues, charity is considered the greatest, as shown in the love of fellow humans and God. Theological qualities or virtues are the bedrock of Christian social action; they inspire and distinguish it. They educate and sustain all moral qualities. They are instilled into the faithful's souls by God in order to enable them to behave like his children and deserve everlasting life (Decosimo). The virtues attest to the Holy Spirit's existence and operation inside the human senses. Three theological qualities are discernible: faith, hope, and charity (Decosimo). I have practiced charity my entire life and experienced vast benefits or fulfillments; however, facing a few obstacles along the way.

My parents educated me to be a kind person and to assist people in need, that is, a neighbor, from the time I was in kindergarten. That's when I realized that a neighbor is anybody in need, and a friend in need is really a friend. I remember dropping a buddy off at school and stopping by our house for a lunch. Even though I was a child, I felt obligated to listen to my classmates' tales and recognize those who needed something that I could supply. Throughout this period, I thought of charity as simply giving goods with people in need. My parents brought me to church, where I was taught in detail about the virtue of charity.

From the church, I learned that charity is the spiritual virtue that enables us to love God before all else for his sake and our neighbors as ourselves for the sake of God. In the bible, Jesus establishes a new law of kindness. By loving his people "to the death," he demonstrates the love of the Father that he gets. By loving each other, Jesus' disciples emulate their love from Jesus. Jesus declares in the gospel states that "as the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. "Just as the Father has loved me, I also have loved you; remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and remain in His love. These things I have spoken to you so that my joy may be in you, and *that* your joy may be made full" (*Holy Bible*, John 15.9). Therefore, charity is the Holy Spirit's fruit and the implementation of the Law as it upholds the precepts

of God and his son Jesus Christ. That way, I learned that the virtue of charity is not just about giving out, but by doing it in the love of God and people for the sake of God.

I've grown as a charitable person through God's compassion and doing what is right for the human race. When I started college, I wanted to be a part of a community that supported people in need. After much thinking, I decided to join the Rotaract club. I am an active member of the club, and my team and I visit children's homes, street families, and the elderly every weekend to provide emotional support as well as food and clothing. I help collect charity products from other students and well-wishers and distribute them to needy families on weekends. Friends and I have been donating food supplies to street families in surrounding cities in Haiti throughout the global pandemic of Covid-19 and the recent Earthquake. When I do this, I am happy because I am fulfilling God's will by loving him first and extending love to others.

There are various advantages to charitable giving. For starters, charity leverages the power of a community. When people band together, they may have a huge impact. Charities depend on little donations from individuals. While large-scale donations are admirable, it is vital to have a group that values charity and the people it helps. These little donations pile up over time. This is clear when each Rotaract member provides a tiny amount of money or clothing items, yet the total donation is significant enough to support over 100 needy families. The power of community illustrates that when people band together and care, change is more than possible. This acts as an example to individuals all across the world and encourages additional philanthropic contributions.

Secondly, practicing the virtue of charity contributes to my emotional well-being. While charity seems to be about selfless giving, contributors get intangible advantages. For me, contributing to the well-being of others fosters sentiments of tranquility, joy, and meaning. These emotions manifest as a more satisfying existence. When individuals

encounter this happiness, they are more inclined to contribute and engage in other capacities (Jiang et al.). When individuals have a purpose, life is better. Finally, the virtue of charity makes me reach other donors who are willing to help the poor but do not know how to start or do not know what issues to address. Because it develops a feeling of connection and purpose, the majority of individuals wish to assist those in their immediate vicinity. However, many are unaware of the gravity of some crises or are unsure how to assist. The virtue has helped me reach many donors who join hands in helping the poor. Charity is significant because it brings attention to concerns and empowers people to take action.

However, there are a number of challenges that I experience when pursuing this virtue. To begin, the problem of trust and transparency intersects with my work. Many individuals are eager to give to my club's efforts to assist the poor families, but they are skeptical of the club's responsibility. This makes some donors even refrain from giving their best (Ferrell-Schweppenstedde). Nevertheless, I offer facts on the prices, expenditures, and effects of every dollar donated to charity work with other Rotaract members. Furthermore, there are instances when I do not have enough means to help others in need. However, when I join forces with others, a little plus a little from other donations quickly adds up to a lot. Finally, time catches up with me, and I am unable to be physically there to demonstrate love to others via the act of giving. To guarantee that I do not lose sight of the ultimate goal, I utilize social media to promote love to the beneficiaries and remotely give finances for sharing.

Finally, I learnt and exercised the virtue of charity from an early age, in kindergarten, Sunday school, and at all levels of education. The church taught me that charity is a method of loving God and others for God's sake. As a result, I've been fulfilling God's goal of caring for my neighbors. With the support of the Rotaract group at School in Haiti, I was able to be charitable to those in need. I have loved the communal solidarity, emotional

well-being, and recruitment of others to engage in the great mission. However, problems like as distrust from other contributors, limited time, and a lack of sufficient finances have limited my ambition to aid more people. However, I continue to overcome the challenges because I have an unwavering desire to serve others.

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