

benevolence:

giving to others' basic needs without having as my motive personal reward

give freely, don't expect

Benevolence n 1: desire to do good to others 2: good will; charity 3: an act of kindness

Benevolence is an active quality. It is not waiting for opportunities to help others, but delighting in the search for ways to meet the needs of those in my home, work, and world community. Benevolence is reaching out to give rather than grasping to keep.

Benevolence is choosing to set aside personal comforts and even personal needs to provide for the needs of others.

True benevolence is giving to meet the needs of others, *with no expectation of return*. It is marked by generosity to those who may be powerless to return the favor.

Benevolence is not giving handouts to those who would misuse them; it is giving to meet genuine needs, and there are many people in the world in genuine need of what you can provide. Benevolence is looking for those with real needs and giving to meet them.

True Benevolence involves much more than writing checks. It is giving a part of your life - a day, a week, even a few hours - to help someone in need. Benevolence is - with the right motives - laying down your life for others in meaningful, practical service.

“Benevolence is the medicine for all ills.” -Sa'di

“That man is worthless who knows how to receive a benefit, but not how to return one.”

-Plautus (c. 200 B.C.)

“Twas her thinking of others made you think of her.”

-Elizabeth Barrett Browning

“Your best resume is not what you write, but how you live.”

-Anonymous

sharing is caring



Benevolence is a sensitive quality – sensitive to the needs and feelings of others. Genuine love is also tough, lending a helping hand to meet others' needs, even in most difficult times.

Benevolence is not a feel good – be nice quality. It is a rugged commitment to the best for someone else. It is preserving determination to find real solutions.

“If your actions are upright and benevolent, be assured they will augment your power and happiness.”
-Cyrus

benevolence vs. selfishness

Benevolence is:

- Seeing the needs of others as quickly as I see my own.
 - Giving freely without expecting anything in return.
 - Not hoarding things for myself.
- Not profiting from the misfortune of others.
- Giving more as I get more.

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From the coordinator

Summer is coming to an end and many of us have enjoyed a relaxing vacation and are heading back to work or school. As we set new goals for the fall, remember to set some personal character goals for yourself, your family, or business.

How is character developed? Character is built into a person's life by the decisions that are made on a moment-by-moment basis.

Each month I hope you will join me

in thinking about each character quality and how we can better incorporate it into our lives. Look for ways to recognize good character in others. Praise character above achievement in your family and among your co-workers. Every step we take in our own lives will help us become a city of character.

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Standard of Benevolence:

- * Suffers long and is kind (kind even in hard times)
- * Does not envy (pleased with happiness of others)
- * Does not exalt itself (focuses on others)
- * Is not "puffed up" (does not get big-headed)
- * Does not act inappropriately (consistent in every situation)
- * Is not selfish

(looks for ways to help others)

- * Is not easily upset (concern for others, not anger)
- * Does not think bad thoughts of others (assumes the best)
- * Does not find pleasure in self (no selfish pursuits)
- * Finds pleasure in truth
- * Bears up without quitting (always looks for success)

-Saint Paul

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Good character is the key to success!