

## “What Are You Doing For Others?”

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In life, we typically find the aspect of giving less appealing than receiving. There's something about getting a shiny new appliance or big flat screen television that brings more joy to us than giving to those who are destitute or less fortunate. These were not the beliefs of the late Martin Luther King.

Dr. King, the civil rights activist of the mid 1900's, was not conceited by any means. He believed that individualism wasn't the way to live. He wanted people to suppress their own selfish and self-centered ways and have more generosity in their hearts. Dr. King, a minister at his church, spoke for civil rights, and he also founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, an American civil rights organization. However, his obligations didn't stop him from taking time out to help not only in communities, but he also impacted the country as well.

In a 1957 sermon, he asked a question to the congregation: “What are you doing for others?” Can we answer that question with an honest reply?

I, myself, believe that doing anything in the community can help us all take a step forward in the future. Countless people believe that working in their community is such a tiring and vapid task. Rather, community service is nothing like that. Lending a helping hand for the good of the community can be a boisterous activity that can bestow one with joy in his/her heart and a smile on his/her face.

There are numerous works one can do for his/her community: volunteering in any way possible, helping clean up your city, being in the big brothers and big sisters program, or even helping out at a homeless shelter. Sometimes we are inundated with our own personal busy schedules that we don't have time. Therefore, we can perform small tasks such as recycling to fulfill our debt to the community. As long as we make an effort to help out, we can go to sleep every night knowing we did help a greater cause other than ourselves. If