

Love, Charity and Kindness

Love, charity and kindness are not trafficable.

They are gifts given with no strings attached.

They are not exchanged for anything.

They are not tradable commodities.

If you have an expectation of something in return for your love, charity and kindness, you are attempting to barter for something you want. Withholding these to extort a specific behaviour from someone else puts an unconscionable lie to all three terms.

The edict is "Love thy neighbour!" It is not "Love thy neighbour as long as he does what you think he ought."

And how many times have you heard it said by the self-righteous almsgivers, in defence of their denial of their charity and kindness, "If I knew he wouldn't spend it on a bottle of wine, I'd gladly give him \$10", or "They'll just blow it on a lottery ticket instead of buying food for the kids."

What that purported almsgiver is really saying is, "I will help you on the condition that you do what I think is good for you."

So, should you be one of those who treats love, charity and kindness as tradable commodities, you may wish to prepare a good defence when it's your turn to hope for love, charity and kindness as you stand before St. Peter at your own tribunal.