

SELFLESSNESS

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Changing the channel today I happen to catch a segment on the Kelly and Michael show called "teacher of the week". I can't say the name of the teacher for sure but she was very blessed with a big heart.

She worked at a school for the "mentally-impaired". They showed her teaching her students in such a understanding way it inspired me to write down these thoughts.

It's no surprise that people can be cruel, petty, indifferent and downright mean. We all know both sides of the coin of being picked on and picking on others. They're also other people like the one mentioned above. Loving, caring, friendly, good, sympathetic and mostly selfless. These people do things to see the pleasure it brings to those they're helping. Are these traits genetic or are they learned in early childhood? What brings about their willingness to help?

And for those that say people want to do the right thing, why isn't we living in a more peaceful world? What hampers the spreading of selflessness? Culture can be a main cause. These good qualities that make a person's character are to be admired, sadly, it's not the case. When we live in a society where it's "eat or get eaten" people will claw and scratch their way to get what they want. There goes civility cut the door. Along with morals and principles, if people still have them now and days. Even in a culture that flourishes with a "cut-throat-mentality" abundant are those who seek to help others with no material compensation at all. A smile is good enough from those they helped and is even worth more than paper money people walk around with and worship.

What a beautiful thing to see isn't it... selflessness, lending a hand to help others. What a better world we will live in if selflessness was more in play. The sad, cold reality is that this isn't enough to bring about true, meaningful change in the world. Conditions must be changed and the

mentality they bring about. Wishing the water to boil will not do any good, we must turn on the stove.