

Anything for Sugar

John Fehlen of Stanwood, Washington, shared this story:

Several men in the locker room of a private exercise club were talking when a cell phone rang. One man picked it up without hesitation and said, "Hello?"

"Honey, it's me," she said.

"Sugar!" he replied.

"I'm at the mall two blocks from the club. I saw a beautiful mink coat. It is absolutely gorgeous! Can I buy it? It's only \$1,500."

"Well, OK, if you like it that much."

"Thanks! Oh, and I also stopped by the Mercedes dealership and saw the new models. I saw one I really liked. I spoke with the salesman, and he gave me a great price."

"How much?"

"Only \$60,000!"

"OK, but for that price I want all the options."

"Great! Before we hang up, there's something else. It might seem like a lot, but, well, I stopped by to see the real estate agent this morning, and I saw the house we had looked at last year. It's on sale! Remember? The beachfront property with the pool and the English garden?"

'How much are they asking?'

"Only \$450,000, a magnificent price, and we have that much in the bank to cover it."

"Well, then, go ahead and buy it, but put in a bid for only \$420,000, OK?"

"OK, sweetie. Thanks! I'll see you later! I love you!"

"I love you, too."



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The man hung up, closed the phone's flap, and raised it aloft, asking, "Does anyone know who this cell phone belongs to?"

It's a funny story, and highlights the impact of generosity – albeit, in this case, with someone else's money!

What, then, is *true* generosity?

Merriam-Webster dictionary defines it as "the quality of being kind, understanding and not selfish." Simpler put is its definition for kids: "Willingness to give or share; an act of unselfish giving."

Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia, states it this way: Generosity is "the virtue of not being tied down by concerns about one's possessions. Generosity leads to charity and forgiveness."

It adds: "Generosity is not solely based on one's economic status, but instead, includes the individual's pure intentions of looking out for society's common good and giving from the heart. Generosity should reflect the individual's passion to help others."



Those definitions are spot-on. And far more than words, generosity is lived out every day by associates of Life Care and Century Park through their actions.

There is one who scatters, yet increases more; and there is one who withholds more than is right, but it leads to poverty. The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself (Proverbs 11:24-25 NKJV).

– Beecher Hunter