

# The FLINT, the SPONGE, the HONEYCOMB

Recently, I read an analogy drawn by Paul Tan, author and editor, which I find true to life.

There are three kinds of givers: the flint, the sponge and the honeycomb.

To get anything from the flint, you must hammer it. And even then, you generally get only chips and sparks. It gives nothing away if it can help it, and even then only with a great display.

To get anything from the sponge, you must squeeze it. It is good-natured. It readily yields to pressure, and the more it is pressed, the more it gives. Still, one must press.

To get anything from the honeycomb, one must only take what flows from it. It takes delight in giving, without pressure, without begging or badgering. It gives its sweetness freely.



There is another difference in the honeycomb. It is a renewable resource. Unlike the flint or sponge, the honeycomb is connected to life – it is the product of ongoing work and creative energy.

One of the reasons honeycomb givers are able to give freely is that they are aware that their lives are continually being replenished. They believe that what they give away will soon be regenerated.

As long as a person is connected to the Source of all giving, he or she can never run dry. When you give freely, you will receive in like manner.

And you will discover that life is sweeter in the process.

And I thank God that the centers operated by Life Care and Century Park are filled with honeycomb givers.

*The drippings of the honeycomb are sweet to your taste (Proverbs 24:13 ESV).*

– Beecher Hunter