

“You often say; I would give, but only to the deserving, the trees in your orchard say not so, nor the flocks in your pasture.

Surely he who is worthy to receive his days and nights is worthy of all else from you. And he who has deserved to drink from the ocean of life deserves to fill his cup from your little stream.

See first that you yourself deserve to be a giver, and an instrument of giving. For in truth it is life that gives unto life-while you, who deem yourself a giver, is but a witness.”

— Kahlil Gibran, *The Prophet*