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Agreeableness

Taking care of others or
 taking care of yourself.

Agreeableness - Introduction:

In earlier paragraphs you were described on a scale that included Taking Care of Others and Taking Care of Yourself. The following paragraphs refine what was described in those preceding paragraphs. You will find below descriptions of three specific character traits that are sub-sets of Taking Care of Others and Taking Care of Yourself. The three describe your qualities of Modesty, Social Integrity, and Generosity.

Generosity - Introduction:

Generosity is both attitude and action. It is an attitude of genuine interest in the well-being of others, and a genuine desire to help them. And generosity is action: taking the time, gathering the resources, delivering the goods. When it comes to taking care of others and taking care of yourself, are you a generous person? The following paragraphs describe what it is like to be more or less generous in your relationships with people you are close to.

Generosity: Your Personalized Description

Some people cheat in the game of relating: one for you, one for me; one for you, one, two for me; one for you, one, two, three for me. With you it's the other way around. While some people try to eek out extra portions or dollars or advantages for themselves, you're busy giving your share away. Not all of it, but more than most would give. You are very generous. You take time - no, you give time - when your friends need your time. And if one of them is in trouble or upside down with pain, you have a way of comforting them that makes a difference: they wind up feeling better because you've come to be with them. Your generosity creates a new math for relationships: one for me, one for you; one for me, one, two for you; one for me, one, two, three for you.

Another thing: this generosity doesn't seem to be a chore for you. You aren't burdened or bothered when you take the time and make the effort. With you, helping others actually seems to energize you, as if it's a way for you to get in touch with who you really are; doing something nice for someone is also doing something nice for yourself. What a unique combination.

What do people mean when they use the phrase, "generous to a fault"? Is there "a fault" in your generosity? It's hard to see it, but maybe there's something to look out for. Two possibilities come to mind. First, you have to be careful that your generosity doesn't keep people from learning to take care of themselves. If you're there in a quick minute with whatever they need, they may not learn to dig deep within themselves and find resources they didn't know they had. In these circumstances your generosity might actually retard their growth. Second, you have to be careful not to deplete your own soul. If you spend what you have until you have nothing left, you may become the emptied-out one, the one with little to give either to yourself or to someone else. Maybe there's a rhythm to generosity that keeps it plentiful: fill yourself, spend yourself, fill yourself, spend yourself. If all you do is spend, you might run out of resources, both for yourself and for others.

But these are just words of caution and take nothing away from the great good your generosity brings to those you care about. Surely your closest friends and your partner are grateful for the way you take care of them. When they're in need, you offer your time and your attention and whatever resources you have. No wonder they're grateful to have such a generous friend.
