SELFLESSNESS IS NOT ALWAYS THE ANSWER

The opposite of selfishness is not selflessness, it is love. So, the question to ask is, how do we make others feel more selfless, but rather it should be “How can I love more?”

DIFFERENCE 1: THE TEST OF TRUTH

It is easy to be selfless towards your family members and close friends, but think about someone you irritate, someone who grates on your nerves, someone who is just plain cranky, and let all those feelings of selflessness quickly vaporise away. It does not take a lot to be selfless when we are well liked, likely to be loved, and are in a situation of giving up (of opinion, of money, of effort). Feeling love that acknowledges what is the right thing to do and then does it, whatever one feels like or not. Again, this is not necessarily a sign of genuine love or genuine selflessness.

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The nature of love

Love is the most profound and power type of love that is not self-generated. It is that reason why we can focus on selflessness alone, we cannot conquer this issue of selfishness – there is the “everyone” aspect to consider which involves the interest of all.

Selflessness counts the cost of what I give up, andlip for others. However, genuine love is not just about living for live itself, it is only when I am clear of what I want. This builds a solid foundation that then leads me to make the necessary sacrifice (the commitment).

In my consulting experience, many organisations focus on selflessness as a measure that brings about a tumultuous performance. This probably brings about a quick improvement. However, the question to ask is whether this change is significant. In addition to the matter of cost, organisation leaders need to go deeper and examine the cause of the company – not what they sell, what they stand for. If not the name of the company and the culture of the organisation?

When we are with likeable folks, it is easy to be selfless. It is not the selflessness of which brings about the transformation, but rather, filling yourself with the right principles that generate the needed strength and stability.

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ORACLE NO. 2: “How can I love more?”

Ask a few iterations of this question until you are satisfactorily. Why are not “What’s in it for me?” – but rather genuine love.

“Beyond one’s self and practice genuine love – is marked by the courage to be transformed by the truth and contrast to selfishness. Is love ever possible in the absence of genuine love. The focus is on love rather than doing the right thing to bring us back on course?”

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ORACLE NO. 4: Pursuing personal agendas

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