

## A Gift to the World: Tolerance, Respect, and Love

**If I could give a gift to the world it would be more tolerance, respect, and love.** I think we have forgotten that we are all the same, and we have lost our humanity and love for each other. Therefore, I wish we would place ourselves in the other's shoes to realize that we have more in common than we think. Especially, I want people to fill their hearts and minds with positive wishes for others. We all have problems and challenges; also, we have dreams and expectations, bad and good days. This life is short, so we need to support each other and make this journey called life the best experience ever together as a team and not as enemies. Then when you read this, go and say I love you to your family, reunite with a friend you haven't seen in a while, forgive, give the hand to someone who needs it, or give a hug or a smile to the person next to you. Believe me, it will change your and somebody's day. **Maria Alejandra Gonzalez Rosario, Colombia**

**If you want to establish a suitable relationship, give gifts.** The prophet Mohammed said: "Give gifts and you will love one another." I got many great gifts from great people, but the best one was a book about Andalus history 4 years ago. This presented book meant a lot to me, both for its value and also because of the person who gave it to me. I think the best gift I have given is doing a last party for my friends who were going to leave America maybe forever. It was a great night and it affected them emotionally. If I had the ability to change the world, I would finish poverty, as Omar Ibn Al Khattab said: "If poverty were a man, I would kill him." **Basil Alshahri, Saudi Arabia**

**The meaning of gifts fluctuates from one person to another.** Some believe gifts should be physical while others think gifts should be emotional. For me, the best gift represents the people in my life, especially my four nephews because of countless reasons. Firstly, I have a sister who is younger than I by three years, but I never had the experience of taking care of young boys or girls in my adult life. So, when we had our first nephew, it was an unusual feeling and a new life that started for me. A strong wave of love has gathered me since that boy was born. I remember how happy I was to have a nephew, and I remember every second in that day, even my emotions. I took care of him and have given him whatever he wants. This love increased cumulatively, as soon as we had another nephew, and kept increasing by the days they lived with us.

Secondly, I think that my nephews brought a rebirth of life to our house, a life of happiness and enjoyment. The way they play in our home, the noise they create, and the fights they have are things we missed since we have grown up, and they bring it with them. I always believe those four boys are like my little brothers or even my sons. They drive me to give them whatever they want: my time, effort, attention, and, of course, my money. These things I give them are unfamiliar to me, but they are unfamiliar in a good way. Finally, I do not believe that I will ever have such great gifts like my four little four boys unless I have my own sons. **Abdulrahman Aljadani (AJ), Saudi Arabia**

**The best gift I have ever received from this life is my friend Shrouq.** As they say, "A friend is a gift you give yourself." It is wonderful to find someone who shares the same interests with you. Shrouq has a profound impact on my life. She fills me with so much happiness, hope, and love. She assists me to see life on the other side.

The best gift I have given is winter clothes for people who need them. I think this was a meaningful gift, especially with this cold weather. They have a right to be warm and safe. Well, if I could give a gift to our world, I would give peace because increasing peace helps to create a sustainable environment and a harmonious society. **Nisreen Aziz, Saudi Arabia**

**Gifts play a crucial role in strengthening relationships.** There are many forms of gifts, some come in a material way, and others come in an emotional or non-material way. One of the best gifts I have ever given to a person was to the doctor who treated my grandfather. When my grandfather was in the hospital, I used to spend a lot of time there accompanying him. During that time, Doctor Anas was responsible for my grandfather's health condition. I used to chat a lot with him when he used to come to check on my grandfather, so our relationship got stronger. Before my grandfather left the hospital, I exchanged numbers with the doctor. However, we did not communicate much after that.

After approximately one year, I received an unexpected call from Dr. Anas. He told me that his brother had gotten in an accident, and the other party in the accident had been taken to the hospital and entered the ICU. Therefore, the police arrested his brother, and locked him up in jail. Since I am a lawyer, he called asking for my help. Long story short, I went to the police station, and argued with the police that what they had done was illegal since the law states that no one should be locked up in prison if the other party in the accident was still alive. Since the other party was still alive, they should release the doctor's brother. After a long argument, the police finally released the brother. When we got out of the police station and the doctor saw his brother, he started to tear up and expressed his gratitude to me. I believe that help and support I provided to the doctor was much more valuable to him than any other material gift. **Omar Alhunti, Saudi Arabia**



**One of my life goals is to leave a legacy that people will remember me by after I am long gone.** Most charities deliver 40-80 cents on the dollar for the cause while spending the rest on overhead costs. Therefore, I am going to establish a fully automated charity program that will deliver 100% of the donation to the cause. Since electricity is one of the most basic life necessities, the donation cause will be paying underprivileged families electrical bills. The donations will go directly to electrical bill accounts. That will be done by establishing collaboration between Saudi Electricity Company and the General Organization for Social Security in Saudi Arabia. If the program succeeds in Saudi Arabia, I will apply it in Arabian Gulf countries. Then I will do a world promotional tour to duplicate the concept in other countries.

**Abdulham Alalshaiikh, Saudi Arabia**

**The best gift that I could give is the spirit of challenge.** Actually, it was not expressed before I got married. Because my mom was a very coercive person, I had to follow her decisions. I didn't know what I wanted or what I could do. That made me passive in my young age. After I got married, I met a new circumstance from my husband. He respected me and supported my decisions. I gradually decided all choices by myself and was responsible for those. Sometimes it led me to failure or success results, but it was worthwhile in helping me find myself. I could step up and see the other side of the wall that I had never have experienced. The most memorable event was that I immigrated to the U.S. I had to challenge new systems of language, study, parenthood and work. Then I realized my heart beat with excitement when I met uncertain situations. And then I focused on what I could do. It made me wake up my potential energy. I enjoy it.  
**In Sun Park, South Korea**



**In our lives there are many blessings that we should be thankful for.** One of them is gifts, whatever they may mean. Last year, I received a wonderful gift from my friend. She just said a few words, but for me, they were exactly what I needed at that time. These words had a special place in my heart, and I will never forget the feeling at that moment. Many gifts are valued by the person who gives them or the time when they received them. If you have a loving family, a loyal friend, a good job or a comfortable home, you have the greatest gift. Appreciation for the simple behavior of others, a nice word, or valuable help is your gift that day. **Salhah Asiri, Saudi Arabia**

**A gift is an item given to your loved ones without compensation, to show them how much you love them.** It doesn't matter its size or its price. The most significant thing is that your gift has meaning that the individual who'll receive your gift can comprehend. Additionally, I can't envisage there's a gift without meaning because a gift without meaning has no value. For me, I've gotten many gifts throughout my life from my closest friends and family, but two months ago, I received a special gift from my life's companion. She had noticed that I dwell in winter clothes, notably hoodies. The next week, without telling me, she sent the biggest blue box in the universe. It had three kinds of winter clothes: hoodies, scarves, socks, and a card that said: "When you closed your mouth, your eyes started talking, and I'm not blind." Because she speaks my language, she knew what I had in my mind. Although she's always one step ahead of me, she won't stop telling me how much she cares. In fact, I can freely admit that I have a unique kind of love for individuals who observe the little things before the grand gestures. She's one of those individuals; consequently, she's unique, and her gift is like her. **Abdulmalik Alghamdi, Saudi Arabia**

**One of the best gifts that I have received is a coffee machine.** I like coffee very much. When I graduated from university, my friend who knows that I like coffee gave it to me gift-wrapped. After that, I was very amazed when I opened my gift. Some people said, "This is just a coffee machine," but for me, it is not just a coffee machine. It means to me I have a friend who knows me very well because she chose a gift which is my favorite. I like people who carefully choose a gift for their friends because it will be a memory of the person who gave the gift.  
**Alhanouf Albalawy, Saudi Arabia**

**This story is funny because this gift was the best but, technically, I couldn't receive it.** The best gift was a trip to Las Vegas, accommodations included, and two invaluable tickets for a concert. Before I received the gift, I knew that the singer was canceling the shows due to health reasons. When I received the tickets, I knew that the chances the show would happen were few. Finally, the show was canceled, and we rescheduled. The worst part is that I received the tickets for the same singer two times, and both times, the concert was canceled. I hope the third time I can go and enjoy the show: "the third time is a charm." **Pablo von der Heide, Argentina**

**A present has a positive impact to build a potent relationship between individuals.** In addition, a present helps to spread joy through a community. I remember a day three years ago when my father gave me a new car because I got high scores in my senior year at university. At that time, I was eager to drive the car, and I had extreme passion to show my own car to my friends. Because I had a special car, my friends decided to make me happier by inviting me to dinner. It was a magnificent day when I gathered with my friends. I think that gift fostered in me a will to succeed in my whole life and granted me a reason to keep going in my work in order to achieve more success. Currently, people need to spread happiness in a community by giving mutual gifts. **Mazen Almohammdi, Saudi Arabia**

**Valuable gifts are not always tangible.** Throughout my life, I have never considered gifts because of their value. I appreciate them because they are "gifts" or because they are from someone whom I love. Among the most valuable things in my life are gifts that are not worth more than three dollars, and some of them are just written lines on small cards, but they are priceless to me. Those were the "seen" gifts, but when it comes to "unseen," I can name many. One of them that I will always be grateful for is a nomination from my teacher to participate in a summer program at a local university. In that program, I gained a lot of knowledge and had many friends. If it were not for that program, I would not know my major or probably I would not be here in the US. **Ibrahim Alrayes, Saudi Arabia**

**The best gift that I have ever had was given me from my daughter a few years ago.** It was my birthday gift. My daughter was about two years old and, I think, at this age, she did not clearly understand what a birthday is and why people congratulate each other and present gifts. My wife said to my daughter that today she had to come up with something, make it by herself and present it to me. I remember how excited she was and how interested in doing this. She took a piece of paper and drew something on it. I still do not know what is portrayed in the picture, but I saved it and I will have it. I have received many different gifts in my life. Some of them were expensive and desired. But the gift from my daughter is the most valuable for me because it was her first gift, one of a kind. **Roman Leonenko, Russia**

**Everyone has a special gift they have received in life.** One of my special gifts that I received was a car from my father. The car was a 2015 Chevrolet Corvette C7 Ao7, a yellow one. It was a birthday gift when I was 19 years old. The car has a V8 engine with a super charge that produced 650 HP. It was an amazing car. However, I am looking forward to having the new generation, a C\* middle-engine 2020. It is the first Corvette with a middle engine in it, and it is a huge change in Chevrolet systems, although they might have the ZR1 as a hybrid car, and also the first one that comes like this. It might produce 900HP or more, who knows. **Rashed Labaan, Saudi Arabia**



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**I have had three beautiful gifts in my life.** First was a gift from my mother. She bought me a beautiful watch because I had finished university. Second, I worked in Tubak pharmacy company and I got married, so I had a gift from my friends in the company, a smart TV. The third gift was when I had a new job in the government as a teacher. My wife gave me a wallet and a cell phone. The best gift was a beautiful watch from my mom, and I still keep it. I like this gift because it was from my mom. My mother cared for me and my family all the time. The watch was a Radio Mark. I kept this watch for fifteen years. I hope to give my mom a big gift in the future. In conclusion, I love my mother so much. Thank you, mom. **Hamza Allrhieli, Saudi Arabia.**

**One of the best gifts I ever got was a game console.** When I was ten years old, my brother bought it for me because I had finished elementary school. I slept with it every night and play with it. Sometimes my friends came to play with me. My best friend likes to play with me. I love it. **Esam Alfaya, Saudi Arabia.**

**One of the best gifts I ever got was a bicycle.** I was six years old and my father bought it for me when I went to elementary school. My neighbor's child had a nice bicycle. I looked at their bicycle and said, « I want this » to my father. He said, « I need to think about it because it's expensive and if you want a bicycle first you need to learn how to ride a bicycle. » A few days later, he taught me how to ride. I failed many times, but two weeks later, I could ride the bicycle. My father went with me to the bicycle store and bought a blue bicycle. I loved it very much, so every day I rode it to school. I loved it because every time now when I see a bicycle k I recollect my father. I had the bicycle three years, but then it was stolen. Now I have a new bicycle, but for me, the first bicycle was number one. I love my first bicycle and I love my father! **Zhen Yang, China**

**My best gift was a house from my mother the first time I went to the United States.** My mother bought a house for me when I was twenty year old. It is very big and warm. There are four bedrooms, one living room, one kitchen, one garage, and one basement. In the living rooms you can see four sofas, one TV, and a coffee table. In the kitchen, you can see a very clean kitchen. In my bedroom, you can see a bed and wardrobe. That's it. In my game room, you can see computer, mouse, and keyboard on the table. Though I live alone now, I still love my house. Thank you, Mom for this gift! **Yang Hu (Swagger), China**

**My favorite gift was a watch.** When I was 10 years old, my father bought me a watch. My father bought me lots of gifts, but the watch was my favorite. I love the watch because it helps me a lot to manage activities. The watch lasted for five years. Each time I use the watch, I remember my father. The watch has a golden color, and it was expensive at that time, and it was useful. I loved it, and it was my favorite gift. **Maryam Aljohani, Saudi Arabia.**

### ***Basic Level Writes***

My wife gave me the wristwatch at the feast for our wedding. I love my wife because she is a great wife. Thank you, my wife.

**Mastour Alsaadi, Saudi Arabia**

My mom gave me PS4 because I finished high school. I love it because she gave it to me. It's fun. Thank you, Mom! **Surayyi Albarra, Saudi Arabia**

My best gift is a laptop. My father gave me a new laptop yesterday. My laptop is big, white, Acer, and very fast, and it has DVD on top of the laptop. I do a lot with my laptop every day. I watch on my laptop a movie every week, and because of this, I like my laptop. Finally, thanks Dad. **Khalid Amar, Saudi Arabia**



**Fifteen years ago, something terrible happened.** One morning when I was a child, my father and I went to the supermarket. We needed some food, so we drove in my father's brand new car. While we were driving, we were talking about visiting my uncle. Suddenly, we got into an accident. Oops! My father wasn't driving very fast, but he wasn't focusing on the road. Then people were gathering, and they said, "Is everything ok?" People wanted to help. I was shocked, and I stayed in our car, but my father ran out of the car to check on the other car. Everyone was fine. Finally, we all drove home. My father advised me that when I drive, I must focus on the road. Driving is not dangerous if you drive safely and slowly. **Ohoud Alsaif, Saudi Arabia**

**When I learned to ski, I fell ninety-nine times.** One day, I went to Aspen with my friends to learn how to ski. That was hard! One of my friends, Tom and I went together up the mountain because Tom taught me to ski. Suddenly, I fell down, and Tom kept skiing. I saw him, but he didn't see me. After that, I remembered Tom told me, "If you fall, ask for help," but I helped myself. I got up to chase Tom. Finally, I caught Tom. In short, life has its ups and downs, but life still goes on, and we can learn from our experiences. **Yazeed Althumairi, Saudi Arabia**

**Six years ago my family was in the hospital.** First, my brother Hamad got into an accident. He was tired while he was driving, and my mother, my aunt, and my grandmother were with him. Then they went to the hospital, and they had a lot of injuries. After that, Hamad came to our house. He was very sick, but he didn't stay in the hospital. Suddenly, the doctor called me and told me about my family. He said, "Your family is safe," but I was still very worried about them. Then I took my brother to the hospital. Finally, I saw my family, and I felt relaxed. In conclusion, you should stop driving if you feel tired. **Meshal Almarri, Saudi Arabia**

**Five years ago, I lost my phone.** I went to a coffee shop with my family. When we arrived there, we sat down, and we required some food. When we finished, we went back to our home. In the morning, my brother noticed I didn't have my phone. Suddenly, I was scared that I lost my phone, and I felt worried. Then I went back to the coffee shop and asked an employee about my phone. He said, "Someone took your phone." The employee thought it was that person's phone. If he knew it was my phone, he wouldn't give him my phone. Finally, I came back to my home. In conclusion, now, I do not put my phone down if I am not in my home. **Nasser Almutairi, Saudi Arabia**

**Last weekend, something terrible happened.** One evening, when I was going to the mall with my daughter, the mall was crowded. Suddenly, I lost my daughter while I was buying toys for her. I was scared because it was the first time she had left me. After that, the police came to me and asked me if I needed help. I said yes, and I was worried about her. Finally, the police found my daughter, and I was thankful to the police. I told my daughter, "Next time don't stray from me" because I was afraid. That was a scary experience with my daughter! **Fatimah Alrashid, Saudi Arabia**

**Driving for Uber is usually a good job.** However, one day I was working for Uber, and I got a customer. The trip was from Denver International Airport to Vail. The weather was great in Denver until I arrived in the mountains. Suddenly, the weather changed. After that, the roads became bad, so I stayed in a Safeway parking lot under the ground because I couldn't go back to Denver. I was so tired. Finally, the next morning, I drove home. A year ago, the weather taught me a lesson. I should check the weather before traveling. **Ahmed Almrabet, Libya**

**Five months ago, I went to Paris with my family, and something happened that my sister regrets.** On the last morning, we went to the park because we wanted to walk around the lake and smell the fresh air. Next, my sister spent all her time taking pictures. After that she put her bag next to a chair. When she finished taking pictures, she walked away. Suddenly, she remembered that she had left her expensive bag on the chair. She ran to the chair, but she didn't find it in the same place. Finally, she was very sad and angry, but she learned to take care of her property. You can learn the same lesson if you remember my sister's experience. **Najla Alshaqha, Saudi Arabia**

### ***Places and People I Love***

**Washington Park in Denver is exciting.** First, to have fun, I went with my friends last month because the weather was good and sunny. In addition, the park looked great. There are many games for children, and there is a lake. There is a basketball court and a tennis court too. Finally, there are many activities. For example, we prepared breakfast together. Then we played together. We walked around the lake, and it was beautiful. However, there were many ducks. In conclusion, you should visit Washington Park. **Munirah Alrashed, Saudi Arabia**

**Dubai is the best city in the world.** First, I went to this city last year because I had vacation. In addition, Dubai is a modern city, and it is very clean. Dubai has the biggest tower in the world, and the biggest mall, named Dubai Mall. Dubai is a crowded city and very noisy. Finally, if you visit this city you can find many activities, but you have to know Dubai isn't cheap. You can go to the beach, swim or go surfing in the sea, or you can walk in the park. In conclusion, I like this city. **Mohammed Alhubishi, Saudi Arabia**

**I have a wonderful mom.** Her name is Cheryl. First, she is beautiful. She has brown hair, and she has brown eyes. Her face is very sweet because she smiles often. In addition, my mom is a very good woman. She works very hard, and she takes care of her family very well. Finally, many activities take my mom's time. She is an international business person. She has enough time to relax too. When she has free time, she likes to go shopping, watch the news, and she loves to travel. She goes to Nepal every year. She went to many different countries already. I love my brave mom, Cheryl. **Sange Sherpa, Nepal**

**My brother's name is Abdullah.** First, he is handsome. He has black hair, and he has a mustache. Abdullah is tall. In addition, he is a good man because he helps many people. Finally, Abdullah works as a physics teacher. He likes to cook kabisa, but he doesn't like to eat sushi. When he has free time, my brother plays tennis. In conclusion, I am writing about my brother now, and I miss him. **Abdulrahman Alharbi, Saudi Arabia**

**Dubai has a wonderful Mall.** First, I visited Dubai Mall one year ago. Dubai Mall is a modern Place. I went there because I bought some things I like. In addition, Dubai Mall is a beautiful place. It's big, and wide. You can see fresh restaurants, but it's very expensive. Finally, people can do many things there. They can shop and drink coffee or eat ice-cream. The children must go there because it's an enjoyable place. When I have free time, I drink coffee there. In conclusion, you should visit Dubai Mall because you can enjoy yourself there. **Samahr Alqurashi, Saudi Arabia**

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