

## Title: Benefits of Intellectual Aid

Knowledge is best and more appropriate gift to help instead of material goods. The recipient of the material goods can enjoy them only for a short while.

Knowledge makes people more independent. Knowledge is also linked with the development. It helps one to become self sufficient.

It is better to teach a man the art of fishing instead of giving fish. ~~perhaps~~ <sup>perhaps</sup> a small amount of material good will assist in increasing knowledge. At the cost of material good for one man, hundred men can equip with the knowledge of using means of production.

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Make a precis of the following passage, and suggest a suitable title:

The best aid to give is intellectual aid, a gift of useful knowledge. A gift of knowledge is infinitely preferable to a gift of material things. There are many reasons for this. Nothing becomes truly 'one's own' except on the basis of some genuine effort or sacrifice. A gift of material goods can be appropriated by the recipient without effort or sacrifice; it therefore rarely becomes 'his own' and is all too frequently and easily treated as a mere windfall. A gift of intellectual goods, a gift of knowledge, is a very different matter. Without a genuine effort of appropriation on the part of the recipient there is no gift of knowledge, is a very different matter. Without a genuine effort of appropriation on the part of the recipient, there is no gift. To appropriate the gift and to make it one's own is the same thing, and neither moth nor rust doth corrupt. The gift of material goods makes people dependent, but the gift of knowledge makes them free. The gift of knowledge also has far more lasting effects and is far more closely relevant to the concept of 'development'. Give a man a fish, as the saying goes, and you are helping him a little bit for a very short time, teach him the art of fishing, and he can help himself all his life. Further, if you teach him to make his own fishing net. You have helped him to become not only self-supporting, but also self-reliant and independent, man and businessman.

This, then should become the ever-increasing preoccupation of the generous supply of the appropriate intellectual gifts, of relevant knowledge on the methods of self-help. This approach, incidentally, has also the advantage of being relatively cheap of making money go a long way. For 100/- you may be able to equip one man with certain means of production, but for the same money you may well be able to teach a hundred men to

equip themselves. Perhaps a little pump priming by way of material goods will in some cases, be helpful to speed the process of development. (E.F. Schumacher)

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