Why Should We Be Generous? Generosity is a likable, praiseworthy quality. Actually, this quality brings out several other qualities. To be generous is to be magnanimous, and to be magnanimous is to be courageous. Magnanimity and courage are both a kind of remarkable manliness. We can probably assess generosity correctly if we contemplate its opposite: namely, meanness. Thus, we could determine whether it would be in one's interest to be generous. Generosity implies open-mindedness. A generous person is one who not only spends freely but also looks at life without fanaticism or narrow-mindedness. He is a giver intellectually and materially. A generous person has refined morals, self-elevation, and extroversion; however, a miser is mean, low, spiteful, hateful, and jealous. He is not aware of any open-mindedness. As a matter of fact, generosity accompanied by ignorance is more beautiful in the eyes of others than meanness accompanied by knowledge. People should aim at possessing loveable qualities and shun bad qualities. However, over-generosity is also a kind of folly. Irrational spending without taking the future into account might lead one to financial crises, which one could avoid through thought and wise reflection. Why should one be a tenant if one could be an owner? Why should one live worried if one could live in felicity and tranquility? In this regard, one should observe moderation. It is not generous to spend all that one has and then squat, contemplating what could be done to face the rest of our future life, the rest of the year, or even the rest of the month. In fact, all that we would like to assert is that one should be generous and shun meanness, which involves many bad qualities. Such qualities, I think, make one treasonous, cowardly, and immoral, which is not strange, because meanness is the opposite of magnanimity.