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## Eight Degrees of Charity from the Least to the Most Meritorious (Mishneh Torah)

8. Giving grudgingly;
7. Giving cheerfully, but less than you should;
6. Giving after being solicited;
5. Giving without being solicited;
4. Giving to a recipient unknown to you who knows you;
3. Giving to a recipient you know who does not know you;
2. Giving to an unknown recipient who does not know your identity; and
1. Helping a needy person become self-supporting by a gift, loan, or entering into partnership with or providing work for him or her.