



GROUPS

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Groups

I can share,
take-turns, trade,
or give.

Builder or Wrecker

Builder or Wrecker?

by Edgar Guest

I watched them tearing a building down,
A gang of men in a busy town.
With a ho-heave-ho and lusty yell,
They swung a beam and a sidewall fell.

I asked the foreman, "Are these men skilled,
The men you'd hire if you had to build?"

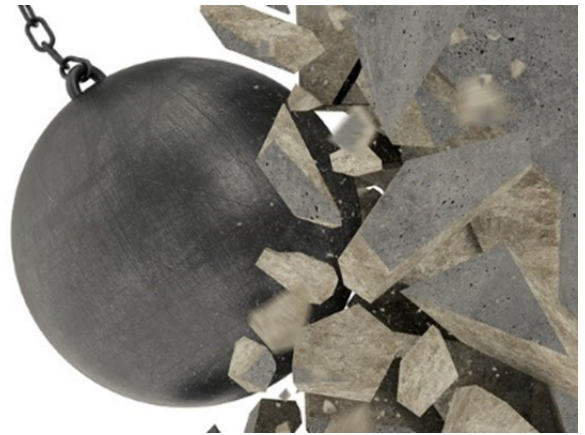
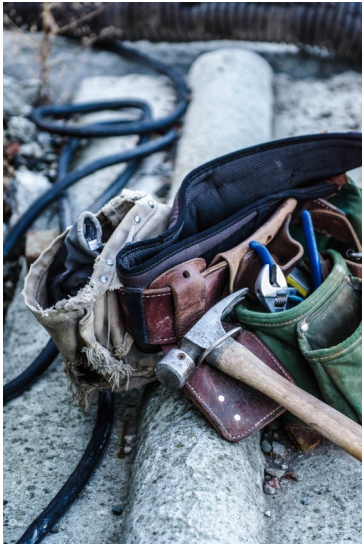
He gave me a laugh and said, "No indeed!
Just common labor is all I need.
I can easily wreck in a day or two
What builders have taken a year to do."

And I thought to myself as I went my way,
Which of these two roles have I tried to play?

Am I a builder who works with care,
Measuring life by the rule and square?
Am I shaping my deeds by a well-made plan,
Patiently doing the best I can?

Or am I a wrecker who walks the town,
Content with the labor of tearing down?

Builder of Wrecker?



Lessons from Geese

Lesson One: Work as a team.

Lesson Two: Let others help you.

Lesson Three: Take turns.

Lesson Four: Encourage others.

Lesson Five: Care about others.

Unwritten Rules

Tattle Battle Pledge

If a friend is sick, hurt,
or in harm's way,
then telling someone is okay!

Unless its sickness, danger,
Or bullying I see,
I will mind my own business
and worry about me.

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Groups Quotes

“If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.”— Mother Teresa

“Love only grows by sharing. You can only have more for yourself by giving it away to others.”— Brian Tracy

“The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away” – Pablo Picasso

“Happiness doesn’t result from what we get, but from what we give.” – Ben Carson

“No one has ever become poor by giving.” – Anne Frank

“Never get tired of doing little things for others, sometimes those little things occupy the biggest parts of their hearts.”
– Unknown

“Generosity is giving more than you can, and pride is taking less than you need.” - Kahlil Gibran

“Sometimes when we are generous in small, barely detectable ways, it can change someone else’s life forever.”
– Margaret Cho

“What I spent I had; what I saved I lost; what I gave, I have.” – German motto

“No person was ever honored for what he received. He was honored for what he gave.” – Calvin Coolidge

“I must be willing to give whatever it takes to do good to others. This requires that I be willing to give until it hurts.” –
Mother Teresa

“Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times
you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can.” – John Wesley

“You will discover that you have two hands. One is for helping yourself and the other is for helping others.” – Audrey
Hepburn

Scriptures for Conflict

2 Corinthians 12:10 - Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

Matthew 25:40 - And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done [it] unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done [it] unto me.

Isaiah 29:20 - For the terrible one is brought to nought, and the scorner is consumed, and all that watch for iniquity are cut off:

Mark 10:14 - But when Jesus saw [it], he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

Matthew 7:1 - Judge not, that ye be not judged.

John 12:48 - He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

Jude 1:4 - For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 59:7 - Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts [are] thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction [are] in their paths.

Books for Group Play and Work

- *Swimmy*, by Leo Lionni
- *The Juice Box*, by Maria Dismondy
- *Farmer Duck*, by Martin Waddell
- *Stone Soup*, by John J. Muth
- *Officer Buckle and Gloria*, by Peggy Rathmann
- *The Junkyard Wonders*, by Patricia Polacco
- *The Big Enormous Turnip*, by Hellen Oxenbury
- *The Secret Life of the Red Fox*, by Laurence Pringle
- *Tractor Mac Teamwork*, by Billy Steers
- *Up the Creek*, by Nicholas Oldland
- *How the Crayons Saved the Rainbow*, by Monica Sweeney

Groups Hymn Study

Complete the following hymn study routine for “Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing”

(This hymn is public domain. Simply Google the title for music and words. A link to a pdf copy is on the blog under Habits of Friendship, links for Groups)

1. Copy the words to the hymn in your best handwriting. Write each verse on its own stanza.
2. Google the hymn title and read about the history of the hymn. Write/narrate a short summary of the history.
3. Sing all the verses of the hymn.
4. If you play an instrument, learn to play the hymn.
5. Talk about what this hymn teaches you about sharing, caring, and leading others to do the same.