

# FAIR

## *Is life fair?*

*Yes, life is fair.* We get what we give, we get what we focus on, and we get what we deserve.

But, it sure appears otherwise, to me and to you. Some things happen, bad things happen to good people, and we don't understand them. They defy logic and fairness. Only faith can carry us through those times and thoughts.

While there are many things we see as unfair, often we can look back at the seeds we planted, by our actions, that resulted in the unfairness. Most things do not happen out of the blue. Looking back we can see the actions that brought us to the result.

Then, there are the unfair things we can't understand or justify. Often, they lead us and others to new learning, new actions, and new value for ourselves and others. The unfair thing leads us to making the world a better place. So, was that unfair thing unfair, or a subconscious self sacrifice in the greater scheme of life itself? I'd like to think so.

A friend was reflecting on how a group of people were so lowly paid for a lot of work and the unfairness of it. I explained that those people did not have to take that job or stay in it. They could move on. We can all move on, change, and go for something we feel is better for us. Therefore, it was fair. It was fair in that some of the people stayed for years and enjoyed it in spite of the low wages. Life and working is more than just the wage.

You get what you give. Life is a balance but it is not balanced each and every day. It is balanced over time. Just know it is balanced.

You can be cheated. But, only if you cheat yourself. You cheat yourself by giving less than your best effort for what you do. Not making an effort, not perfecting your craft, not giving an honest days work is all ways you cheat yourself. You might think you are cheating others, but you are cheating yourself.

Do more than you are paid for and you will find yourself paid for more. Do more and you will have more satisfaction and sense of accomplishment. The joy and the reward is in the doing. It's the doing.

Look back over your life. List the unfair things that happened to you. Then list the things that happened that were good or great that just sort of happened without you making an real effort. Balanced? I bet you will be surprised if you take the time to reflect on it.

Knowing life is fair should help to motivate yourself to always do your best, always strive to learn and grow at whatever you are doing. Your rewards are waiting for you to claim them.

Know life is fair and know you can do and be more and you will be rewarded. But, first is the effort, the work, and the satisfaction in knowing you did your best, you gave you best to whatever you are doing. You'll get what you deserve, just as the farmer gets what he planted and cultivated.