

# Giving, Getting and Participating

Giving – Assisting [Caring, Sharing, Belonging]

Contentment

Through Living Empathetically

For Others,

Exhibiting Altruism,

Selfless.

Getting – Achieving [Power, Wealth, Reputation]

Accomplishment

Through Living Competitively

Among Others,

Maximizing Personal Gain,

Self Centered.

Participating – Cooperating [Recognition, Contribution, Progress]

Satisfaction

Through Living Responsibly

With Others,

Seeking Communal Goals,

Self Control.

Participating Is the Middle Road

With All Parties

Making Inevitable Forays To and Fro

Toward Giving or Getting

Depending on Circumstances,

Self Shifting.

Our Categories,

Variation Is the Norm

In Reality's Flexible Continuum.

Ideal – Respectful Balance!

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