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Dear Shatin Tsung Tsiners,

Willing to serve

Nowadays, it is very common in Hong Kong to have a domestic helper in each family. If you happen to have one or more helpers for the past few years, you may have been able to observe they possess the qualities like self-discipline, thoughtfulness, trustworthiness, self-motivation and willingness to serve. Your observation will naturally affect how you feel about them, which in turn affects your evaluation of their working performance. Sometimes, whether a domestic helper can renew a contract or not depends on the recommendation of the children she has been looking after in the last two years. How important you are! How about your service at school, in church and in other organizations? Are you being considered an asset or a liability to the organization you are serving? Are you really willing to serve?

God bless me. I have been employing domestic helpers since 2005. The first and second helpers both worked for about one and a half years. The first one resigned because of homesickness, whereas the second one resigned due to getting a good job as a domestic helper in Canada. She was really smart, efficient and good at English. She helped me a lot. The third one worked diligently for two years and returned to the Philippines to get married. The fourth one worked for half a year as she missed her baby boy. The current one has been working for me for about six years, and she is willing to renew her contract. In the past eleven years, I have enjoyed the service of five different helpers. All of them have been willing to serve, even though they showed different abilities. In particular, the current helper is the most loyal one. She always tries her best to complete the task I have assigned her. She never gives up. She will ask for advice or even assistance in case she cannot finish the job herself. She cares for us and is really hardworking. I will certainly recommend her should she try for a better job! How about you? Do you serve others in order to get something in return, or because it is the right thing to do?

My son is also willing to help. Sometimes, he is too willing to help. For instance, whenever he discovers that I am fixing something at home, be it changing the button cell for an electronic watch, changing electric bulbs or finding the charger of my cell phone, he will immediately give me a helping hand, such as getting suitable tools for me. In fact, I would prefer him to focus on his assignment instead! Despite this, I am proud of having such a son, who is willing to help instinctively.

Sometimes, I wonder how we would feel and how this world may change if everyone is willing to serve and help others in such a way that they can get a balanced use of their time and resources. Should we set this as one of our goals in future?

Yours sincerely,
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