



## Volunteers Week 3rd - 9th June

The Gift of Time Is Priceless  
A Tribute to Volunteers

- V** Valuable is the work you do,
- O** Outstanding is how you always come through.
- L** Loyal, sincere, and full of good cheer,
- U** Untiring in your efforts throughout the year.
- N** Notable are the contributions you make,
- T** Trustworthy in every project you take.
- E** Eager to reach your every goal,
- E** Effective in the way you fulfil your role.
- R** Ready with a smile like a shining star,
- S** Special and wonderful - that's what you are.

..... Anonymous

Dedicated To All Oshwal Volunteers

### DO IT BECAUSE IT'S YOUR DUTY

US President Harry Truman, during his tenure had to make some difficult and unpopular decisions like dropping the Atomic Bomb. Twice. The Berlin Airlift. The Korean War. Desegregating the Armed Forces. Nationalizing steel mills during a labour strike. It is not surprising that Harry Truman was a tremendously unpopular president

Marcus Aurelius, a Roman Emperor born nearly two millennia ago and subsequently leader of one of the most powerful empires in human history. Marcus Aurelius, for his part, has been largely overlooked by historians in this regard because his reign was defined, not by the blessings of fortune, but by massive problems outside of his control: A border war. A coup. A pandemic. Plans for succession interrupted by tragedy.

A quote which prophesied the fate of all kings, "to earn a bad reputation by good deeds." Is applicable to Marcus Aurelius. As a leader, or as someone aspiring to leadership, it's important to know this going in: You will not be showered with praise for doing the right thing; you will not be given the benefit of the doubt for making hard, but necessary, choices.

On the contrary, the knaves will twist your words to make a trap for fools. You will be attacked. You will have your motives questioned. You will not be appreciated. Not now, maybe not even until long after you're gone (like Truman eventually was) or ever. But should this stop you? No, it should not. It cannot. Because you must do what is right, what is best. For you and for those who need your leadership.

We do what's right because it's right. Because we are the leader. **Because it is our duty. As stated in the Bhagavadgita, Lord Krishna to Arjuna to do "one duty without attachment." The rest doesn't matter.**

**People are unreasonable, illogical, and self-centred. Love them anyway  
If you do good, people will accuse you of ulterior motives. Do good anyway  
If you are successful, you win false friends and true enemies. Do good anyway  
The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway  
Honest and frankness make you vulnerable. Be honest and frank anyway  
What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight. Build anyway  
Give the best you have, and you'll get kicked in the teeth  
Give the world the best you've got anyway.**