Should We Give Money to The Homeless People?

Not everyone who begs is homeless and not all the homeless people beg for a living.

he ones who are suffering from extreme poverty or <u>acute</u> medical conditions will only consider <u>dehumanizing</u> themselves in front of the strangers for a penny or two. They do not need <u>hatred</u> or pity; they need acceptance and kindness.

Should we give money to the homeless people? The short answer is No, the long answer is yes.

It <u>unquestionably</u> is an <u>individual</u> choice whether they would like to offer <u>monetary</u> <u>aid</u> to the homeless.

There is a widespread misconception that homeless people **spend** money **on** alcohol and drugs which is only partly true. Some desperately need it for medications or psychiatric help. Others are collecting money to find a **descent** room for one night or food for the day.

Begging is not a shortcut to easy money and if you assume so, try it for yourself. Getting humiliated by thousands of strangers for a dollar or two is soul crushing. If people are desperate enough to beg, they need the money badly.

Not all the <u>needs</u> of homeless <u>can be met</u> through the government organizations and corporations. We, as a society have a corresponding responsibility to help our <u>fellow</u> <u>citizens</u> living on the streets.

Should we worry what they spend the money on? Do we care when we give tips where that money would be spent on?

Once the money has been handed out, can we hold another person answerable to where he/ she spends it? The answer is No. Every human being has a choice to put in his/her money wherever they want.

Who are we to judge the homeless people when we ourselves look forward to getting drunk on Friday nights to cope up with the Monday <u>blues</u>?

The real problem is we cannot distinguish between the real victims of an economic system and the con artists who **prey on** (to hunt) the human kindness and compassion.

Let us continue to give, but wisely. Giving does not constitute only things, a smile, a reassuring word, and a hug counts; immensely.