

## Essay from the bald pastor

### #128 - A Cool Garbage Collector –

One of the things that surprised me in the U.S. is the size and the design of garbage trucks. Their bodies are a lot bigger than those of their Japanese counterparts. They use their front arms that look like stag beetle's jaws to empty trash out of gigantic dumpsters and use smaller side arms for household trash bins. Their movements remind me of Judo flips.

A 5-year-old boy named Daniel from Ojai, CA loves those garbage trucks. He is autistic. Despite his condition, he anxiously waits for the truck for hours on the collection day and, as soon as it arrives, he storms out of the house and waves at it with enthusiasm. His father, Daniel, happily watches his son's face brighten up while his mother, Robin, forgets about their adversities and videotapes the event. This has become a family routine.

But one day, something different happened. The driver of the truck turned off the engine and stepped out holding a big bag. His name was Manuel. He approached Daniel and pulled a garbage truck toy out of the bag. As it turned out, the toy was exactly the same one that Daniel accidentally broke after getting it as a Christmas gift from his parents the year before. Delighted, Robin posted the story on Facebook. It spread through word of mouth and even made it to the news, making Manuel a hero without himself knowing it.

***Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant***

**Mark 10:43**

Manuel's action demonstrates exactly what this verse means. He just did what he could out of good will. Evidently, anyone can be a hero by loving and helping others. This event brought comfort to Robin's heart and encouraged her to start "The Gift," a website for parents of autistic child. Now, it's her turn to help others. We shall follow footsteps of Jesus Christ who sacrificed himself on the cross for man's sins and become a giver ourselves. That will make us all heroes.

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