Sacred Giving: How?

- Even a poor person who is kept alive by Tzedakah funds must give tzedakah from what he receives.  
  *Shulchan Aruch*  
  *Yoreh De’ah* 248:1

- There was a Secret Chamber in the Temple where pious people would leave money in secret, and those who had become poor would come and take in secret.  
  *Mishnah Shekalim* 5:6

- If a person convinces others to give, his reward is even greater than when simply giving by himself.  
  *Shulchan Aruch*  
  *Yoreh De’ah* 249:5

- Rabbi Yannai once saw a man give Tzedakah to a poor man in public. He said to him, “It would have been better not to give, than giving as you did, causing him shame.”  
  *Chagiga* 5a

- A penny here and a penny there add up to a great sum.  
  *Nachman of Bratslav*

- R. Joshua b. Korha said, “He who closes his eyes to a request for charity is considered as one who worships idols.’  
  *Bava Batra* 10a

- A Jew should give charity to poor non-Jews.  
  *Rambam, Mishneh Torah*  
  *Gifts to the Poor* 7:7

- R. Eleazar stated 'The reward of charity depends entirely upon the extent of kindness in it.'  
  *Sukkah* 49a
The above texts about tzedakah say a lot. They also contain invisible ethical messages. Read the invisible ethical messages listed below. Analyze and interpret each invisible ethical message and place the number of the invisible ethical message after each of the texts above that contain the value found in that particular invisible ethical messages:

1. *Tzedakah* is about the dignity of the recipient.
2. *Tzedakah* is about the dignity of the donor.
3. Limited means doesn’t matter in the world of *tzedakah*.
4. We should be models of *tzedakah*-behavior.
5. The donor and the recipient of *tzedakah* are rewarded.
7. In the matter of giving *tzedakah*, the way you give counts!
8. There is a balance of needs that have to be taken into account when giving *tzedakah*.
9. *Tzedakah* is not just about money.
10. *Tzedakah*: You must do it!

**Note:** Each text may have more than one applicable statement; some will have several.