
Subject: Re: something you may not know
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Quote:That doesn't make any sense. In fact, its insulting the way you put it.

How is the rewarder expecting anything out of the rewarded?

If I ran a server, how is me giving a reward to people who donate to the server translate into them expecting a reward? Why should MY thank you gift be considered extortion on THEIR part?

The server owners are giving the people who donate rewards of THEIR own free will. The people who donate aren't expecting a thing unless it was advertised that they would get something.

Come now, don't be naive. Word catches on that if you donate, you'll get certain perks and advantages. It's not like "Hey n00bstories, I see you're doin' it tough so I thought you could use some cash because I'm such a decent guy/girl...oh, whats that, a reward? Oh wow, gee, I didn't expect that, thanks!"

As you say, the aforementioned benefits you get after donating are "unexpected rewards" for such generosity; therefore, the merit in donating to the server, is indeed in the act of donating itself, because of the caring and generous qualities that some possess.

However, I'd wager that 50% or more of the people who donated KNEW about the rewards. This certainly does throw a spanner in the works. It no longer becomes a simple act of generosity, even if you do care about the server; because as you decide to, or not to donate; you can't help but think of the "reward" you will get if you do, thus making one more inclined to donate.

I'd also wager that if you gave rewards to some, but withheld from others, you would get complaints such as "How come I don't get a purchase discount, why can't I do this, I donated didn't I?"

Imo, the real reward from donating is not one given to you. It comes from within. It's the satisfaction gained by knowing that the money you gave is allowing you and others collectively to have a good time together on a server you care about. It's the ability to see the community and fellow players you've known over ren for years to still stick around, and not fall apart or lose contact because the server needed a few bucks to stay online but nobody donated. Finally, I think every player should feel obliged or at least have the smallest iota of an inclination to contribute something to those who's time and effort goes into keeping the server we all play on for free; online.

Call what I wrote above too serious or what have you, but it's my opinion on what giving, and donating is all about. You don't expect rewards in return, thus we should not get any; because we don't need them. The server's owe us NOTHING. We owe them.

Obviously the reward system is just an incentive to donate, because the real qualities needed in people to donate is lacking. Sure, there are those who donate without knowing of, or expecting

rewards, and hats off to those people.

So in closing, giving people advantages like this on the server; I feel, is the wrong way to go about it. I'll reiterate it again

- You don't need, nor should you expect a reward(s) for donating to a Rene Server so that it may stay online.

-Donating is an act of charity, because you CARE about the server; and acknowledge that there are people who give up countless hours and \$ to give you one to play on for free. It's not about donating for/chances of getting rewards.
