Buddhist Tale:

There was once a very kind man and a very greedy man.  As they were walking together, they stumbled across a Deity.  He promised the men that he would grant each of them the wish of either giving or receiving all the time.  The very kind man said he wanted to give all the time, while the greedy man said he wanted to receive all the time.

Which would you choose?

The Deity said "Okay," to the kind man, "I will make you a billionaire so you will have plenty of chances to give to others."

Turning to the greedy man, he said, "I will make you a beggar on the streets, so that you will have plenty of chances to receive."

Think about this story the next time you are giving or receiving a gift.