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Spreading Equality, Unity, and Justice

Civil rights are the privileges people have to guarantee their individuality, safety, and freedom. After a lot of conflicts, civil rights were given to almost everybody in the U.S. in 1964. One of the many people who helped get these rights for everyone was Martin Luther King Jr. He tried very hard to spread equality and unity amongst people.

One of the ways King helped spread equality was to organize non-violent events to make the issues known. He led a well-known peaceful protest in Montgomery where people boycotted the bus system because of the segregation on the buses. King himself, said,

“... We are not here advocating violence. ... The only weapon we have...
is the weapon of protest.” (Garrow, World Book Online)

This means that King wanted to change the behaviors of others in a way that was nonviolent. He wanted the world to change not out of fear but out of a change of heart. Unfortunately, in today's society, people usually use violence to solve their issues. Some people protest violently by tearing down historical buildings and statues. They also shout at people and use force to get what they want without a thought about how they are treating others.

King helped spread love by treating people, no matter their skin color, with equal respect. He also taught people that using violence and being spiteful will not get you anything. Instead, he taught people that being reasonable and nonviolent is the best way to get your point across and to get change. He always loved people no matter what

they looked like. He very much pushed for a society that was free of discrimination, and in some ways, he succeeded. Society, today, isn't as racist as it was back then, but we still have a long way to go. There is discrimination against minorities like Hispanics, African Americans, Asian Americans, Native Americans, Arabs, and many other minorities. There is also discrimination against religions and who people love. These are things that should not be other people's business.

King also helped spread unity by bringing together the different races to advocate for social justice for African Americans and people of color. He always allowed and loved when White people and different races helped alongside Blacks to fix the discrimination against them. He held speeches and peaceful protests that anyone could have attended. He promoted equality by letting anyone help out with the Civil Rights movement. Even today, there is much more unity between people of different races and ethnicities than in the past. As well as protests for some of the unjust treatments against people of color.

King, even in his short lifetime, helped spread so much love, unity, justice, and equality. He never once gave up and it paid off. He helped develop some of the nondiscriminatory policies we still have and use today. He helped make a fair and just society by proving that skin color should not have an effect on what people can and can't do.

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