

A Kind of Thing
vs.
The Kind Thing

Facing another's need,
indifference
is a kind of thing,
but involvement
is the kind thing
to manifest.

Responding to a request,
surliness
is a kind of thing,
but mellowness
is the kind thing
to express.

Conducting a transaction,
manipulation
is a kind of thing,
but helping
is the kind thing
to show.

Talking to others,
debate
is a kind of thing,
but dialogue
is the kind thing
to engage in.

In all our interactions,
therefore,
people of the Gospel
do not display just
any kind of thing—
arising from selfishness—
but the kind thing—
rooted in service.

