

PACKRAT

Synonyms: obsessive, retentive, collect, hoarder, stingy

He is the type who saves everything, neatly filing it away because there's a possibility he might need it some day.

This is not the type of person who gives freely. When he gives a gift you can be sure a string is hidden somewhere; there is always a price to pay.

If you look at her desk you are likely to find a neat 'to-do' list that she carefully updates at the end of each day.

His room is filled with junk because he cannot bear to part with anything.

She collects everything--bits of paper, pennies, people. Her fear of letting anything go stems from high control needs.

His dread of giving up anything prompts the writer to hang on to old relationships that have long outlived their usefulness.

Her propensity for not letting go extends to money. Friends may accuse her of being stingy when she always opts for McDonalds when they would rather splurge on some fine dining.

When a decision needs to be made, he tends to consider the options for so long that they become out of date. In other words, he studies the bus schedule so thoroughly that he misses the bus.

A lack of generosity keeps this individual from sharing himself, his ideas and his time. He is unlikely to go the "extra mile."