

Filling one's day with sadaqah (voluntary charity)

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Taken from the works of Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)

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With regards to being able to give sadaqah even if you have little wealth to give, the Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)¹ comments:

So he (صلى الله عليه وسلم)² said:

Indeed every tasbeeh is a sadaqah...

Meaning: if you say "subhaan Allaah" (سبحان الله) (how free is Allaah of all imperfections!) then it is a sadaqah.

...and every takbeer is a sadaqah...

If you say Allaahu akbar (الله اكبر) then this is a sadaqah.

...and every tahmeed is a sadaqah...

If you say Alhamdulillah (الحمد لله) then this is a sadaqah.

...and every tahleel is a sadaqah...

If you say laa ilaaha ill Allaah (لا اله الا الله) then it is a sadaqah.

...and commanding with the good is a sadaqah...

If you command someone whom you see is falling short in something from the acts of obedience, then it is a sadaqah.

...and forbidding from an evil is sadaqah...

If you see a person upon an evil and you forbid him, then it is a sadaqah.

Those impoverished people were able to perform these matters which the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) mentioned, saying that they were a sadaqah. So you (should) fill the time with tasbeeh and takbeer and tahleel and tahmeed and commanding the good and forbidding the evil, and all of them are acts of sadaqah.

¹ (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² (صلى الله عليه وسلم) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

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And it may be that the wealthy people do not give sadaqah every day; and if they gave sadaqah in the day they would not completely fill the day with sadaqah; and (yet) you are able to this (by making these words of dhikr).

(Sharh al Arba'een an-Nawawee (pp 252) of Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ))