

Virtue of Sadaqah (charity)

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Allaah says:

- [O you who believe! Spend of that with which We have provided for you, before a Day comes when there will be no bargaining, nor friendship, nor intercession. And it is the disbelievers who are the Zaalimoon (wrongdoers)]¹
- [The likeness of those who spend their wealth in the way of Allaah, is as the likeness of a grain (of corn); it grows seven ears, and each ear has a hundred grains. Allaah gives manifold increase to whom He wills. And Allaah is All-Sufficient for His creatures' needs, All-Knower.]²
- [Those who spend their wealth in the Cause of Allaah, and do not follow up their gifts with reminders of their generosity or with injury, their reward is with their Lord. On them shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve]³
- [O you who believe! Spend of the good things which you have (legally) earned, and of that which We have produced from the earth for you, and do not aim at that which is bad to spend from it, (though) you would not accept it save if you close your eyes and tolerate therein. And know that Allaah is Rich (Free of all needs), and Worthy of all praise]⁴
- [Believe in Allaah and His Messenger (Muhammad), and spend of that whereof He has made you trustees. And such of you as believe and spend (in Allaah's way), theirs will be a great reward]⁵
- It was narrated that Aboo Hurairah (*May Allaah be pleased with him*) said: The Messenger of Allaah (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him*) said:

¹ Soorah al-Baqarah [2:254]

² Soorah al-Baqarah [2:261]

³ Soorah al-Baqarah [2:262]

⁴ Soorah al-Baqarah [2:267]

⁵ Soorah al-Hadeed [57:7]

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“Whoever gives charity equal to a date from good (Halaal) earnings – for Allaah does not accept anything but that which is good – Allaah will take it in His right hand and tend it for the one who gave it as any one of you tends his foal, until it becomes like a mountain.”⁶

- It was narrated from Aboo Hurairah (*May Allaah be pleased with him*) that the Prophet (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him*) said:

“There is no day on which the people get up but two angels come down and one of them says, ‘O Allaah, give in compensation to the one who spends (in charity),’ and the other says, ‘O Allaah, destroy the one who withholds.’”⁷

- It was narrated that Aboo Sa’eed al-Khudree (*May Allaah be pleased with him*) said: The Messenger of Allaah (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him*) went out – on ‘Eed al-Fitr or ‘Eed al-Adha – to the prayer place, and when he had finished (the prayer) he preached to the people and enjoined them to give charity. He said, **“O people, give in charity!”** Then he went over to the women and said, **“O women, give in charity for I have seen that you are the majority of the people of Hell.”** When he went home, Zaynab the wife of Ibn Mas’ood came seeking permission to see him. It was said, “O Messenger of Allaah, here is Zaynab.” He said, **“Which Zaynab?”** It was said, “The wife of Ibn Mas’ood.” He said, **“Yes, let her in.”** So they let her in and she said, “O Prophet of Allaah, today you enjoined charity, and I have some jewellery which I wanted to give in charity, but Ibn Mas’ood claims that he and his child have more right to receive it in charity.” The Prophet (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him*) said: **“Give it in charity to Ibn Mas’ood, for your husband and your child have the most right that you should give it to them in charity.”⁸**

- It was narrated from Aboo Hurairah (*May Allaah be pleased with him*) that the Messenger of Allaah (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him*) said:

“Allaah said: ‘Spend, O son of Adam, and I shall spend on you.’”⁹

And Allaah is the Source of strength

⁶ Narrated by al-Bukhaaree, 1344; Muslim, 1014.

⁷ Narrated by al-Bukhaaree, 1374; Muslim, 1010.

⁸ Narrated by al-Bukhaaree, 1393; Muslim, 80.

⁹ Narrated by al-Bukhaaree, 5073; Muslim, 993.