



IN THE NAME OF ALLAH THE MOST GRACIOUS, THE MOST MERCIFUL

## SADAQAH - DOES IT INCREASE WEALTH?

### INTRODUCTION

Sadaqa is a voluntary deed/charity with tremendous reward from Allah. Allah has Given us so much of His Blessings that we usually cannot count them:

*“And He gave you of all that you asked for, and if you count the Blessings of Allah, never will you be able to count them. Verily! Man is indeed an extreme wrong-doer, - a disbeliever.” (14: 34)*

We have to be grateful to Allah and think of others who may benefit from the Blessings that Allah has Given us. At the same time, it is absolutely wrong to think that you, as the donor, are doing the recipient of your sadaqa a big favour through your kindness and generosity. The main benefit of giving sadaqa falls on the donor first, and having this attitude and an expectation that the recipient of the sadaqa should be grateful to the donor is a deep misconception that is felt by many donors. Any rewards for your generosity must only be coming from Allah. That is why having the correct intention before giving sadaqa is very important, because we want Allah to Accept our deeds. We must try to do these deeds secretly in order not to be tempted by the expectations of being praised by others or even by the recipient of the sadaqa. We know from an authentic hadith which we discussed last week, that one of the first people who will be judged on the Day of Judgment would be a generous person, but eventually he would be dragged into Hellfire because he was giving sadaqa to earn the praise of others.

*On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him), who said: I heard the Messenger of Allah (Sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) say:*

*The first of people against whom judgment will be pronounced on the Day of Resurrection will be a man who died a martyr. He will be brought and Allah will make known to him His favors and he will recognize them. [The Almighty] will say: And what did you do about them? He will say: I fought for you until I died a martyr. He will say: You have lied – you did but fight that it might be said [of you]: He is courageous. And so it was said. Then he will be ordered to be dragged along on his face until he is cast into Hell-fire.*

*[Another] will be a man who has studied [religious] knowledge and has taught it and who used to recite the Quran. He will be brought and Allah will make known to him His favors and he will recognize them. [The Almighty] will say: And what did you do about them? He will say: I studied [religious] knowledge and I taught it and I recited the Quran for Your*

sake. He will say: You have lied – you did but study [religious] knowledge that it might be said [of you]: He is learned. And you recited the Quran that it might be said [of you]: He is a reciter. And so it was said. Then he will be ordered to be dragged along on his face until he is cast into Hell-fire.

[Another] will be a man whom Allah had made rich and to whom He had given all kinds of wealth. He will be brought and Allah will make known to him His favors and he will recognize them. [The Almighty] will say: And what did you do about them? He will say: I left no path [untrodden] in which You like money to be spent without spending in it for Your sake. He will say: You have lied – you did but do so that it might be said [of you]: He is open-handed. And so it was said. Then he will be ordered to be dragged along on his face until he is cast into Hell-fire. – (Sahih Muslim; Book #020, Hadith #4688)

Therefore, those who give sadaqa must first ensure that the intention to give sadaqa is only to purely to please Allah. Somehow, this proves to be very difficult for many people, as human beings like to be praised by others. The test of one's sincerity is - when the recipient of your sadaqa shows no gratitude at all and even fails to thank you properly. One who is a sincere donor would simply shrug it off and expect the reward to come from Allah only. An insincere person would be upset and eventually end up back biting against the recipient.

May Allah Purify our intention before we make sadaqa.

## TYPES OF SADAQA

### BENEFITS OF SADAQA

#### A. FROM THE QUR'AN

'The believers ... are steadfast in prayers, and in whose wealth there is a right acknowledged, for the poor and the destitute. (Qur'an 70:22-24).

'That which you give in usury for increase through the property of (other) people, will have no increase with Allah: but that which you give for charity, seeking the Countenance of Allah, (will increase); it is those who will get a recompense multiplied.' (Qur'an, 30:39)

'Only those who believe in Our Signs, who when they are recited to them fall down in adoration, and celebrate the praises of their Rabb (only God and Sustainer), nor are they (ever) puffed up with pride. They forsake their beds of sleep, the while they call on their Rabb (only God and Sustainer), in Fear and Hope. And they spend (in charity) out of the sustenance which We have bestowed on them. Now no person knows what delights of the eye are kept hidden (in reserve) for them – as a reward for their (good) Deeds. Is then the man who believes no better than the man who is rebellious and wicked? Not

equal are they. For those who believe and do righteous deeds are Gardens as hospitable Homes, for their (good) deeds.’ (Qur’an, 32:15-19)

‘The likeness of those who spend for Allah’s sake is as the likeness of a grain of corn, it grows seven ears every single ear has a hundred grains, and Allah multiplies (increases the reward of) for whom He wills, and Allah is sufficient for His creatures’ needs, All-Knower).’ (Qur’an, 2:261)

‘For Muslim men and women, for believing men and women for devout men and women for true men and women, for men and women who are patient and constant, for men and women who humble themselves, for men and women who give in charity, for men and women who fast, for men and women who guard their chastity, and for men and women who engage much in Allah’s remembrance for them has Allah prepared forgiveness and great reward.’ (Qur’an, 33:35)

‘Those who (in charity) spend of their goods by night and by day, in secret and in public have their reward with their Rabb (only God and Sustainer). On them shall be no fear nor shall they grieve.’ (Qur’an, 2:274)

## B. FROM HADEETHS

The Prophet SallAllahu ‘alayhi wa sallam has said: ‘Your smile for your brother is Sadaqah. Your removal of stones, thorns or bones from the paths of people is Sadaqah. Your guidance of a person who is lost is Sadaqah.’ (Bukhari)

Abu Hurairah (RA) reported Allah’s Messenger SallAllahu ‘alayhi wa sallam as saying: ‘Charity does not in any way decrease the wealth and the servant who forgives, Allah adds to his respect; and the one who shows humility, Allah elevates him in the estimation (of the people).’ (Muslim)

Abu Hurairah (RA) narrated that the Prophet SallAllahu ‘alayhi wa sallam said, ‘The example of a miser and the one who gives in charity, is like the example of two men wearing iron cloaks so tightly that their arms are raised forcibly towards their collar-bones. So, whenever a charitable person wants to give in charity, his cloak spreads over his body so much so that it wipes out his traces. But whenever the miser wants to give in charity, the rings (of the iron cloak) come closer to each other and press over his body and his hands get connected to his collar-bones. Abu Huraira heard the Prophet SallAllahu ‘alayhi wa sallam saying, ‘The miser then tries to widen it but in vain.’ (Bukhari)

Qais ibn Abu Hazim narrated that... Allah’s Messenger SallAllahu ‘alayhi wa sallam said, ‘A Muslim is rewarded (in the Hereafter) for whatever he spends except for something that he spends on building.’ (Bukhari)

Mu'aadh bin Jabal (RA) related from the Prophet SallAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam 'Sadaqah extinguishes sin as water extinguishes fire.' (Ahmad, Tirmidhi)

Abu Hurairah (RA) narrated that the Prophet SallAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam said, 'Every day two angels come down from Heaven and one of them says, 'O Allah! Compensate every person who spends in Your cause', and the other (angel) says, 'O Allah! Destroy every miser.'" (Bukhari)

The Prophet SallAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam has said: 'A Muslim does not plant, or sow anything from which a person, animal or anything eats but it is considered as Sadaqah from him.' (Bukhari)

The Prophet SallAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam has said:: 'To smile in the company of your brother is charity. To command to do good deeds and to prevent others from doing evil is charity. To guide a person in a place where he can not get astray is charity. To remove troublesome things like thorns and bones from the road is charity. To pour water from your jug into the jug of your brother is charity. To guide a person with defective vision is charity for you.' (Bukhari)

The Prophet SallAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam also said: 'The believer's shade on the Day of Resurrection will be his Sadaqah.' (Ahmad)

Abu Dharr (RA) narrated that... Allah's Messenger SallAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam said, 'Those who have much wealth (in this world) will be the least rewarded (in the Hereafter) except those who do like this and like this (i.e., spend their money in charity).' (Bukhari)

Abu Hurairah (RA) narrated that Allah's Messenger SallAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam said: 'Verily what a believer continues to receive (in the form of reward) for his action and his virtues after his death is the knowledge which he acquired and then disseminated; the pious son that he left behind him; or a copy of the Qur'an which he left as a legacy; or the mosques that he had built; or the inn that he had built for the wayfarers; or the canal that he caused to flow, or a sadaqah which he gave out of his property in the state when he was healthy and alive. (These are the acts of goodness the reward of which) reaches him even after his death.' (Tirmidhi, Ibn Maja and Bayhaqi)

Abu Musa narrated that the Prophet SallAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam said, 'Every Muslim has to give in sadaqah (charity).' The people asked, 'O Allah's Messenger ﷺ! If someone has nothing to give, what will he do?' He said, 'He should work with his hands and benefit himself and also give in charity (from what he earns).' The people further asked, 'If he cannot do even that?' He replied, 'Then he should help the needy who appeal for help.' Then the people asked, 'If he cannot do that?' He replied, 'Then he should perform all

that is good and keep away from all that is evil and this will be regarded as charitable deeds.' (Bukhari)

Abu Bakr As-Siddiq (RA) narrated that Allah's Messenger SallAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam said, 'A crafty one, a miser, and one who keeps reminding people of what he has given, will not enter Paradise.' (Tirmidhi)

Abu Hurairah narrated that 'Abu Dharr said to the Messenger of Allah, 'The wealthy people have all the rewards; they pray as we pray; they fast as we fast; and they have surplus wealth which they give in charity; but we have no wealth which we may give in charity.' Allah's Messenger SallAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam said: 'Abu Dharr, should I not teach you phrases by which you acquire the rank of those who excel you? No one can acquire your rank except one who acts like you.' He said, Why not, Allah's Messenger SallAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam? He said: 'Exalt Allah say: 'Allahu Akbar' (Allah is Most Great) after each prayer thirty-three times; and praise Him say: 'Alhamdulillah' (Praise be to Allah) thirty-three times; and glorify Him say: 'Subhan Allah' (Glory be to Allah) thirty-three times; and end it by saying, 'La ilâha illallâhu wahdahu la shareeka lahu, lahul mulku wa lahul hamdu yuhyi wa yomeetu wa Huwa 'ala kulli shai' in Qadeer.' ( There is no god but Allah alone, He has no partner, to Him belongs the Kingdom, to Him praise is due and He has power over everything.) Your sins will be forgiven, even if they are like the foam of the sea.'" (Abu Dawud)

## SHORTCOMINGS OF THOSE GIVING SADAQA

1. Showing off
2. Giving excuse that you insufficient funds
3. Delaying sadaqa - when one gets older
4. Insulting and hurting the recipient
5. Expecting thanks and gratitude from recipient
6. Expecting to be reminded by others of your generosity
7. Very calculative on the amount