

Rizq 1/28/11

Part 2

Rizq is everything that benefits you. Material/temporary rizq and Special/permanent rizq. Not everything we earn is our rizq and the key is how we reach our rizq: halal and haram.

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Then disperse in the land and seek the bounty of Allah **(62:10)**

Along with the provision that God gives, He also has given the **means** (*asbab*) by which one must seek out his provision. It is our choice to decide if use lawful (halal) means or unlawful (haram) means.

And shake towards you the trunk of the palm tree, it will drop on you fresh ripe dates **(19:25)**

The Prophet (pbuh) said "No one will die until his provision is completed for him, so behave correctly in your seeking it."

And Allah gives to whom He pleases without limit. **(24:38)**

Positive rizq and negative rizq

How can we increase our Rizq?

1- Thanking Allah

This is a guaranteed means for increase in all bounties we have from Allah, as He says in the Qur'an:

If you are grateful, I will surely increase you (14:7)

Thanking Allah (SWT) is not only by words, but also more important by deeds. If one has wealth, he should thank Allah (SWT) by giving from his wealth to those in need. If it's strength and good health, thanking Allah (SWT) is by helping those who are weak and need help. If it's a position of authority,

thanking Allah (SWT) is by using this authority to serve others with justice ... and so on

2- Asking God for Forgiveness (Istighfar) on a Regular Basis

The relation between Istighfar and increase in rizq is mentioned in the Qur'an, as Noah (pbuh) says to his people:

"And (Noah) said, 'Ask forgiveness of your Lord. surely He is the most Forgiving; 'He will send rain to you in abundance; 'And give you increase in wealth and children, and provide for you gardens and provide for you rivers. **(71:10-12)**

3- Making Do'oa

Ya Razzak (the Only Owner of provision and the Only Provider).
The Prophet (pbuh) said "O Allah, grant me pardon, have mercy upon me, protect me, provide me sustenance"

4- Put your complete trust in Allah:

and whoever trusts in Allah, He is sufficient for him; **(65:3)**
We do not know what is good for us, only Allah (SWT) knows.

5- Having Taqwa (Piety) / Fearing Allah

In The Qur'an, Allah (SWT) informs us that He loves those who have taqwa in the heart, and that He provides for those who have taqwa from where they did not expect provision

And whoever fears Allah He will make for him a way out (from every difficulty).
And will provide for him from (sources) he never could imagine. **(65:2-3)**

6- Give Charity:

Who is he that will loan to Allah a beautiful Loan? For (Allah) will increase it manifold and he will have (besides) an excellent reward (i.e. Paradise). **(57:11)**

7- Maintaining Good Relation with Relatives:

The Prophet (pbuh) said "Whoever desires that Allah increase his provision and extend his life, let him maintain his family ties"

8- Do not cheat:

And the heaven He has raised it high, and He has set up the Balance (of Justice). In order that you may not transgress (due) balance. And observe the weight with equity and do not make the balance deficient. **(65:7-9)**

The Prophet (pbuh) said: He who deceives is not of me (is not my follower).

Ibn Abbas said: A people do not lessen the measure and weight but that provision is cut off from them.

9- Do your best:

Muslim is required to do his work perfectly because of the Prophet's saying: "Verily, Allah loves when someone does an action, to perfect it.(to the best of our ability)"

Allah does not impose upon any soul a duty but to the extent of its ability **(2:286)**

10- Be persistent and patient:

"Only those who are patient shall receive their reward without measure." (29:10)

You can't get what Allah (SWT) has by force and Allah (SWT) will not rush because you are in a hurry. Only Allah (SWT) knows if what you are asking for is in your best interest and if it is when is the best time to grant it to you.