

Sadaka – Charity

Sadaka = Truthfulness.

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).

The likeness of those who spend their wealth in the Way of Allâh, is as the likeness of a grain (of corn); it grows seven ears/spikes, and each ear/spike has a hundred grains. and Allah multiplies for whom He pleases; and Allah is Ample-giving, All-Knowing

Prophet of Allah (PBUH) said, "Everyday two angels descend and one of them says, `O Allah! Compensate (give more) to the person who gives (in charity)'; while the other one says, `O Allah! Destroy the wealth of the one who withholds (charity, etc)".

There came a man to the Prophet (PBUH) and said, "O Messenger of Allah, which charity is the most rewardable?" He (PBUH) said, "That you should give charity (in a state when you are) healthy and stingy and fear poverty, hoping to become rich. And you must not defer it until you are about to die and would be saying: 'This is for so-and-so, and this for so-and-so.' Lo! It has already come into (the possession of) so-and-so".

Prophet of Allah (PBUH) said: "Protect (yourselves) from (Hell) Fire, by giving in charity even half a date". Do not underestimate the importance and rewards of charity even if it is something insignificant.

Prophet of Allah (PBUH) said: "Allah, the Exalted, says, `Spend, O son of Adam, you will be spent upon." So if you need more wealth, spend, you will get more.

Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said, "I swear by Allah for three (qualities) which I am going to tell you about. Remember them well:

- The wealth of a man will not diminish by Sadaqah (charity).

- Allah augments the honor of a man who endures oppression patiently.
- He who opens a gate of begging, Allah opens a gate of poverty."

So when you give charity, using common sense, it seems that you are reducing your wealth. But Allah (SWT) promise that it will not , instead it will increase your wealth.

Prophet of Allah (PBUH) said: "When a man dies, his deeds come to an end, except for three: A continuous charity, knowledge by which people derive benefit, pious son who prays for him.", Continuous charity is charity that will continue to benefit people for a long time like hospitals, mosques, etc.

Story

Sincerity of intention

"Seven are (the persons) whom Allah will give Shade of His Throne on the Day when there would be no shade other than His Throne's Shade: A just ruler; a youth who grew up worshipping Allah; a man whose heart is attached to mosques; two persons who love and meet each other and depart from each other for the sake of Allah; a man whom an extremely beautiful woman seduces (for illicit relation), but he (rejects this offer by saying): 'I fear Allah'; **a man who gives in charity and hides it (to such an extent) that the left hand does not know what the right has given;** and a person who remembers Allah in solitude and his eyes well up".

Smiling to the face of your Muslim brother is a charity (sadaqah), and enjoining what is good and forbidding what is evil is a sadaqah, and giving directions to a man who is lost is a sadaqah, and lending your vision to a person with poor vision is a sadaqah, and removing stone, or thorn, or bone from people's path is a sadaqah and emptying from your bucket to the bucket of your Muslim brother is a sadaqah..

O you who believe! do not make your charity worthless by reminding the person of your generosity and injury

The Prophet (pbuh) said: Will not enter Jannah a person who boasts/shows off/brags of his favors or charities done to another, a person disobedient to his parents and a person addicted to alcohol.

Allah (SWT) dislikes and punishes a person who gives a charity and keeps reminding people of his act. It is obvious that this person's intention was not to please Allah (SWT) but to be praised and admired by people.