

Al-Maktab

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Sadaqah - Charity

Giving sadaqah and charity to the poor and needy is an act that is very much loved by Allah Ta'ala. Allah Ta'ala rewards a person for spending money on those who are in need. The Sahaabah (radiyallahu anhum) used to earn money especially to spend in sadaqah. Even the poor Sahabaah used to give whatever little wealth they had in sadaqah.



Two Angels come down every day and make Dua for those who give Sadaqah

Hadhrat Abu Hurayrah (radiyallahu anhu) narrates that Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said;

“Two angels come down (from the heavens) every morning and make dua. One says: “O Allah! Reward that person who spends.” The other one says, “O Allah! Destroy the wealth of the person who does not spend.”

Calamities cannot overtake Sadaqah

Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) has said, “Be quick in giving sadaqah as calamities cannot overtake sadaqah.”

This means that if a calamity was coming, it gets pushed away with sadaqah. Sadaqah closes 70 doors of evil. Therefore, a Muslim must try to give some sadaqah every day.

Sadaqah Cools the anger of Allah Ta'ala
Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) has said that, “Sadaqah cools the anger of Allah Ta'ala.” By giving out sadaqah we will be saved from the anger and wrath of Allah Ta'ala.

Sadaqah saves you from a bad death

Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) has said that Sadaqah will save a person from a bad death. An easy way to be blessed with a good death is to regularly give out Sadaqah. A blind Sahaabi by the name of Haarisah bin Nu'maan (radiyallahu anhu) used to sit with a basket of dates near him. He had a string tied to the front door of his house. Whenever a beggar came, he would hold the string and go to the door to personally give something to the beggar. His family used to offer to help him but he would refuse saying: "When I give something to the beggar, I make the intention that through this sadaqah Allah Ta'ala must save me from a bad death."

Treating the sick with sadaqah

Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said, "Treat your sick by giving sadaqah."

When a person gets sick, the first thing we must do is give out some sadaqah. This will draw the help of Allah Ta'ala and the sick person will be cured by the command of Allah Ta'ala.



Save yourselves from Jahannam by giving Sadaqah

Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) has said, "Save yourself from the fire of Jahannam even if it be with part of a date."

This Hadith teaches us that by giving sadaqah we will be saved from the fire of Jahannam. It also teaches us that we can give any small amount as sadaqah. If one cannot give the whole date and gives only part of it, that small part of the

date will be enough to save oneself from Jahannam.

Giving sadaqah sincerely for the pleasure of Allah Ta'ala

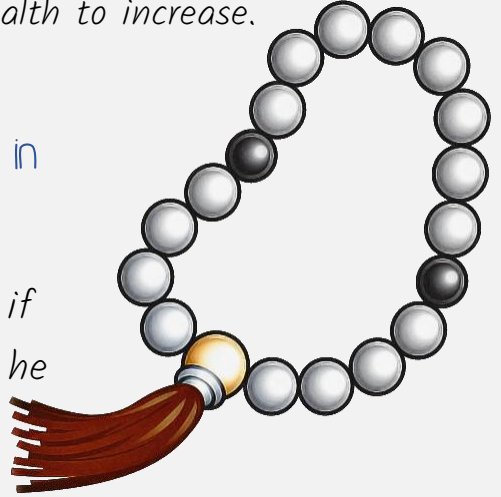
When giving sadaqah, one must be very sincere. It must be done only for the pleasure of Allah Ta'ala and not for name, fame and show. If a person gives only one rand to a poor person as sadaqah but he is sincere and does it only to please Allah Ta'ala, this will be much better for him than to give millions of rands which is done so that people may say how generous he is.

Sadaqah increases one's wealth

Allah Ta'ala says in the Qur-aan Shareef that by giving sadaqah and charity, one's wealth will increase and not decrease. This is the promise of Allah Ta'ala. We feel that our money will get less by giving charity but Allah Ta'ala will make sure that our wealth increases. He will make all the arrangements for our wealth to increase. The more we give the more we will get.

What can we do if we have nothing at all to give in
Sadaqah

Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) has said that if a Muslim does not have anything to give in sadaqah, he should recite this durood and he will get the reward of sadaqah as well as all his sins will be forgiven.



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Sadaqah e Jaariyah (continuous sadaqah)

Sadaqah-e-Jaariyah is a type of sadaqah where a person keeps on getting rewards even after he passes away. The following are a few examples of continuous sadaqah;

1. Digging a borehole or well or donating towards it. (As long as people will use the water, this person will receive the rewards).
2. Building a Masjid or Madrasah or donating towards it. (As long as

people will read salaah or learn Deen, this person will get the rewards).

3. Planting a fruit tree. (As long as people, birds or animals eat from this tree, the person will get the rewards).
4. Teaching someone how to read the Qur-aan Shareef or anything else about Islam like wudhu, Salaah, etc.
5. Leaving behind a pious child who makes dua for his parents.

Simple easy actions of SADAQAH that we all can do daily

1. Give water to a thirsty person to drink
2. Take lunch for a poor child who cannot afford lunch.
3. Throw a handful of bird seeds in the garden
4. Give any amount you can afford to a poor person, even if it is only R1.00
5. Remove harmful objects like stones and branches from the road.
6. Being kind to your parents
7. To make salaam and smile at another Muslim.



The Blessings of Sadaqah

There was once a person, from the people of Nabi Saalih (alayhis salaam), who had caused great inconvenience and harm to the people.

One day, the people approached Nabi Saalih (alayhis salaam) saying, "O Nabi of Allah! Make du'aa to Allah Ta'ala to destroy this person". Nabi Saalih (alayhis salaam) replied, "Go, you will be saved from him and his evil!"

On that very day, the evil person went out to collect firewood, as was his daily routine. On departing, he took two loaves of bread with him, eating one and giving the other in sadaqah (charity). After collecting firewood, he returned home, safe and sound.

When the people saw that the man had returned safely, and no punishment had befallen him, they came to Nabi Saalih (alayhis salaam) and asked, "How is it that he has returned safely with his firewood, and no punishment has afflicted him?"

Nabi Saalih (alayhis salaam) summoned this person and asked him, "What actions did you carry out today?" The man replied, "I went out with two loaves of bread. I ate one loaf and gave the other in charity." Nabi Saalih (alayhis salaam) instructed the man, "Open your bundle of firewood." The man obliged, and opened the bundle. As he opened it, they saw a snake inside which resembled a log of wood and was biting one of the logs in the bundle!

When Nabi Saalih (alayhis salaam) saw this, he said, "It was through the charity which you gave that you were saved from this snake."