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Hadīth Lesson: Virtues of Sadaqah

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1- *Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam*

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

إِذَا أُعْطِيتُمُ الزَّكَاةَ فَلَا تَنْسَوُا ثَوَابَهَا؛ أَنْ تَقُولُوا: اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْهَا مَغْنَمًا، وَلَا
تَجْعَلْهَا مَغْرَمًا

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“When you give zakat, say, ‘O Allah, accept it and make it a gain for us, not a punishment,’ with the intention of receiving reward.”** Of course, everyone should give zakat with the intention of giving zakat, but they should also pray that Allāh ﷻ accepts it.

2- *Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam*

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

إِنَّ الصَّدَقَةَ يَبْتَغِي بِهَا وَجْهَ اللَّهِ، وَالْهَدِيَّةُ يَبْتَغِي بِهَا وَجْهَ الرَّسُولِ وَقِضَاءَ
الْحَاجَةِ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“If it was charity then it would be in the cause of Allah. If it was a gift it would be for the sake of the Messenger of Allah and to have their needs met.”** Charity is for the sake of Allāh ﷻ, and giving gifts is also a very acceptable act of worship. When alms and gifts are given for the sake of Allāh ﷻ and for the sake of our Prophet, needs are accepted through that.

3- *Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam*

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

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إذا تصدقت فأَمْضِهَا

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“When you want to give alms, be quick to give that alms, that is, do not wait.”** If you are going to give alms and you cannot find anyone to give it to at the moment, set it aside. One should give sadaqah before leaving home in the morning, with the intention of giving sadaqah for that day; put that money aside. Our Holy Prophet ﷺ says do not leave it for later.

4- *Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam*

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

استتمام المعروف أفضل من ابتدائه

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ says, **“Attempting something that is good and completing it is more virtuous than just starting it.”** So, if you are going to do a good deed, completing it is better than just starting it. Our Prophet ﷺ says that the work that has been started must be completed. So do not leave the good deed half done.

5- *Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam*

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

أَمْسِكْ عَلَيْكَ بَعْضَ مَا لَكَ فَهُوَ خَيْرُ لَكَ

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ says, **“It is better for you to keep some of the property for yourself.”** So, when giving alms, do not give all the things you need; you need it too. It would be good for you to keep some for yourself.

6- *Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam*

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

لَا تَطْعَمُوا الْمَسَاكِينَ مِمَّا لَا تَأْكُلُونَ

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Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“Do not feed the poor people with the leftovers you eat.”** So you should allocate a special share to them and meet their needs accordingly. Just as you have for yourself, give for others.

7- *Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam*

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

ابدأ بنفسك فتصدق عليها فإن فضل شيء فلاهلك فإن فضل عن أهيك شيء
لذوي قرابتك فإن فضل شيء عن ذي قرابتك فهكذا وهكذا

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“Start with yourself and give charity to (yourself).”** So, if you are going to give sadaqah, meet your own needs first, even if you only have three cents. Our Prophet says that spending money on yourself is charity. **“If there is anything left over, then give it to your family;”** So, by spending on your family, you will first meet their needs; This is also considered charity. **“If there is anything left over from your family, then give it to your relatives;”** So, if you have money left after giving your family, if you have more than you need, then it's your relatives' turn. **“If there is anything left over from your relatives, then give it to such and such.”** So you start helping from the closest, then gradually reach further away.

8- *Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam*

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

ابدأ بمن تعول

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“Start giving first to your dependents.”** So, when you give alms, start with the people you earn your living by their means. Because if you don't start with them and leave them in need and give them to others, it wouldn't be appropriate. First, meet the needs of those around you, and then gradually expand your circle of assistance.

9- *Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam*

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

إن الصدقة على ذي القرابة يضاعف أجرهما مرتين

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Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“The reward of alms given to relatives is doubled.”** A person who gives alms to a relative will gain twice as much reward as someone who gives alms to a stranger.

10- *Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam*

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

دينار أنفقته في سبيل الله، ودينار أنفقته في رقبة، ودينار تصدقت به على مسكين، ودينار أنفقته على أهلك، أعظمهما أجراً الذي أنفقته على أهلك

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“Of a dinar you spend as a contribution in God’s path, or to set free a slave, or as sadaqa given to a poor man, or in support of your family, the one spent in support of your family produces the greatest reward.”** There are great rewards in all the deeds we have listed, but the best and most acceptable is the one you spend on your family. When your family is poor and needy, it would be much more virtuous to meet the needs of the person in your family rather than giving it to someone else.

11- *Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam*

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

الصدقة على ذي الرحم صدقة وصلة

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“Giving charity to a relative is two things, charity and upholding the ties of kinship.”** The reward is doubled. Maintaining family ties is a very great commandment of Allāh ‘Azza wa-Jalla. Therefore, when you help your relatives, you receive both the reward of charity and the reward of maintaining family ties; you gain twofold.

12- *Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam*

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

الصدقة على المسكين صدقة، وهي على ذي الرحم اثنتان: صدقة وصلة

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Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“Sadaqa given to a poor man is just sadaqa, but when given to a relative it serves a double purpose, being both sadaqa and a connecting link.”** The reward will be doubled.

13- *Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam*

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

أفضل الدنانير: دينار ينفقه الرجل على عياله، ودينار ينفقه الرجل على دابته في
سبيل الله، ودينار ينفقه الرجل على أصحابه في سبيل الله عز وجل

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“The most virtuous of the Dinar,”** - dinar, as you know, is money; It used to be a gold coin and is still used as currency today - **“is the Dinar spent by a man on his dependants,”** The first money a person spends should be for their household; that is the most virtuous. **“And the Dinar spent by a man on his beast in the Cause of Allah,”** He takes care of that animal for the sake of Allah, grooming it; this is second in merit. **“and the Dinar spent by a man on his companions in the Cause of Allah.”** The expense he spends on people by saying, “These people are on this path for the sake of Allāh ‘Azza wa-Jalla” is also a virtuous act of the third degree.

14- *Qala RasuluLlah salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam*

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ (peace be upon him ﷺ) says:

أفضل الصدقة أن تصدق وأنت صحيح شحيح، تأمل الغنى وتخشى الفقر، ولا
تمهل حتى إذا بلغت الحلقوم قلت: لفلان كذا، ولفلان كذا، ألا وقد كان
لفلان كذا

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ is saying, **“That which you give when you are healthy and inclined to be mean, fearing poverty and hoping for a competence. Do not put it off and then say when you are about to die that you give such and such to so and so and such and such to so and so when it has already become the property of so and so.”** When one is healthy, one does not think much about death; He becomes very passionate about worldly possessions, saying “I will live longer.” If you give alms at a time when you are afraid of poverty, saying “If I give alms, my

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wealth will decrease”, that is the most virtuous and most acceptable alms. The best charity is the one given in such a situation. Don’t leave your sadaqah until you’re nearing your last breath, when your hopes are gone and the doctors say, “There’s nothing left to do.” In the past, when someone was about to die, they would come to him and say, “Forgive me.” He would also be conscious of asking forgiveness. Now they take him to the hospital, they attach devices to his mouth and nose; The patient can neither speak nor do anything, and he still thinks he will live. Our Prophet says; While you are lying down with your life at your throat saying “forgive my rights” to those around you, he says, “Do not delay your alms until you say ‘Let this property be for so and so, and this will be for so and so.’” Be careful, while you are saying those words, those goods will have already become to your heirs.” Therefore, it is best to give alms while you are healthy. May Allah ﷻ grant this to all of us, insha’Allah.

Sadaqa RasuluLlah fi ma qal, aw kama qal.

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ says the truth in what he ﷺ said or as he ﷺ said.



Ihda’ – Dedication:

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[(Translation)] To the honor of the Prophet, Prayers and Peace be upon Him, and his family, and his companions, and the souls of all the prophets as well as of His messengers and of those who served their Sharia, and to the souls of the four Imams. And to the souls of our Mashayikh of the Most Distinguished Naqshbandi Tariqa, in particular to the soul of the Imam of the Tariqa Ghawth al-Khaliqa (the Help of Creation), Khwaja Bahauddin Muhammad al-Uwaisiyi l-Bukhari, Sayyidina Abdul Khaliq al Ghujduwani, Mawlana Shaykh Sharafuddin al Daghestani, Mawlana Shaykh Abdullah al Faiz al Daghestani, Mawlana Shaykh Muhammad Nazim Adil al Haqqani, and the rest of our masters and Siddiqiyun, and to whom we are in their presence and

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near them. To the souls of all our ancestors. To the souls of all Shahīds. For goodness to come and evil to be warded off. To Allah Almighty. Al Fatiha.]

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