

Sadqah in Ramadan

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وَأَنْفِقُوا مِنْ مَا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ يَأْتِيَ أَحَدَكُمُ الْمَوْتُ فَيَقُولَ رَبِّ لَوْلَا أَخَّرْتَنِي إِلَىٰ أَجَلٍ قَرِيبٍ فَأَصَّدَّقَ وَأَكُنْ مِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ

And donate from what We have provided for you before death comes to one of you, and you cry, "My Lord! If only You delayed me for a short while, I would give in charity and be one of the righteous."

[Quran 63:10]

An action of voluntary giving or any deed, as simple as a smile, or forgiveness may be accounted as Sadqah, thus, defining the beauty of Islam at its finest. Neither does Sadqah require a strong financial status, nor has it been made compulsory, but instead it is encouraged greatly. Subhanallah! However, one may doubt the benefit posed to him by Sadqah, considering he might lose out monetarily.

This could not be after knowing that the messenger of Allah ﷺ was reported to have said:

"Wealth will not be decreased by giving Sadqah".

[Tirmidhi]

So, anyway, what might be the benefit of giving Sadaqah?

It turns out they are many more benefits than we expected, of which some have been mentioned below.

1. Sadaqah purifies the soul and wealth of the giver:

Take from their wealth 'O Prophet' charity to purify and bless them, and pray for them—surely your prayer is a source of comfort for them. And Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing.

[Quran 9:103]

2. A person who gives Sadqah will be rewarded on the day of Qiyamah. It is narrated in a lengthy Hadith of Bukhari:

There are seven people who will enjoy Allah's shade on the day when there is no shade except His shade; of which is a man who gives out charity and hides it, such that his left hand does not know what his right hand gives in charity.

As mentioned in the following Ayah it is a highly encouraged practice to conceal our Sadqah:

To give charity publicly is good, but to give to the poor privately is better for you, and will absolve you of your sins. And Allah is All-Aware of what you do. [Quran 2:271]

3. Giving Charity is the proof of the Imaan of the giver;
Charity is a proof
[Muslim]

Ibn Abbas رضى الله عنه narrated that:

“Allah’s Messenger was the most generous of all the people and he used to be more generous in the month of Ramadan when Angel Jibril would meet him to read Quran with Him the messenger of Allah was the most generous person, even more generous than the fair winds.”
[Imam Bukhari].

The example of those who spend their wealth in the cause of Allah is that of a grain that sprouts into seven ears, each bearing one hundred grains. And Allah multiplies ‘the reward even more’ to whoever He wills. For Allah is All-Bountiful, All-Knowing.
[Quran 2:261]

Did you know, you could reap the reward for someone else’s fast? Wait, how?

The messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

“Whoever provides the food for a fasting person to break his fast with, then for him is the same reward as his (the fasting person’s), without anything being diminished from the fasting person”.
[Jami Tirmithi]

Definitely Sadqah is easy. A few of the most easiest methods include:

- smiling
- making dua for a fellow Muslim
- sharing knowledge with someone else
- giving food and water to the needy
- helping the orphans
- taking care of the widows
- enjoining good and forbidding evil

In conclusion, we do realise how easy, but important it is to give Sadqah in the path of Allah. Therefore, it should be our goal this Ramadan to give as much Sadqah as possible. Not only monetarily, but also in the above-mentioned aspects.