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Charity

The Qur'an encourages Muslims to be charitable and warns against miserliness. Generosity is the hallmark of a Muslim.

Spend your Wealth

“O Believers, spend from that which We have provided for you before there comes a Day in which there is no exchange and no friendship and no intercession. And the disbelievers – they are the wrongdoers.” (Surah Al Baqarah 2 – verse 254)

“The example of those who spend their wealth in the way of Allah is like a seed (of grain) which grows seven spikes; in each spike is a hundred grains. And Allah multiplies (His reward) for whom He wills. And Allah is All-Encompassing and All-Knowing.” (Surah Al Baqarah – Verse 261)

Spend for Allah

“And whatever good you spend is for yourselves, and you do not spend except seeking the pleasure of Allah. And whatever you spend of good – it will be fully repaid to you, and you will not be wronged.” (Surah Al-Baqarah – Verse 272)

Spending of good quality wealth which you love, is a means of attaining piety,

“Never will you attain piety until you spend (for Allah) from that which you love. And whatever you spend – indeed, Allah is Knowing of it.” (Surah Al Imran 3 – Verse 92)

Spend Sincerely

Spending sincerely means not to cause harm or injury to the recipient by reminding the person of the favour. Allah Ta'ala has channelled that person's sustenance through you. So be humble and courteous.

“Those who spend their wealth in the way of Allah and then do not follow up what they have spent with reminders or injury, will have their reward with their Lord, and there will be no fear concerning them, nor will they grieve.”

(Surah Al-Baqarah 2 - Verse 262)

“Kind speech and forgiveness are better than charity followed by injury. And Allah is free of need and Forbearing.”

(Surah Al-Baqarah 2 - Verse 263)

“O Believers, do not spoil your charities with reminders or injury (hurtful remarks), like one who spends his wealth to show people and does not believe in Allah and the Last Day.”

(Surah Al-Baqarah 2 - Verse 264)

Giving Defective Charity

The Qur'an prohibits us from giving charity that is unusable or defective, something you want to discard and not prefer for yourself.

“O Believers, spend from the good things which you have earned and from that which We have produced for you from the earth. And do not pick out the defective things for charity, spending (that) while you would not take it, except with closed eyes. And know that Allah is free of need and Praiseworthy.”

(Surah Al-Baqarah 2 - Verse 267)

How much to Spend

"And they ask you what they should spend. Say, The excess (beyond needs) ..."

(Surah Al Baqarah 2 - Verse 219)

This verse explains that spending should be from the excess wealth one has, after fulfilling immediate responsibilities and personal expenses.

In another verse, we are advised to give charity in a balanced manner, for it to be effective and sustained.

"Do not be so tight-fisted, for you will be blameworthy; nor so open-handed, for you will end up in poverty."

(Surah Al Isra 18 - Verse 29)

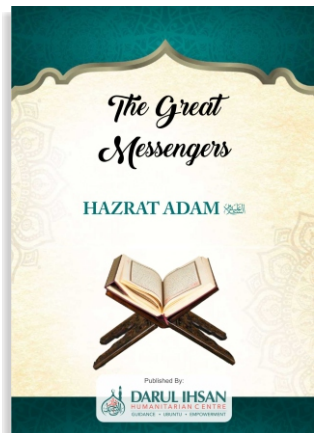
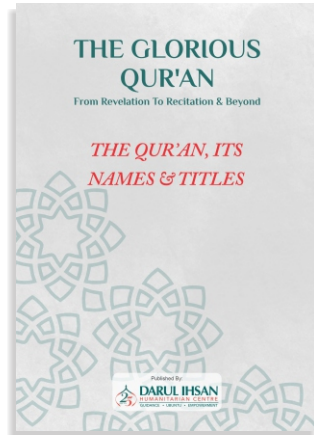
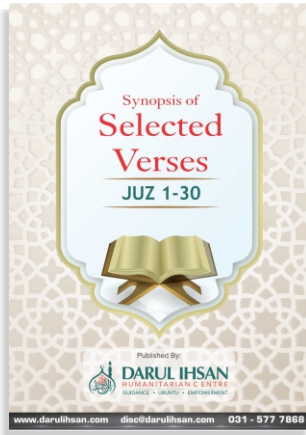
The purpose is to teach a just and moderate course in spending which does not prevent one from helping others nor does it end up in a lot of trouble for a person.

(Ma'ariful Qur'an)



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Darul Ihsan Humanitarian Centre provides education, guidance, social, empowerment and welfare services to the community. In providing this service, we adopt a holistic approach, that gives due importance to basic needs as well as human rights and dignity of those that we serve.

Founding Philosophy

Darul Ihsan Humanitarian Centre is a multi-purpose, humanitarian-services providing organisation. 'Ihsan' means compassion towards mankind and to act with excellence. The Centre was established in the year 2000 with the primary objective of serving humanity and alleviating poverty and hardship locally and abroad. Since its inception, it has developed and established many humanitarian projects and provides a variety of free services to the community.

Key Objectives

One of the key objectives of the Centre is to promote a better understanding of humanity and peace, thereby serving as a bridge-builder between faiths and communities. Through guidance, Ubuntu and empowerment, the organisation hopes to train and develop the youth to become torch bearers of hope, peace and compassion to humanity.

