



GIVING UP OUR WEALTH FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE UMMAH



I implore all of us to strive in increasing our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala by fulfilling all of His Commands, and avoiding all of His

prohibitions. Let us increase our remembrance of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala and increase our salawaat and salaam upon our beloved Prophet Muhammad (عليه وسلم). Let us also strive in practicing all

of his sunnah. May our efforts become beneficial for us in this world and the Hereafter. The khutbah today call upon us in: "Giving Up Our Wealth For The Development Of The Ummah."

Nowadays, there are many homeless and needy individuals existing on Allah's earth. This is clearly manifested due to the decline in consciousness and awareness amongst mankind

to spend a little bit extra in the Path of Allah. It is as if mankind has not fully comprehend with the small bit given to those truly in need, Allah will greatly multiply the wealth that was

given away. This is proven with the verse in al-Qur'an: "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 Knowing." (al-Baqarah 2:261)

Sadaqah is charity that is given to those in need with the intention to gain nearness to Allah. Therefore, whenever a matter is related to imaan and certainty in the Promise of Allah,

it definitely requires proof of manifestation that is infaaq (giving charity) of the wealth in the Path of Allah, whether it is waajib or sunnah in nature, which includes zakaah, waqf (endowment),

hibah (grant), and gifts that are given to the poor, needy, family members, relatives, or fee sabeelillaah (in the Path of Allah).

There are many virtues regarding infaaq in the Path of Allah, among them as shafaa 'ah (intercession) for its doer and protection from the punishment of the grave. On the Day of Judgment,

the doer will be granted shade due to the *sadaqah* given while others are tormented with heat in their graves.

Sadaqah could also remove the Wrath of Allah, due to the generosity manifested within oneself. This is what Islam calls for, where the fortunate ones would aid the poor instead of having pride

with their wealth. This is shown through a statement that also serves as motivation for the Muslim ummah. Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions in al-Qur'an:

"... and He will remove from you some of your misdeeds [thereby]. And Allah, with what you do, is [fully] Acquainted." (al-Baqarah 2:271)

The practice of giving charity is from among the deeds that are highly encouraged to be inculcated in our everyday lives, as it was always practiced by our beloved Rasulullah (عليه وسلم),

who was known as a person of generosity and charitable. Anyone that came to him seeking assistance will definitely be given aid by Rasulullah (صلى الله عليه وسلم). He (عليه وسلم) also honored those that are

generous and charitable, giving away their wealth towards good. This is a noble act that should be emulated and contemplated by every Muslim today.

Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "Never will you attain the good [reward] until you spend [in the way of Allah] from that which you love.

And whatever you spend - indeed, Allah is Knowing of it."

(Aal-'Imraan 3:92)

In reality, giving *sadaqah* not only aid the poor and needy, but instead helps our

own selves in achieving our aims in attaining taqwa. This is because giving sadaqah will help rid from us those reprehensible acts such as stinginess, pride, and arrogance.

In reality, sadaqah does not decrease our wealth even a tiny bit. Moreover, Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala will replace them with something far better from what we had given away.

Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "And let not those who [greedily] withhold what Allah has given them of His bounty ever think that it is

better for them. Rather, it is worse for them. Their necks will be encircled by what they withheld on the Day of Resurrection. And to Allah belongs the heritage of the heavens and

the earth. And Allah, with what you do, is [fully]
Acquainted.'

(Aal-'Imraan 3:180)

Through sadaqah, it can help develop one that is loving and caring, nurtures one to become alert upon arising affairs and problems occurring within the community and its

surrounding. At the same time, deeds such as infaaq, sadaqah, and other forms of charity can help safeguard ourselves from the disease of "al-wahn" that is the love for dunya and hate for death.

For our own information, in encouraging the practice of sadaqah to benefit the community, the state government of Selangor has made available Tabung Amanah Pembangunan

Islam Selangor (Islamic Development Trust Fund of Selangor) or in short "TAPIS", where we can all donate towards this fund with a minimum monthly contribution of RM1.

Donations can be made to authorized collectors appointed whom are from among the zakaat collectors, or it can be made directly at the nearest Pejabat Agama Islam (Department of Islamic Affairs office),

or directly at the JAIS Research and Development Division in Shah Alam, the secretariat that manages this very fund.

All proceedings, donations, and funds collected will be utilized to aid in the implementation of various development programs for the Muslims within this state. Therefore, based on the

objectives of the creation of this fund and its usage for the development of the Muslims, then it behoove all of us to support such noble effort with the infaaq of wealth for the development

of the Muslim ummah. As of now, the management of TAPIS has disbursed the collected funds for various causes such as equipping libraries of suraus, schools, and offices, providing

financial assistance for the purchase of Islamic books and Islamic understanding activities for suraus, schools, and offices, funding for revitalizing (imaarah) masaajid and suraus,

funding for da'wah efforts and repairing suraus, and financial aid for efforts in preserving imaan unto Allah, in fulfilling magaasid (high objectives) ash-Sharee 'ah.

In conclusion, infaaq and sadaqah has its own unique secrets and benefits. When mankind can actually comprehend and acknowledge those benefits, then they will be increased in

their rizq (provision) by Allah, and protected from calamities. Hence, let us strive to practice this sunnah that is greatly emphasized in Islam so that we can eradicate the evil traits of

arrogance, pride, and showing off with His bounties bestowed upon us.

"O you who have believed, do not invalidate your charities with reminders or injury as does one who spends his wealth [only] to be seen by the people and does not believe in Allah

and the Last Day. His example is like that of a [large] smooth stone upon which is dust and is hit by a downpour that leaves it bare. They are unable [to keep] anything of what

they have earned. And Allah does not guide the disbelieving people." (al-Baqarah 2:264)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِبَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَيَاتِ وَالذُّكُر الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاَوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ أَقُولُ قُولِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغُورُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْبَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتَ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوْهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيْمُ

O Allah, You are the Almighty Lord, we are grateful unto You for having bestowed upon us Mercy and Blessings, nourishing us to strive to continue in strengthening the Muslim nation especially the state of Selangor, as an advanced, progressive, peaceful, and benevolent state.

We beseech and beg You, Ya Allah, to strengthen our imaan, increase our good deeds, strengthen our unity, increase our provision, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, nourish our soul with beautiful akhlaaq, guide us to the Path that is Pleasing to You,

protect us from Your severe tribulations such as the long drought, severe flooding, disease outbreak, violence and instability, poverty, and others, so that our land will become more peaceful and blessed.

Oh Allah, we ask You to open up the hearts of the Muslim ummah especially in Selangor, to fulfill their zakaat obligation as You had decreed in al-Qur'an. Bless the lives of those who have fulfilled their zakaat obligation, loving and caring for the poor and needy.

Purify their wealth and soul so that they will live according to that which pleases You. Protect the poor and needy from disbelief and everlasting poverty. Allaahummaa ameen





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