

"PROFICIENCY IN MANAGING PERSONAL FINANCE."

رالنه الرحص أإرحي Let us altogether strive to increase our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala with full certainty and sincerity by performing all of His Commands and avoiding

all of His prohibitions. May we become among those having imaan and taqwa, attaining salvation in this world and the Hereafter.

Today, I solemnly invite fellow congregation to internalize upon a *khutbah* titled



Wealth is an amaanah (trust) from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala that is to be utilized in the best manner. It is not to be squandered, only resulting in waste or even abused with unlawful

matters, bribery, and others. Hence, it is important for each and every single one of us to learn and comprehend financial management so that we will be able to manage our wealth and

money with prudence and wisdom.

The knowledge of financial management encompasses expenditure planning, saving money or savings, financing for life necessities, takaful (cooperative insurance) coverage, fulfilling zakaat, retirement planning, giving sadaqah (charity), inheritance distribution including

wealth belonging to the orphans and others.

In the realm of financial management, financial experts have stated that we should possess several skills in making

the right decisions in our lives. Among them is to have the awareness upon the significance of managing finances with prudence and wisdom, increasing one's knowledge regarding

financing and its risks, vigilance upon financial fraud syndicates, and having certainty and the right attitude in managing finance properly.

As humans, we cannot escape from dealing and managing issues pertaining to finance. Therefore, financial management that is well organized and

well planned will certainly aid to prosper our lives in the future. For a start, among the steps to be taken are:

First: We must restructure our personal finance by improving the expenditures and determine our lifestyle. If it exceeds our financial capability, then we must reduce our expenditures

on unimportant matters. We must balance between need and desires, as in the saying, "ukur baju di badan sendiri' (meaning: living within the means).

Hence, Islam advocates moderation and prudence in managing financials.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu ad-Dardaa' *radiyAllaahu* 'anh, the Prophet said:

"From a man's wisdom is his prudence in his living affairs." (Ahmad)

Second: We should adopt the culture of saving up so as to prepare for emergency or unforeseeable circumstances.

The habit of saving up, even if small amount but continuous, is much better than not saving anything at all, as in the Malay proverb "Sikit-sikit lama-lama jadi bukit" (meaning: slowly but surely). With savings,

it will enable us to increase our 'ibaadah (worship) unto Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by making infaaq (giving up) of our wealth, especially in fulfilling the fifth pillar of Islam, which is to perform

Third: Avoid taking any unnecessary financing and wasting money, especially accumulating debts for trivial matters.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 67 of soorah al-Furqaan:

"And [they are] those who, when they spend, do so not excessively or sparingly but are ever, between that, [justly] moderate."

If there is a need to go for financing or taking a debt, then exert the utmost effort in repaying all financing or debt within the stipulated period, and do not increase the financial

burden with a new debt that is not urgent.

In the narration of Abu
Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu*'anh, Rasulullah said:

"Whoever takes the money of the people with the intention of repaying it, Allah will repay it on his behalf, and whoever takes it in order to spoil it, then Allah will spoil him." (al-Bukhaari) To end today's khutbah, let us altogether internalize upon the essence of the sermon delivered earlier, as in the following:

1. The Muslim ummah must have certainty that every wealth bestowed will be questioned before Allah.

2. The Muslim ummah must be wise and proficient in managing the wealth entrusted upon them.

3. It is waajib (obligatory) upon the Muslim ummah to engage, make transactions, and save at Islamic financial institutions that are Sharee 'ah-compliant.

4. The Muslim ummah must remain grateful upon the favors of wealth, sustenance, and sources of income by giving away a portion of them in the path of Allah.

"Said Jesus, the son of Mary, "O Allah, our Lord, send down to us a table [spread with food] from the heaven to be for us a festival for the first of us

and the last of us and a sign from You. And provide for us, and You are the best of providers.""

(al-Maa'idah 5:114)

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

"Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace." (al-Ahzaab 33:56)

O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us rahmah and barakah upon this state, which continues to remain advanced and prosperous, with its residents

united under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic affairs in this state.

Hence, we sincerely beseech You, O Allah, strengthen our imaan and creed according to that of Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah, grant us the strength to remain istigaamah in performing the five daily

prayers in congregation, and taste its sweetness until we breathe our last. Protect us from teachings that are outside the fold of Islam such as Qadiyaani and teachings declared as astray such as

Hizb at-Tahreer. O Allah, Ya Rahmaan, Ya Raheem, unite our hearts, let every difference of opinion and view become rahmah, that nothing can prevent us from binding the bond of brotherhood with our

Muslim brethren. Bless our households as among those bestowed with sakeenah, mawaddah, and rahmah. Bestow upon us rizq that is abundant and blessed, enrich us with beneficial knowledge and

protect us from calamities. Accept our zakaat fulfilled through Lembaga Zakat Selangor (Selangor Zakaat Board), and the wealth that we gave as waqf and infaaq to Perbadanan Wakaf Negeri

Selangor (Selangor Waqf Corporation) and Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor (Islamic Development Trust Fund of Selangor).

