

{ الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ بِاللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ سِرًّا وَعَلَانِيَةً فَلَهُمْ أَجْرُهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ }

{ Those who spend their wealth (in Allâh's Cause) by night and day, in secret and in public, they shall have their reward with their Lord. On them shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve. } Qur'an 2: 274

{ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تُبْطِلُوا صَدَقَاتِكُمْ بِالْمَنِّ وَالْكَذِبِ كَالَّذِي يُنْفِقُ مَالَهُ رِئَاءَ النَّاسِ وَلَا يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ }

{ O you who believe! Do not render in vain your Sadaqah (charity) by reminders of your generosity or by injury, like him who spends his wealth to be seen of men, and he does not believe in Allâh, nor in the Last Day. } Qur'an 2:264

Give sadaqa in the way of Allah and you will get more back in this life and in the hereafter. Allah knows best

Hadith

Abu Hurairah (RadiAllahu anhu) reported Allah's Messenger (SallaAllahu alayhi wa salam) as saying: "Charity does not in any way decrease the wealth and the servant who forgives, Allah adds to his respect; and the one who shows humility, Allah elevates him in the estimation (of the people)." (Muslim Vol. 4, Hadith 6264)

Abu Musa narrated that the Prophet (SallaAllahu alayhi wa salam.) said, "Every Muslim has to give in sadaqa (charity)." The people asked, "O Allah's Messenger (SallaAllahu alayhi wa salam.)! If someone has nothing to give, what will he do?" He said, "He should work with his hands and benefit

himself and also give in charity (from what he earns)." The people further asked, "If he cannot do even that?" He replied, "Then he should help the needy who appeal for help." Then the people asked, "If he cannot do that?" He replied, "Then he should perform all that is good and keep away from all that is evil and this will be regarded as charitable deeds." (Bukhari Vol. 2, Hadith 524)

A person who practices charity so secretly that his left hand does not know what his right hand has given (i.e. nobody knows how much he has given in charity).

(Bukhari, Book 2, Volume 24, Hadith 504)

Prophet (saw) said 'Do charity which the right hand does and the left hand does not know about the right hand.'

"Spend in charity and do not keep count for then Allah will also keep count in giving you provision."

"Do not show lethargy or negligence in giving alms and charity till your last breath."

The rich among us can earn more rewards if we give part of our wealth to the poor members of our relatives, friends, neighbours and the society at large. If we have the ability to extend sadaqah especially to other poor Muslims outside our community or country then we must extend our help. Another virtuous way of giving sadaqah is by supporting individuals who are expanding Islamic education.