

# Why do we give in charity?

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# Charity is an important concept in Islam

“And establish regular prayer, and give in charity, and obey the messenger that you may receive mercy”

An-Nur (The Light) 24: 56



# Concepts discussed

- 1-Some argue why should we give to others? We worked hard to get what we have?
- 2-Charity corrects social injustice
- 3-Charity improves our character and behavior
- 4-Charity improves the economy
- 5-Charity is not just giving money: it involves our effort, guidance and help & kind words

# Concepts discussed

- 6-The benefits of giving charity
- 7-Give charity early rather than late
- 8-The ethics and proper manners of giving charity
- 9-Punishment for those who do not give in charity  
and hoard their money
- 10-Fiqh questions

# **Zakat ( obligatory charity ) is a requirement on Muslims**

- Zakat is the second corner stone of Islam after prayer
- It is obligatory on Muslims whose income or wealth reaches a certain level
- Both the Qur'an & Sunnah explain that it is a requirement, and is not left to our generosity or good nature
- If we do not give Zakat then we are subject to God's displeasure & His punishment

# Zakat ( obligatory charity )

## Important concepts

- To help the poor and needy is an obligation on those who can afford to give in charity
- It is actually God's money, we only use it during our life, and we are accountable how we earned it and how we spend it

# Zakat is obligatory :Evidence from the Qur'an

“ Take from their possessions Zakat in order to purify them and sanctify them by it, and pray on their behalf, for your prayers is peace and tranquility for them, and Allah hears and knows all things “

At-Tawba (Repentance) 9 : 103

# Zakat is obligatory : Evidence from the Qur'an

“ But if they repent, and establish prayers and give Zakat, then they become your brothers in faith; thus do We explain the signs in detail for those who understand “

At-Tawba (Repentance) 9 : 11

# Zakat is obligatory : evidence from the Qur'an

“ They have been commanded no more than this : to worship Allah with sincere devotion, being true in faith; to establish regular prayer; and to give Zakat; and that is the religion right and straight “

Al-Bayyina' (Clear Evidence) 98 : 5



# **Zakat is obligatory**

## **Evidence from the Sunnah**

Ibn Omar related that Allah's messenger ( PBUH )  
said:

( Islam is built on five pillars: Bearing witness that  
there is no god but Allah and that Muhammad is  
Allah's messenger; and establishing regular  
prayers; and giving Zakat; and Hajj ( pilgrimage )  
and fasting the month of Ramadan )

Bokhari, Muslim, Ahmad, Termedhi & Baihaqi



# The rationale of Zakat (obligatory charity)

- 1- To help the poor & needy and correct social injustice
- 2- To re-circulate the wealth of the community, create jobs and stimulate the economy
- 3-To help support institutions that provide valuable service to the community
- 4-To liberate our souls of greed
- 5-To avoid jealousy and hatred between rich and poor
- 6-To please God and get His reward

# **Zakat is obligatory evidence from the Sunnah**

Ibn Abbas related that the prophet ( PBUH ) sent Moa'dh to Yemen and said:

( Invite them to bear witness that there is no god but Allah and that I am Allah's messenger; if they accept that, then inform them that Allah has ordained on them five prayers during each day and night; if they accept that, then inform them that Allah ordained on them a charity to be taken from the rich among them to be returned to the poor among them. If they obey respect the rest of their wealth and do not wrong anyone, for there is no screen between his prayer & Allah )

Ahmad, Bokhari, Muslim, Abu Dawood, Termedhi, Nesa'ee & Ibn Majja

# Zakat is obligatory : Evidence from the Sunnah

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Jareer Bin Abdullah said:

(I gave my pledge to the prophet ( PBUH ) to establish regular prayers, and to give Zakat, and to give advice ( sound and sincere ) to every Muslim)

Bokhari

# Zakat is obligatory : evidence from the Sunnah

About Horaira related that an Arab asked the Prophet ( PBUH ) : Tell me about a deed that allows me to enter paradise? He said: ( You worship Allah with no partners, and establish the obligatory prayers, and give the obligatory Zakat, and fast Ramadan ). The man said: I will not do more than that. When he left, the Prophet ( PBUH ) said: ( if you wish to see a man of those in heaven, look at this man )

Bokhari & Muslim

# **A Muslim cannot say I will pray but will not give Zakat**

Abou Horaira said: After Allah's messenger (PBUH) died and Abou Bakr was in charge, some people refused to give Zakat and he fought them saying: (By Allah I will fight anyone who acknowledges prayers, but refuses to give Zakat, for Zakat is obligatory in our money)

Bokhari, Muslim, Termedhi & Nesa'ee, Ahmad & Abou Dawood

# The rewards of giving charity

- 1-Forgiveness of sin
- 2-Protection from Hell Fire
- 3-Our souls are purified of greed
- 4-God multiplies our good deeds
- 5-The Angels pray on behalf those who give in charity
- 6-Our money never decreases when give in charity, on the contrary it increases



# Our sins are forgiven when we give in charity

“If you loan to God a beautiful loan He doubles it to your credit, and forgives you your sins, for God appreciates service and is forbearing”

At-Taghabun (Mutual loss & gain) 64: 17

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said:

(Charity wipes out the sin, as water extinguishes the fire)

Muslim

# The benefits of charity

## **Charity protects us from Hell Fire**

Ady Bin Hatim related that Allah's messenger (PBUH) said:

(Avoid Hell Fire even with half a date, if you cannot find it, then with a good word)

Bokhari & Muslim



# The benefits of giving charity

## **Our sins are wiped out**

Hodhaifa related that Allah's messenger (PBUH) said:

(The tests and trials that a person is subjected to in his family, money and neighbor and the sins that he commits are atoned for by prayer, charity, fasting and good deeds)

Bokhari

# Our souls are purified of greed

“Man was created easily frightened, prone to despair when evil touches him; but niggardly when good befalls him. Except for those who pray: who are constant in their prayers, and those in whose wealth is certain right for those denied and those who ask”

Al-Ma'rej (Ascension) 70: 19-25

“Out of their possessions take a charity through which you purify them and sanctify them, and pray for them, for your prayers is comfort for them, and God is all-hearing, all-knowing”

At-Tawba (Repentance) 9: 103

# God accepts our charity and let it grow for us

**Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said:**

(Any person who gives charity, even the measure of one date, from lawful earning for Allah only accepts what is good, Allah will take the charity with his right hand and grows it for that person, and takes care of it like you take care of your young horse, till it becomes like a mountain)

Bokhari & Muslim

One good deed becomes like a mountain of good deeds

# God accepts our charity

“Do they not know that Allah accepts repentance from His servants, and that He takes the charity, and that Allah is the often-returning, most-merciful”

At-Tawba (Repentance) 9: 104

# We are protected by Allah on the Day of Judgment when we give charity

**Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said:**

(Seven people will be protected in the shade of Allah, on the Day when there is no shade or protection except His: A just ruler; and a young man raised well worshipping Allah; and a man whose heart is preoccupied with mosques; and two men who love one another for the sake of Allah, they come together and separate because of Allah; and a man who was seduced by a woman of money and beauty, but he said: “I fear Allah”; and a man who gave charity in secret, so that his left hand did not know what his right hand was giving; and a man who remembered Allah, when he was all alone, and his eyes teared)

Bokhari

# The Angels pray on behalf those who give in charity

**Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said:**

(Every day in the morning two angels come down:  
one of them says: “O Allah replace the money  
of those giving in charity”, and the other angel  
says: “O Allah ruin and destroy the money of  
those who refuse to give in charity”)

Bokhari & Muslim



# Our money does not decrease when we give in charity

“Say: “My Lord enlarges the provision and restricts it to whom He pleases of His servants; Whatever you give in charity He will replace it, for He is the best one to provide”

Sa Ba 34: 39

“Satan promises you poverty and bids you to shameful conduct, but Allah promises you forgiveness and His bounty, for Allah is ample, all-knowing”

Al-Baqara (The Cow) 2: 268

# Our money does not decrease when we give in charity

**Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said:**

(Your money never decreases because you gave charity; and a person who forgives others, Allah will increase his dignity; and whoever humbles himself to Allah, Allah will raise him in honor)

Ahmad, Muslim & Termedhi



# The Benefits of giving charity

## **Spending money properly**

Ibn Masoud related that Allah's messenger (PBUH) said:

(You should not wish for a better blessing than that of a man whom Allah gave him money and he is using it properly; or for a man whom Allah gave him knowledge & wisdom and he is applying it and teaching it to others)

Bokhari & Muslim

# The benefits of charity

## **Our good deeds are multiplied**

About Horaira related that Allah's messenger ( PBUH )  
said:

(Whoever gives even one date from lawful earning, for Allah only accepts what is good and pure, Allah will accept his charity with his right hand and takes care of it and makes it grow, like one of you taking care of his young camel, till this charity becomes like a mountain)

Bokhari

# Allah multiplies our reward

## Evidence from the Qur'an

“Who is it that will loan to Allah a beautiful loan, which Allah will double to his credit and multiply many times? For Allah gives and restricts the provision, and to Him you shall return“

Al-Baqara (The Cow) 2: 245

# Allah multiplies our reward

## Evidence from the Qur'an

“The parable of those who spend their wealth in the cause of Allah is that of a grain of corn: it grows seven ears, and each ear has a hundred grains; Allah gives manifold increase to whom He pleases, and Allah cares for all, and He knows all things“

Al-Baqara (The Cow) 2: 261

# Give charity early rather than late

“Spend out of what We provided for you before death comes to one of you, then he says: “O my Lord grant me respite for a short while I will give in charity and be among the righteous”. But Allah will not delay the time of a soul when its time comes, for Allah is well aware of what you do”

Al-Munafeqoun (The Hypocrites)

63: 10 & 11

# **The best time of giving charity is now and not when it is too late**

Abou Horaira said: A man asked : O Messenger of Allah, what charity has the best reward? He said: (To give charity when you are healthy and you do not have the desire to give, because you are afraid of being poor and you wish to be rich, and not delay your charity till you are about to die, then you say ”This I give to this person, and this I give to this person, because it is already theirs”

Bokhari, Muslim & Nesa’ee



# Charity is more than just giving money

**Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said:**

(Every Muslim should give charity, every day). His companions asked: Suppose he does not have money to give? He said: (Then he works, earns money, become self-sufficient, and gives in charity). They said: Suppose he cannot work? He said: (He helps those in dire need of his help). They asked: Suppose he does not do that? He said: (He guides to what is right). They asked: Suppose he does not do that? He said: (Then he does not harm others, and it will be considered a charity for him)

Bokhari

# Charity is more than just giving money

**Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said:**

(A kind word is charity, and every step that a person takes for prayer is a charity; if you remove obstacles in the road it is a charity)

Ahmad



# Charity is more than just giving money

Anas related that the Prophet ( PBUH ) said:

(Every Muslim who plants a plant or a tree, and whatever eats of it, whether a bird or a human being or an animal, till it is written for him as a charity)

Bokhari, Muslim, Ahmad & Termedhi

# Charity is more than just giving money

Abi Dhurr related that a group of the prophet's companions said: The rich have gotten all the rewards: they pray as we do, and fast as we do, and give charity on their wealth! He said: (Allah has made many things as possible charity: Every time you say" Subhan Allah (Purified is Allah), or AlHamdu Lellah (All praise is to Allah), or La Ilaha Illa Allah (there is no god but Allah), or Allahu Akbar (Allah is greater); commanding what is right and forbidding what is wrong is a charity; and when you satisfy your sexual desire you have a charity). They asked how come? He said : (If you satisfied your urge in unlawful way, you are punished, therefore if you do it in a lawful way, you are rewarded)

Muslim, Ibn Majja & Baihaqi

# Charity is more than just giving money

- 1-Our effort to help others in need is a charity
- 2-The guidance we provide and the example we set for others is a charity
- 3-Kind words that help and comfort others is a charity
- 4-Not harming others is a charity

# Ethics in giving charity

- 1-Do not harm the feelings of others
- 2-Give charity in secret
- 3-Start with those related to you and those in need
- 4-Give charity out of lawful earnings
- 5-Give out of what you love most
- 6-Do not belittle or ridicule the effort of others

# Do not harm the feelings of others

“Kind words and seeking God’s forgiveness is better than charity followed by injury, for Allah is free of want and most forbearing. O you who believe do not cancel your charitable deeds with reminders of your generosity or harming others”

Al-Baqara (The Cow) 2: 263 & 264

# Do not harm the feelings of others

“Those who spend their wealth in the cause of Allah, and follow not their gifts with reminders of their generosity or with injury, for them their reward is with their Lord, on them there shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve “

Al-Baqara (The Cow) 2: 262

# Do not harm the feelings of others

Abi Dhurr related that Allah's messenger ( PBUH ) said:  
( Three people Allah will not look at on the Day of Judgment, nor will He sanctify them, and they will have grievous chastisement: An arrogant person; and the person who reminds others of his generosity, every time he gives charity; and the person who sells something on false pretences )

Muslim, Ahmad, Abou Dawood, Nesa'ee, Termedhi & Ibn Majja



# Give charity in secret

“If you disclose your charitable deeds it is Ok, but if you conceal them and make sure they reach those who are poor it is better for you, and forgives you your sins, for Allah is well aware of all that you do”

Al-Baqara (The Cow) 2: 271

**Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)** describing those protected by Allah on the Day of Judgment said: (And a person who gives charity so that his left hand does not know what his right hand has given)

Bokhari

# Charity should be given to those related to us who are in need

**Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said:**

(Charity given to a needy person is one charity, but charity given to a relative is two charities: charity, and being good and close to your relations)

Ahmad

(The upper hand (that gives) is better than the lower hand (that receives) and start with those whom you support; the best charity is that given when you are capable of giving; and whoever tries to be self-sufficient, Allah will make him self-sufficient and not dependent on others; and whoever does not beg, Allah will provide for him and make him rich)

Bokhari

# Give to your relatives in need

“And give what is due to your kin, and the needy and the wayfarer, but do not spend excessively”

Al-Isra'a (Night Journey) 17: 26

“Therefore, give your kin his due right, as well as to the needy and the wayfarer. This is best for those who seek the countenance of Allah, and such who will succeed”

Ar-Rum (The Romans) 30: 38

# Charity is lawful for your relatives

A rich wife can give charity for her husband and children, as the wife of Ibn Masoud did after the prophet (PBUH) told her so (Bokhari)

Also our relatives deserve our charity, like Abou Talha who gave his best property to his relatives after the verse was revealed "You will not achieve piety till you give that which you love most" Al-Imran (Bokhari)

Bokhari related these two sayings under the heading: He gets two rewards: the reward of charity and the reward of helping his relatives

**Give in charity of what you have  
earned lawfully, and give the best**

**“O you who believe spend (in charity) out of  
what you have earned lawfully and out of  
what We have produced for you from the  
earth, and do not give out of that which is  
bad, while you yourselves will not accept  
except with closed eyes, and know that Allah  
is free of want, worthy of praise”**

**Al-Baqara (The Cow) 2: 267**

# Do not give the bad dates as your Zakat

Sahl related that Allah's messenger (PBUH) did forbid Muslims to aim at the bad dates and give it as their share of Zakat

Abou Dawood, Mundheri, Nesa'ee & Termedhi



# Give of what you love the most

“You will not achieve righteousness until you spend out of what you love the most; whatever you spend Allah is well aware of”

Al-Imran (The Family of Imran) 3: 92



# Do not belittle or ridicule the charity given by others

“Those who laugh at, and ridicule the charity given by other believers and by those who cannot give except their sincere effort, Allah will humiliate them and ridicule them and they will have a grievous chastisement”

At-Tawba (Repentance) 9: 79

# One dollar given in charity may be better than 1000 dollars

**Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said:**

(One Dirham is better and may surpass 100,000 Dirham) His companions asked: How can this be? He said: (A person has two Dirham, and he gives one Dirham in charity; whereas another person is very rich and gives only 100,000 Dirham)

the first person gave 50% in charity, much more than what the second person gave

# Grave suffering for those who do not give Zakat

- They will be punished severely on the Day of Judgment
- Their own money they hoarded and refused to give its Zakat will be used to torture them with
- They will be among the first to enter Hell Fire
- Evidence both in the Qur'an & Sunnah

# Grave suffering for those who do not give Zakat

“There are those who hoard gold and silver, and spend it not in the cause of Allah, to them announce a most grievous chastisement. On the day when it will be heated in the fire of Hell, and with it will be branded their foreheads, their flanks and their backs” this is the treasure that you hoarded for yourselves, taste then what you hoarded “

At-Tawba (Repentance) 9: 35

# Grave suffering for those who do not give Zakat

Abou Horaira related that Allah's messenger ( PBUH ) said:

( Whomever Allah blessed him with money, but did not give its Zakat, it will appear to him on the Day of Judgment in the form of a male snake with two teeth, it will encircle his neck and hold him by his mouth, and say "I am your money, I am your treasure". Then the prophet ( PBUH ) recited **"Let not those who hoard their money think it is better for them, no it is worse for them, soon it will be tied to their necks like a twisted collar, on the Day of Judgment"**) Al-Imran

**(The Family of Imran) 3: 180**

Malik, Bokhari, Muslim & Ahmad

# Grave suffering for those who do not give Zakat

Abou Horaira related that the Prophet ( PBUH ) said that the camels, that its owner did not give its Zakat, will come on the Day of Judgment stomping him with its feet; and the sheep will stomp him with its hooves and its horns; if any one of you come on the Day of Judgment carrying what he stole seeking my help, I will say: “I cannot help you before Allah, I did inform you“  
Bokhari, Muslim, Nesa'ee & Malik



# Those who do not give Zakat will be among the first to enter Hell

Abou Horaira related that Allah's messenger (PBUH) said: (I was shown the first three to enter paradise and the first three to enter Hell: Those to enter paradise first are :The martyr, and a slave who served Allah well and served his master well, and a poor person who have many children, but he does ask people for help but works hard to earn his living. Those who enter Hell first are: a tyrant ruler, and a rich person who does not give Allah's right in his money, and an arrogant scholar)

Ahmad, Hakim, Ibn Khozaima & Ibn Hibban



# When give Zakat your money is no longer a treasure & is purified

Ibn Omar said” The verse: “And those who hoard gold and silver and spend it not in the cause of Allah” was before Zakat was ordained, now Allah made the Zakat to purify the money

(Bokhari & Nesa’ee)

in another narration: there is nothing wrong in being very rich as long as you give the Zakat for your money (Baihaqi)

# Give your Zakat before a time comes when it will not be accepted

Haretha Bin Wahb related that the Prophet (PBUH) said: (Give charity before a time comes when a man tries to find anyone to accept his charity to no avail)

Bokhari & Muslim

Similar Hadeeth related by Abou Horaira indicating that this will happen close to the Hour of Judgment when money will become abundant

**If we do not give Zakat our deeds  
will fail & we will not succeed**

**“Woe to those who join gods with Allah, those  
who do not give Zakat, and who deny the  
Hereafter“**

**Fusselat 41: 6 & 7**

**“Do you see the one who denies the Judgment  
to come, such is the one who repulses the  
orphan, and encourages not the feeding of  
the indigent“**

**Al-Ma'un 107: 1-3**

# **If we do not give Zakat our deeds will fail & we will not succeed**

Ibn Masoud said: We are ordered to establish prayer, and to give Zakat, whoever did not give Zakat, then he did not pray

Tabarani

In another narration: Whoever establishes prayer, but did not give Zakat, then he is not a Muslim that his deeds will benefit him

Asbahani

# **If a community refuses to give Zakat Allah will make their livelihood difficult**

Boraida Al-Aslami related that Allah's messenger  
(PBUH)said:

(Whenever a group of people refuse to give their  
Zakat, then Allah will test them and try them  
with difficult years and lack of resources)

Tabarani

# Give charity when you can afford

Hakeem Bin Hizam related that the prophet (PBUH) said:  
(The upper hand is better than the lower hand, and start with those whom you are responsible for supporting; the best charity is that given when you can afford to give; whoever does not ask, Allah will give him so he does not have to ask)

Bokhari

\* The upper hand was explained as the hand that gives, and the lower hand as the hand that receives



# You can give your Zakat early

Uqba Bin Al-Hareth related that the prophet (PBUH) went to his home in a hurry after Asr prayer, when he came out and was asked, he said: (I had some gold, and I hated for it to stay overnight, therefore I gave it to the poor)

Bokhari

Aesha related that Allah's messenger said:  
(Whenever Charity is not given in a money, it destroys this money) Shafe'I & Bokhari's history



# **Give your Zakat even if the government agent transgresses**

Abou Horaira related that Allah's messenger (PBUH) said:  
(When the person (from government) comes to take your Zakat, give it to him; if he transgresses over you, turn your back but do not curse him, and say "O Allah I seek your reward for what was taken from me"

Baihaqi

Similar Hadeeth in Ahmad, Muslim, Abou Dawood  
after Jareer

# **Zakat Al-Fitr**

## **(Charity given for fasting Ramadan)**

Ibn Omar related that Allah's messenger (PBUH) ordered Muslims to give Zakat Al-Fitr a certain measure of dates, or barley, due on free persons or slaves, male or female, young or old, and that it should be given before people come out for prayer on Eid day

Ahmad, Bokhari, Muslim, Nesa'ee, Ibn Majja ,  
Termedhi & Abou Dawood

Similar Hadeeth after Abi Sa'eed

# When should Zakat Al-Fitr be given?

- \*Certainly before people come out to pray Eid prayer

- \*Also few days before Ramadan ends

Bokhari, Muslim, Ahmad, Nesa'ee & Baihaqi  
after Ibn Omar and his slave Naf' e

# **Zakat Al-Fitr can be of any food or money**

The Prophet (PBUH) ordered Muslims to give Zakat Al-Fitr of what was available to them at his time: Dates, wheat, barley, grapes etc.

Nowadays if we give food most people will not accept it, therefore money is given instead. The amount of money given on each person is what is needed to feed one person. At our time it is \$ 10, but may increase due to inflation

# To whom should Zakat be given ?

“Charity (Zakat) is for the poor and needy,  
and those employed to administer the  
funds; for those whose heart has been  
recently reconciled

(to truth); for those in bondage and in debt;  
in the cause of Allah; and for the wayfarer.

This is ordained by Allah, for Allah is full of  
knowledge and wisdom“

At-Tawba (Repentance) 9: 60

# Charity is given to the poor

When the prophet (PBUH) sent Mo'adh to Yemen he told him ( .. And inform them that Allah has ordained a charity on their money, to be taken from the rich among them to be returned to the poor among them )

Bokhari, Muslim, Abou Dawood, Termedhi, Nesa'ee & Ibn Majja after Ibn Abbas



# Charity for the needy

Abou Horaira related that the Prophet (PBUH) said:

(The needy is not the person who leaves if you give him something to eat, but the needy is the person who has no money but feels shy and does not ask for help)

Ahmad, Bokhari & Muslim

Similar Haddeth (But the needy is the person who does not find a rich person who makes him self-sufficient, and does not know his needs so he does not give him)

Bokhari, Muslim & Ahmad



# Do not ask or beg others for money

About Horaira related that Allah's messenger (PBUH) said:

(By the One holding my soul in His hand, it is better for a person to take a rope and cut wood carrying it on his back, than asking another man: for he may give him or may not give him)

Bokhari & Muslim

# Do not beg others for money

Abi Sa'eed said: a group of people asked Allah's messenger to give them and he did, and they asked him again and again, till he had nothing to give. Then he said: (Whatever good I have I will not save it but give it to you; whoever seeks to be self-sufficient and not ask others, Allah will make him self-sufficient; whoever portrays patience and perseverance, Allah will give him patience and perseverance. No one was given anything better than Sabr (patience)

Bokhari & Baihaqi

# Do not ask others for money

Hakeem bin Hizam said: I asked the Prophet (PBUH) and he gave me; then I asked him and he gave me, then he said: (O Hakeem, this money is pretty and green, whoever takes it with a good heart, Allah will bless it for him; but if a person takes it never satisfied and asking for more, will have no blessing in it, and will become like the one who eats but is never full; the upper hand is better than the lower hand)

Bokhari, Muslim, Nesa'ee, Termedhi & Baihaqi

# Asking others for money is humiliation

The Prophet (PBUH) is advising and instructing Muslims to work and earn their livelihood, rather beg others for money or become dependant. This ensures human dignity and not expose a person to humiliation or asking for help and being turned away

The Prophet (PBUH) stressed that the upper hand that gives is better than the lower hand that receives charity

# If we keep asking others for money we come humiliated on Judgment day

Ibn Omar related that the Prophet (PBUH) said:  
(A man keeps asking people (for money) till he  
comes on the Day of Judgment with no flesh on  
his face)

Bokhari, Muslim, Nesa'ee & Ahmad

# Charity is not allowed for a rich person or someone who can work

Abdullah Bin Amrou Bin A's related that Allah's messenger (PBUH) said:

(Charity is not lawful for a rich person, or for a person who is strong and can work (and earn a living))

Ahmad, Abou Dawood, Termedhi

Similar Hadeeth after Abou Horaira in Nesa'ee, Ibn Hibban, Ibn Majja & Hakim



# Those administering the Zakat have a share in it

Omar related that Allah's messenger (PBUH) used him to administer the Zakat and gave him his share. He said: I only did this for the sake of Allah!. The messenger (PBUH) said: (When you are given something without asking for it, then take it and give charity)

Ahmad, Bokhari, Muslim & Abou Dawood

# Zakat is not allowed for Muhammad (PBUH) or his family

Abdul- Muttalib and Fadl bin Abbas asked Allah's messenger (PBUH) to give them of the charity that the Muslims gave. He said: (This charity is not lawful for Muhammad or the family of Muhammad, for it is people's dirt)

Ahmad, Muslim, Abou Dawood & Nesa'ee

Abou Horaira related that Al-Hasan took a date from the charity and put it in his mouth, the Prophet (PBUH) said: (Do you not know that we are not allowed to eat from this charity) Ahmad, Bokhari & Muslim

PS : Allah wanted to honor His prophet (PBUH) and not subject him to the whims or generosity of others

# The prophet (PBUH) accepted the gift, but not the charity

Abou Horaira said that if the Prophet (PBUH) was given food, he would ask If it was a gift, he would eat from the food; if it was a charity, he will not eat from it

Ahmad, Muslim & Termedhi

# The reward of a trustworthy worker

A worker on Zakat money is rewarded if he is honest and trustworthy and is punished if he betrays that trust  
Abi Musa Al-Ash'ari related that Allah's messenger (PBUH) said: (A Muslim worker who is entrusted with (Zakat money) and who gives what he was entrusted with, with a good heart, to whom he was ordered to deliver is one of those who give charity )

Ahmad, Bokhari, Muslim, Abou Dawood & Nesa'ee

# Do not steal from charity money

Boraida related that the Prophet (PBUH) said:

(Whoever we hired to do some work, and we gave him his fees, whatever he takes beyond that then it is gholoul (stealing and cheating))

Abou Dawood & Mundheri

# Do not steal from charity money

Abi Hameed As-Sa'edi said the prophet (PBUH) hired a man to administer the charity, he came and said: This is yours, and this was given to me as a gift. Allah's messenger (PBUH) said: (Why does a man whom we hired say "This is for you and this is given to me as a gift! If he stayed in his father and mother's house, will they give him gifts? By Allah if you cheat and steal anything it will with you on the Day of Judgment . O Allah, Did I deliver the message)

Ahmad, Bokhari, Muslim & Abou Dawood



# The prophet gave charity money to some with no real faith

In order to reconcile their hearts so that they become good Muslims

Amrou Bin Taghlib related that Allah's messenger gave some and did not give others; those not given were upset, so He (PBUH) said: (I give some and do not give others; those I do not give are more beloved to me than those I give to; I give money to some because of what I find in their hearts of want and impatience, and I do not give others because their hearts have goodness and are satisfied)

Bokhari & Ahmad

# Those in bondage

Bara'a Bin Azeb related that a man asked the Prophet (PBUH): Tell me about a deed that will bring me closer to paradise, and distances me from hell fire? He said: (Free a slave, and help free someone in bondage)

Ahmad & Daraqutni

Abou Horaira related that the Prophet (PBUH) said: ( Three people deserve to be helped by Allah: Someone fighting in Allah's cause; and a slave who reaches an agreement with his master to free him if he pays money; and a person who wants to get married to safeguard his chastity)

Ahmad, Nesa'ee, Ibn Majja & Termedhi

# Charity is allowed for those in debt

Anas related that the Prophet (PBUH) said:

(Asking for money to be helped is not allowed except for three persons: A very poor person; and someone in heavy debt; or someone who makes a pledge to pay blood money to save someone from being killed)

Ahmad, Abou Dawood, Ibn Majja & Termedhi

Whatever we give in charity Allah  
will replace

“Nothing you spend in the least in His cause  
but He replaces it, for He is the best of those  
who grant sustenance“

SA'Ba' 34: 39

# Pay your debt first before you give charity

Bokhari noted this subject under the heading “No charity unless you are able to give; whoever gives when he is in need or his family is in need or he has a debt to pay, then he should pay his debt before he gives in charity, for he is not allowed to waste other people’s money, for the Prophet (PBUH) said: (Whoever takes people’s money with the intent of wasting it, Allah will waste him); and he also (PBUH) prohibited wasting money, therefore he cannot waste other people’s money because he wants to give in charity

Bokhari in the Book of Zakat

# When you spend on your family seeking Allah's pleasure it is a sadaqa (charity)

Abi Masoud Al-Ansari related that the Prophet (PBUH) said:

(When a Muslim spends on his family, seeking Allah's pleasure, it is written for him as a charity)

Bokhari, Muslim & Baihaqi

Thawban related that Allah's messenger (PBUH) said:

(The best Dinar a man can spend is that spent on his children, or a dinar on his horse or friends in the way of Allah) Baihaqi & Muslim



# **If the motivation is noble then the Sadaqa (charity) is accepted**

Abou Horaira related that Allah's messenger (PBUH) said: (A man said: "I will give charity", so he went out and gave his charity to a thief (unknowingly), next morning people said: He gave his charity to a thief, he said: "O Allah all praise is due to You that I gave my charity to a thief"; next day he gave charity to an adulteress, next morning people said: He gave his charity to an adulteress, he said "O Allah all praise is due to You that I gave my charity to an adulteress". Next night he gave charity to a rich person..)

# If the motivation is noble, then the charity is accepted

(next morning people talked that he gave his charity to a rich person. He said "O Allah all praise is due to you, that I gave my charity to a thief, and to an adulteress and to a rich person". He was told: "As for your charity to the thief, may be he will stop stealing; as for the adulteress, may be she will get chaste; as for the rich person, may be he will be admonished and spend out of what Allah provided for him")

Ahmad, Bokhari, Muslim & Nesa'ee

# Charity can be given to non-Muslims

Asma'a Bint Abi Bakr said: My mother came to me while still not a Muslim at the time of Quraish after Allah's messenger had the treaty with them; I asked him (PBUH): My mother came to me and she needs me, should I get close to her and help her? He (PBUH) said: (Yes, get close and help your mother)

Bokhari, Muslim & Abou Dawood

# **A woman can give charity from what her spouse owns**

Aesha related that Allah's messenger (PBUH) said:

(When the woman gives charity from what her husband owns without excess or causing harm, then she gets her reward, and her husband gets his reward, and the servant has his reward)

Bokhari, Muslim & Abou Dawood

In another version (None of them decreases the reward of the other person)

# A rich person is rich because of what he gives, not because of what he possesses

Ibn Masoud related that Allah's messenger (PBUH) said: (Who among you the money that his heir will get is more beloved to him than his own money?). His companions said: "Every one of us loves his own money more than any other money". He said: (Your money is what you send forward of charity, and the money that you leave behind is what your heir will get after you die)

Bokhari & Ahmad



# Give as charity what is most useful

Sa'd Bin Ubada said: I Told Allah's messenger: My mother died, what charity is better? He said: (Water). So I dug a well and said: This is on behalf my mother.

In other versions: Which charity you like most? He said (PBUH) (to provide water)

Abou Dawood, Nesa'ee & Ibn Majja



# Give as charity what is most needed

Abi Sa'eed related that the Prophet (PBUH) said:  
(Any Muslim who clothes a naked Muslim, Allah will clothe him of the greens of heaven; and any Muslim who feeds a hungry Muslim, Allah will feed him of the fruits of heaven; and any Muslim who gives drink to a thirsty Muslim, Allah will give him drink from the nectar of heaven)

Abou Dawood, Baihaqi, Ahmad & Termedhi

# Give as charity what is most needed

Abou Horaira related that Allah's messenger (PBUH) said:

(While a man was walking he felt very thirsty, he found a well and he went down and drank from it; when he came out he saw a dog panting from severe thirst. He said to himself: this dog is very thirsty like I was, so he went to the well and brought some water and gave it to the dog. Allah thanked him and forgave him). His companions asked: Do we have a reward even in animals? He said: (in every creature that has a wet liver is reward)

Bokhari, Muslim, Abou Dawood, Malik & Baihaqi

Allah forgave the man because he was merciful, and did something useful

# Leave behind a charity that continues to help others

About Horaira related that the Prophet (PBUH) said: (When man dies all his deeds cease except for three things: a charity that continues to benefit others; or knowledge that is useful; or a righteous son or daughter who prays on his behalf)

Ahmad, Muslim, Abou Dawood, Termedhi & Nesa'ee

# Allah accepts the prayers of a righteous child on behalf his parents

Abou Horaira related that Allah's messenger said:  
(Allah increases the status of the righteous person in heaven; he asks: "O my Lord how come I have all this?" He is told: because your child sought Allah's forgiveness on your behalf)

Ahmad

# Allah accepts our charity on behalf a dead relative

Aesha related that a man asked the Prophet (PBUH): My mother died suddenly, and did not leave a will; I think if she was able to talk now, she would have given charity; does she get a reward if I give charity on her behalf? He said: (Yes)

Muslim, Ahmad & Bokhari

Similar Hadeeth related by Abou Horaira, Ibn Abbas, Amrou Bin Al' As & Sa'dBin Ubada