

Generosity, the trait of the Prophet (peace be upon him)

The Prophet (peace be upon him) was the most generous of people, and more generous in Ramadan than wind sent forth. What sets generosity apart from giving.

CENTREPIECE Sahih al-Bukhari 6, Sahih Muslim 2308

FIRST KHUTBAH

1. More than rules require

Zakat is an obligation with defined rules. Generosity continues beyond it through voluntary charity, hospitality, gifts, time, and patient service. Jabir reported that the Prophet (peace be upon him) did not refuse a request when he was able to respond (Bukhari 6034).

2. Generosity does not reduce wealth

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said that charity does not decrease wealth (Muslim 2588). The amount given leaves our possession, but Allah can preserve what remains, replace what was spent, and reward it in the next life. The promise teaches trust without asking a person to ignore their real obligations.

3. Quiet giving

Allah says: if you give charity openly, it is good. If you hide it and give it to the poor, that is better for you (Baqarah 2:271). The left hand should not know what the right gives (Bukhari 660).

SECOND KHUTBAH

Return to the centrepiece and gather the message around one honest change connected to generosity, the trait of the prophet (peace be upon him).

Suggested closing: Identify one person you can give to this week without anyone else knowing. Do it before Jumu'ah next.

PREPARATION NOTES

1. Read every cited verse or hadith in full before using it.
2. Add one example your own congregation will recognise.
3. Check questions of fiqh and recognised disagreement with a qualified local scholar.

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