

Sadaqah, giving without making people feel small

Charity grows when it is offered for Allah and protected from pride. The gift matters, and so does the dignity of the person receiving it.

CENTREPIECE Surah al-Baqarah 2:261, Sahih Muslim 2588

FIRST KHUTBAH

1. Allah can multiply what leaves our hands

The Quran compares spending for Allah to a grain that produces seven ears, each holding a hundred grains (al-Baqarah 2:261). The believer does not measure the future of a gift only by the amount that left the account.

Source: Quran 2:261

2. A gift can be injured after it is given

Allah warns believers not to ruin charity with reminders and hurtful words (al-Baqarah 2:264). Publicity, control and repeated mention can make the giver feel large while making the recipient carry a second burden.

Source: Quran 2:264

3. Charity does not reduce wealth

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said that charity does not diminish wealth (Muslim 2588). Give regularly enough to train the heart, verify organisations before donating and remember that time, skill and advocacy can also meet a real need.

Source: Muslim 2588

SECOND KHUTBAH

Ask the congregation to preserve dignity in every form of help. The recipient is not a prop for a photograph or a story about the giver's generosity.

Suggested closing: O Allah, give us generous hands and humble hearts. Accept what we give, protect the dignity of those who receive it and place barakah in what remains.

ONE ACTION FOR THIS WEEK

Set up one small recurring gift to a trustworthy cause, or offer a useful skill to someone who could not easily pay for it.

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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