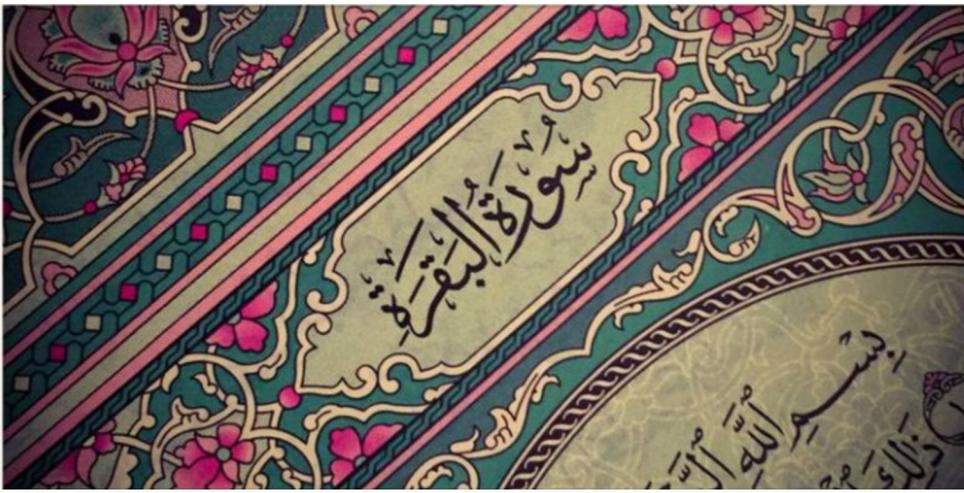


Al-Baqarah

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The actions must be acceptable to Allah. It's not your actions, but what is in your heart which is important, your taqwa. Don't follow your desires, do what Allah likes. When Ibrahim عليه السلام built the Ka'abah, this was such a great work, and such a great honour, but he was so humble, he made du'a, asking Allah to accept his deed (2:127)

There are some deeds which you work hard to make acceptable, so that they are very productive and beneficial, but then you spoil them yourself, and they become zero.

الَّذِينَ يَنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ثُمَّ لَا يَتَّبِعُونَ مَا أَنْفَقُوا مِنْهَا وَلَا أذى لَهُمْ أَجْرُهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ

Those who spend their wealth in the way of Allah and then do not follow up what they have spent with reminders [of it] or [other] injury will have their reward with their Lord, and there will be no fear concerning them, nor will they grieve
2:262

الذين ينفقون أموالهم في سبيل الله

Two things are spoilers of deeds : reminding someone of your

- المن → favours
- الأذى → harming someone after doing them favours

لاعلاء كلمة الله

output

ثم لا يتبعون ما أنفقوا

Some deeds are great projects, helping the masses, you don't want them to be spoiled by your own inner diseases. The more good you do for the masses, the greater the reward, and the more trails you will face.

So you build hospitals and schools, the seeds are sown. Allah protects the believers. Allah gives them the insight, be careful of these spoilers, don't destroy your deeds by yourself. The sadaqah you give is your output, your purification. The more you given the more your heart is purified. When you spend in the name of Allah, your intention should be to elevate the mention of Allah. This is by the permission of Allah.

When you give sadaqah, after that, be careful. For instance, you give a beggar some money; you will surely be tested. The beggar may misbehave; will you tell him you just gave him money? If you do, then your sadaqah will become zero. So it's not only a matter of doing good deeds, but also guarding them. Your reward is important, not the result of your deed. The test will come to see how you react.

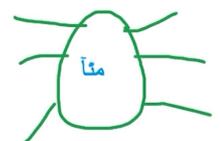
The من can be with the heart and the tongue. You may remind someone of the favour you did to them, or you don't say anything, but you feel it in your heart. In both cases, your sadaqah is wasted. Allah is the One who guides you to do the good deed. You are spending, but Allah gave you the favour in the first place, so that you can give to someone else in your turn. It is better not to help if you want to spoil it later. If you count your favours, this is wrong. Allah is the One who gives, not you. If you make من, you will make the person sad, and your deed will be nullified.

The أذى is to harm the person verbally or physically, hurting his feelings, calling them names. Only Allah has favours upon us all. He is ذو الفضل العظيم, the One with the great favours.

How can we protect ourselves from المن and الأذى? Do good and forget about it. Look at Allah when you do anything good. It is an honour to be chosen to do good deeds. Be alert and observant when you do the deed, the alarm is on; the test will come, so make your intention very clear in your heart. When the believer does a good deed, he is very afraid of it not being accepted by Allah.

منا ولا أذى

أذى
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الفعلي



بالقلب
باللسان

يعدد الاحسان

لهم اجرهم عند ربهم

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For those who don't spoil their deeds with المن والأذى, exclusively, is their reward, which depends on their deeds. You work and you get a salary, it is assured that Allah will not let the deeds of anyone go to waste. Their reward is safe and preserved with Allah. You don't have to worry about it.

ولا خوف عليهم

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When you take your money and invest it, or deposit it, you don't spend it, it is safe, you can't touch it.

ولا هم يحزنون

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The name of Allah Ar-Rabb is mentioned here, because He nurtures you by teaching you this, and putting the need to spend for the sake of Allah in your heart. There is no fear in your heart, because you sent it to Allah to preserve

for you for the future. The fear is when you do it and are afraid you will spoil it. But when it is with Allah, there is no room for fear.

They will not grieve about what they spent, not regret it. When you do things for the sake of Allah, you will never regret it. If you don't get any appreciation, and regret it, then your reward will be less. They will not grieve the past, nor fear the future. Don't look back once you've done the deed.

On the Day of Judgement, he will be under the shade of his sadaqah. Imagine that day, no clothes, no shade, no landmark. But this person will be under the shade of his spending. He will be recognized on the Day of Judgement. Imagine being under an umbrella in the middle of the vast plain with no shade.

The sadaqah gives firmness and benefits you, if you don't spoil it.

قَوْلٌ مَّعْرُوفٌ وَمَغْفِرَةٌ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ
صَدَقَةٍ يَتَّبِعُهَا أَذَىٰ وَاللَّهُ غَنِيٌّ
حَلِيمٌ

Kind speech and forgiveness are better than charity followed by injury. And Allah is Free of need and Forbearing
2:263

Don't use your tongue for bad words, use it for good, and you will be distanced from the evil. You want to remind the person of your favour, but the good words will extinguish this need.

الكلمة الطيبة صدقة

قول معروف

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و مغفرة

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There are replacements, Allah gives substitutes. You want to say من وأذى, but you make tasbeeh.

خير من صدقة يتبعها أذى

You're very angry, so you make wudoo. If you love someone too much, you express it. You may be feeling very low, but there are several ways to deal with this state; make du'a, tasbeeh, say good things; program yourself with good words. When you say the remembrances of Allah, you are also programming yourself.

If you don't have anything to give, give a smile. But it's better to not give if you are going to spoil it with mean behaviour. There is also no need to give and be proud of it, with bad words, or even body language. Use the tool of forgiveness of the person to whom you did a favour is bad to you. Forgive him, even if you have the upper hand. Giving something and then harming the person is very evil. It's better to give good words and forgive. These are the etiquettes of Islam.

To be continued In shaa Allah