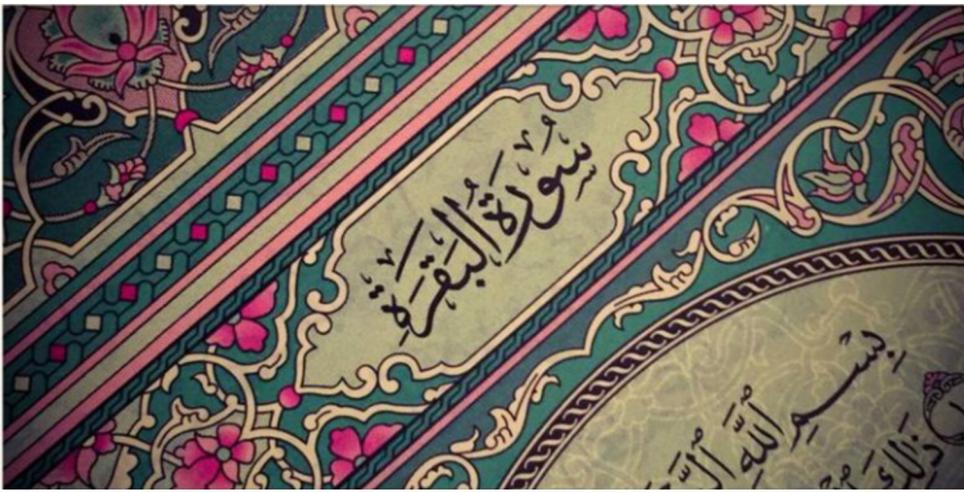


# Al-Baqarah

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The نفقة is a proof of your faith, and how much of it you are applying. The exam shows the reality of the student, and the exam here comes in the form of النفقة. If you have faith in resurrection, you will spend freely, with a happy heart. If you want to upgrade your sadaqah, increase your faith in Allah and the Day of Judgement.

In the beginning of Surah Al-Baqarah, Allah mentioned some of the characteristics of the believers → الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْغَيْبِ وَيُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنْفِقُونَ (2:3) It mentions belief in the unseen first, because that is essential. The second characteristic is salah, and then spending.

In this ayah, spending in charity is mentioned as a command. The title of the group which is addressed here is the believers. This has two applications. The believer must listen to this command, and follow the instruction. Also, if someone aspires to be a believer, and doesn't know where to start, he can spend in charity, and be a part of the believer; this is very motivating.

Allah addresses people according to their level and need. The most honourable one is يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا. Our connection with Allah is with faith. Belief is a feeling in the heart for the unseen.

Anything good which you produce, even a smile, is a sadaqah. The faith is in the heart, and must be expressed with actions. The verb نَفَقَ also means خَرَجَ, to leave. It must be manifest with remembrance, good words, advice, etc. In this ayah, spending the wealth is specifically emphasized. Wealth is the weakness of a human being. Allah is the One who guides you to spend, even though it's your action.

يا أيها الذين آمنوا

أنفقوا

من طيبات

أطيب الأموال و أجوده و انفسه

Allah will give you the money when you have a burning desire to spend it in charity. Now comes the test of your truthfulness; you have the money, will you spend it on charity? Sometimes you have the money and hesitate, this losing the opportunity.

Here Allah wants you to be selective. Choose the best from pure provision you have been given. You don't just clear the clutter, and give away things which you don't want. The money you spend must be from your best income. The sadaqah must come happily from your heart, it must not be forced. You must feel that you are purifying yourself, so you are positive and excited, not regretful. You cannot snatch things from people. This is falsehood and is not allowed for you. The charity must be given without any pressure.

صلى الله The Messenger of Allah عليه وسلم said :  
أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ طَيِّبٌ لَا يَقْبَلُ إِلَّا طَيِّبًا وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ أَمَرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ بِمَا أَمَرَ بِهِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ

O people, Allah is Good and He therefore, accepts only that which is good. And Allah commanded the believers as He commanded the Messengers.  
صحيح مسلم ، حديث #1015  
(Part of a longer hadith)

This command is directly from Allah, He didn't tell the Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم to inform the people.

Allah will only accept good and pure things as sadaqah. The thing that you

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَنْفِقُوا مِنْ طَيِّبَاتِ مَا كَسَبْتُمْ وَمِمَّا أَخْرَجْنَا لَكُمْ مِنَ الْأَرْضِ وَلَا تَيَمَّمُوا الْخَبِيثَ مِنْهُ تُنْفِقُونَ وَلَسْتُمْ بِآخِذِيهِ إِلَّا أَنْ تُغْمِضُوا فِيهِ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ غَنِيٌّ حَمِيدٌ

O you who have believed, spend from the good things which you have earned and from that which We have produced for you from the earth. And do not aim toward the defective therefrom, spending [from that] while you would not take it [yourself] except with closed eyes. And know that Allah is Free of need and Praiseworthy  
2:267

لا يَحِلُّ مَالُ امْرِئٍ مُسْلِمٍ إِلَّا عَنِ طَيِّبِ نَفْسٍ

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The money of a Muslim is not permissible except if it is given with the goodness of the heart.

donate for charity must be halal and in good condition. طيب is a higher level than حلال. Not only must it be lawful money, but the best you have, from the best sources, with no harm in it. It must be from what you earn, you must work for it. This can be your salary, or some investment which reaps profits.

This is an encouragement to work and earn money. Allah is the One who provides for you, but you must not just sit at home and not make an effort. It is always

good to eat from what you earn. Daud عليه السلام was a great king, but he made coats of armour and sold them to support himself.

من طيبات

ومما أخرجنا لكم من الارض

ما كسبتم

يكسب من التجارة و الاعمال

A man came to the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم and said :

Messenger of Allah, I have property and children, and my father finishes my

property. He replied :

أَنْتَ وَمَالُكَ لِوَالِدِكَ إِنَّ أَوْلَادَكُمْ مِنْ أَطْيَبِ كَسْبِكُمْ  
فَكُلُوا مِنْ كَسْبِ أَوْلَادِكُمْ.

You and your property belong to your father; your children come from the pleasantest of what you earn; so enjoy from the earning of your children.

سنن أبي داود ، حديث #3530

Your children are also your earnings, your كسب. The effort you put into bringing them up, is صدقة جارية, an ongoing charity for you.

Another choice given is to spread from what Allah takes out of the earth for you, such as fruit and vegetables. You can even feed your children with it. What is important is to remember that Allah brought it out for you.

Don't store it in the fridge in the hope you will set it later. Give it to someone to eat on the spot.

ولا تيمموا

لا تقصدوا

Tayammum is to purify with sand, when water is not available. But you can't make it your first option because you find it easier. Water is the best and must be the first option. So the first option for charity must from the طيب, the best available for you.

الخبيث منه تنفقون

لا ترغبون فيه

ولستم بأخذيته

الا ان تغمضوا فيه

This reminds us of the story of Habeel and Qabeel, the two sons of Aadam عليه السلام, when both of them gave sadaqah, but Qabeel gave inferior good from what he had, so Allah rejected his offerings, and Habeel gave the best that he had, so his sadaqah was accepted by Allah. This infuriated Qabeel so much that he killed his brother, committing the first murder on earth.

Give the best that you have in the way of Allah. Don't give damaged or inferior goods, or things which you don't want for yourself. Don't give torn clothing or broken toys to anyone, this is insulting. Don't make your spending from the خبيث. Allah knows the intentions of everyone.

When you give something, consider the feelings of the one you are giving to. Think of yourself at the receiving end. Would you take it? If not, then don't give it. It may be something you would only take with your eyes closed. Maybe the one you are giving to also closes his eyes and takes it because he is needy, and doesn't have a choice. What you give must be up to your standard, not the standard of the one at the receiving end.

The sadaqah you give goes into the Hands of Allah first, before the person gets it. Spending in charity purifies the self. How can خبيث purify anything? Whatever Allah gives us is pure, so we should also give back pure.