

THEME 14 - BEING GENEROUS TO EVERYONE

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Learning objectives:

- To learn the meaning of generosity.
- To explain how Allah and the Messenger are generous.
- To understand how generosity makes you a better person.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: ﴿وَمَا أَنْفَقْتُمْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ فَهُوَ يُخْلِفُهُ﴾ [سبأ: 39].

قال الله تعالى: ﴿مَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يُقْرِضُ اللَّهَ قَرْضًا حَسَنًا فَيُضَاعِفَهُ لَهُ أَضْعَافًا كَثِيرَةً﴾ [البقرة: 245].

In this theme, you will learn:

Generosity is giving willingly, freely and cheerfully without being asked to give nor is there an expectation for anything in return. It can be giving money, time, talent and education to others that are in need. By being generous, Allah will reward you with Jannah. The more you give the more you will get. So give freely, as you have received freely!

Allah ﷻ says: “Whatever you spend in charity, He shall repay it”

(34:39). Allah ﷻ says: “Who will offer Allah a loan, a beautiful loan, He will multiply its reward many times over. Allah withholds His favour, or He gives plenty, and to Him you will return” (2:245).

[1] عن ابن مسعود عن النبي قَالَ: «لَا حَسَدَ إِلَّا فِي اثْنَتَيْنِ: رَجُلٌ آتَاهُ اللَّهُ مَالًا، فَسَلَّطَهُ عَلَىٰ هَلَكَاتِهِ فِي الْحَقِّ، وَرَجُلٌ آتَاهُ اللَّهُ حِكْمَةً، فَهُوَ يَقْضِي بِهَا وَيُعَلِّمُهَا» متفقٌ عَلَيْهِ.

1. Ibn Mas’ud ؓ reported: The Prophet ﷺ said, “Envy is allowed only in two cases: A man who Allah has given wealth to and he spends it properly, and a man who Allah has knowledge to which he uses it and teaches it.”

[2] عن عَدِيٍّ بن حَاتِمٍ أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ قَالَ: «اتَّقُوا النَّارَ وَلَوْ بِشِقِّ تَمْرَةٍ» متفقٌ عَلَيْهِ.

2. ‘Adi bin Hatim ؓ reported: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, “Protect yourself from Hell fire even if it is by giving something as little as a piece of date.”

[3] عن جَابِرٍ قَالَ: مَا سُئِلَ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ شَيْئًا قَطُّ، فَقَالَ: لَا. متفقٌ عَلَيْهِ.

3. Jabir ؓ reported: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ never said ‘no’ to anyone who asked him for something.

[4] عن أبي هريرة قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ: «مَا مِنْ يَوْمٍ يُصْبِحُ الْعِبَادُ فِيهِ إِلَّا مَلَكَانِ يَنْزِلَانِ، فَيَقُولُ أَحَدُهُمَا: اللَّهُمَّ أَعْطِ مُنْفِقًا خَلْفًا، وَيَقُولُ الْآخَرُ: اللَّهُمَّ أَعْطِ مُمْسِكًا تَلْفًا» متفقٌ عَلَيْهِ.

4. Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه reported: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, “Every morning two angels descend and one of them prays ‘reward the person who gives charity’ and the other says ‘O Allah deprive the person who does not give charity.’”

[5] عن أبي هريرة قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ: «قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: أَنْفِقْ يَا ابْنَ آدَمَ يُنْفِقْ عَلَيْكَ» متفقٌ عَلَيْهِ.

5. Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه reported: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, “Allah ﷻ says, ‘Spend, O son of Adam, and others will spend on you as well.’”

COMMENTARY: The hadith highlights the importance of generosity and charity. It conveys a message from Allah, emphasising the virtue of spending and giving to others. The hadith encourages individuals to be generous and assures them that when they selflessly give, they will also be blessed with the support and provision from others.

[6] عن عبد الله بن عمرو بن العاص: أَنَّ رَجُلًا سَأَلَ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ: أَيُّ الْإِسْلَامِ خَيْرٌ؟ قَالَ: «تُطْعِمُ الطَّعَامَ، وَتَقْرَأُ السَّلَامَ عَلَى مَنْ عَرَفْتَ وَمَنْ لَمْ تَعْرِفْ» متفقٌ عَلَيْهِ.

6. ‘Abdullah bin ‘Amr bin Al-’as رضي الله عنه reported: A man asked the Messenger of Allah ﷺ, “Which deed in Islam is the best?” He ﷺ replied, “To feed needy people and to greet those who you know and those you do not know.”

Activities:

- Share something that you like amongst your friends and family.
- Invite your friends or your neighbour for a meal.
- Discuss the benefits of being generous.
- Donate food to a food bank so poor people can benefit.

In this theme you have learnt:

- By spending on others, you will gain more and get rewarded with Jannah.
- Greet those that you know and even those you don't know.
- Help anyone who needs help as well as those who are different than you.