

FINANCIAL SACRIFICE

Taleem Focus Slides – October 2017

God is the Source of Everything

1. All Praise belongs to Allah.
2. Only through Him are you successful and it is not of your doing.
3. The Gracious/Merciful God has provided you with the means of sustenance.
4. You should not be ungrateful to him.

Commandments about Financial Sacrifice

Spending in the way of Allah is a source of happiness.

وَأَنْفِقُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَلَا تُلْقُوا بِأَيْدِيكُمْ إِلَى التَّهْلُكَةِ وَأَحْسِنُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُحْسِنِينَ

"And spend in the cause of Allah, and cast not yourselves into ruin with your own hands, and do good; surely, Allah loves those who do good." *Al-Baqrah* 2:196

مَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يُقْرِضُ اللَّهَ قَرْضًا حَسَنًا فَيُضْعِفُهُ لَهُ أَضْعَافًا كَثِيرَةً وَاللَّهُ يَقْبِضُ وَيَبْصُطُ وَإِلَيْهِ تُرْجَعُونَ

"Who is it that will lend Allah a goodly loan that He may multiply it for him manifold? **And Allah receives and enlarges, and to Him shall you be made to return.**" *Al-Baqrah* 2:246

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الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ثُمَّ لَا يُتَّبِعُونَ مَا أَنْفَقُوا مَنًّا وَلَا أَدَىٰ لَهُمْ
أَجْرُهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ z

"They who spend their wealth for the cause of Allah, then follow not up what they have spent with taunt or injury; for them is their reward with their Lord, and they shall have no fear, nor shall they grieve." *Al-Baqrah 2:263*

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"Who is he who will lend to Allah a goodly loan? So He will increase it manifold for him, and he will have a generous reward." *Al-Hadid 57:12*

The Holy Prophet's (ﷺ) Hadith

Abu Huraira reported Allah's messenger ﷺ as stating that Allah the Almighty says: "Spend with an open heart, Allah will spend upon thee." *Sahih Muslim Kitabu Zakat*

"Each morning, two angles descend, one of them saying: 'Allah, bestow a (good) return upon the spender'; and the other saying: 'Allah, Destroy the property of the miser'." *Sahih Bukhari Kitabu Zakat*

"Whoever spends anything in the cause of Allah, is rewarded seven hundred times more." *Tirmidhi Babu Fadlul Nafqatu Fi Sabilillah*

The Holy Prophet's (ﷺ) Hadith

"A generous one is nearer to Allah, nearer to people, nearer to paradise and farther away from hell, but the miser is farther from Allah, farther from people, farther from paradise and nearer to hell. Indeed, an ignorant one who is generous is dearer to Allah than worshiper who is miserly." *Tirmidhi Kitabul Bir wal Silah*

"Only two persons deserve to be envied: firstly, a person to whom Allah gave wealth and he spent it in the cause of Truth; and secondly the person upon whom Allah has bestowed knowledge, wisdom and insight by which he judges between people and teaches them." *Sahih Bukhari Kitabu Zakat*

The Promised Messiah^{as} Advises Us

Spend from what you love

"O you my dear ones, my loved ones, the evergreen branches of the tree of my being! O ye who have, by the grace of the Almighty which is upon you, entered into Ba'iat of allegiance with me! O ye who sacrifice your lives, your comfort and your wealth in this cause! I know that you consider it an honor to accept whatever I say, and will not hesitate as far as it is in your power, but I cannot make compulsory for you with my own tongue the service you have to offer, so that your services should be out of your own pleasure and not as an obligation from me...." *Fath-e-Islam, Ruhani Khaza'in*, volume 3, p. 33-34.

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Achieving Righteousness

"If you perform righteous deeds and do some service at this time, you will set the seal upon your sincerity. You will live longer and your wealth will increase." *Tabligh-e-Risalat*, volume 10, p.56

Do you expect Allah to be pleased with you while you have not done what the Truthful are supposed to do? **You will never achieve righteousness until you spend out of that which you love. Why do you not understand?** Do you think you will be allowed to live on and will never die? I have been ordered to warn you, and let me tell you that Allah sees all your actions and He calls you to help him with your lives and your possessions. Will you then be obedient? Whoever among you shall help Allah, Allah shall help him. *Majmu'ah Ishtiharat*, volume. 3, p. 151-153

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You can only love...

"It goes without saying, that you cannot love **two things** at the same time: it is not possible for you to love wealth as well as to love Allah. You can love only one of them. Lucky is he who loves Allah. If any of you loves Him and spends his/her wealth in His cause, I am certain that his/her wealth will increase more than that of others, for wealth doesn't come by itself, rather it comes by Allah's will. Whoever parts with some of his wealth for the sake of Allah, will surely get it back. But he who loves his wealth and doesn't serve in the way of Allah as he should, will surely lose his wealth. Do not ever imagine that your wealth comes of your own effort, no, it comes from Allah Almighty. And do not ever imagine that you do a favor to Allah or his Appointed One by offering your money or helping in any other way. Rather it is His favor upon you that he calls you to this service." *Majmu'ah Ishtaharat*, volume 3, p. 497-498

Importance of Financial Sacrifice to Bringing Self towards Allah

1. Financial Sacrifice is a Pillar of Islam (Zakat).
2. God has stated multiple times that he is the Gracious and Merciful, He is the one who provides, so sacrifice in His way.
3. You can not love two things at the same time, its either your wealth or God. God has stated that you will leave your wealth behind in this world when you enter the hereafter. You will however take your good deeds with you. Faith and miserliness can not co-exist.

Importance of Financial Sacrifice towards Happiness

1. It is not possible to be happy without Allah. Happy are people who don't care for pain in order to please Allah.
2. Pain is not everlasting, and happy are those who don't care for the pain of sacrifice, their reward is in the ever after.
3. Sacrificing for those around you that have lesser than you makes you grateful and nearer to Allah.

Importance of Financial Sacrifice and building a better Community

1. MKA Chanda is obligatory on all Khuddam. Just as Jama'at Chanda.
2. The finances are used for Ijtema'at, including regional and national, as well as local activities
3. They are also used for Shura and Qaideen Conferences and MIST tournaments.
4. Some money is spent on department budgets such as Tabligh, Umoomi, MASQ, websites, etc.
5. Khalifatul Masih II, Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmood Ahmad^{ra} established the tenets of Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya to rest on the principles of service and sacrifice, and to inculcate commitment to one's faith, one's country, and to the world around them, tenets that still resonate through its international membership.

Chanda Rates

Jama'at Chanda

- `Aam: $1/16^{\text{th}}$ of take home income
- Jalsa Salana: $1/120^{\text{th}}$ of annual which equals to $1/10^{\text{th}}$ of one month's income.
- Wasiyyat: $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ to $1/10^{\text{th}}$ of take home income. Moosiyan only. Do not pay chanda `Aam
- Tahrik-e-Jadid: No fixed rate. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III^{rh} suggested $1/5^{\text{th}}$ (i.e. 20%) of one month's income as an appropriate donation
- Waqf-e-Jadid: No fixed rate

MKA Chanda

- Majlis: 1% of take home income
- Ijtema: $1/40^{\text{th}}$ (2.5%) of one month's income or $1/480^{\text{th}}$ of annual income

Maal Department Presentation

Following Youtube Presentation highlights more details:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KBEjD0TeJD4>

*"You cannot attain righteousness unless you spend out of that which you love."
- Holy Quran 3:93*

"Take note of the fact that there is not a single movement in the world which can run without subscription. The subscription was collected during the periods of the Holy Prophet (ﷺ), Hadhrat Musa (as) and Hadhrat Isa (as) and all other Messengers. Therefore, it is essential for members of my Jama'at to be watchful of this obligation."

- Promised Messiah^{as}