



In the name of Allah Most Gracious and Most Merciful

All praises are due to Allah. I testify that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah the uniquely One, who has no partners in His one-ness. And I testify that the Prophet Muhammad is the slave of Allah and His Messenger.

O Servants of Allah! Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah At-Talaq:

"...And whoever fears Allah - He will make for him a way out." "And will provide for him from where he does not expect. ..." (S.65 V.2-3)

Allah informs us that wealth has an outer adornment in this world. And Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Al-Kahf:

"Wealth and children are adornment of the worldly life. ..." (S.18 V.46)

So, wealth in its outward sense and capacity and potential is a great blessing. It is often a cause for joy and an adornment, because it serves as one of the main means by which people support their lives. It is through wealth that people can attain unto the goods and services that they need. It can be the means to attain happiness, but we cannot turn spirit into a commodity, so ultimate happiness is us bearing in mind that we should not use our money for purely egocentric purposes, but instead as a means of bringing about the pleasure of Allah. The fleeting sense of this world will become manifest when we are resurrected, and that is when we realize that the wealth we had was given as a gift and trust. For this reason, Allah has commanded us to strive not only in earning money but in using it in the best of ways for our provision, for we will be resurrected and raised up and asked about what we were given.

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Al-Muluk:

"It is He who made the earth tame for you - so walk among its slopes and eat of His provision - and to Him is the resurrection." (S.67 V.15)

The Prophet SAW said: "If you leave your heirs wealthy, that is better than if you leave them poor and holding out their hands to people." [Bukhari and Muslim]

Allah has praised His believing servants, as being those who are just in their expenditure.

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah An-Furqan and Surah Al-Isra:

"And [they are] those who, when they spend, do so not excessively or sparingly but are ever, between that, [justly] moderate." (S.25 V.67)

"And do not make your hand [as] chained to your neck or extend it completely and [thereby] become blamed and insolvent." (S.17 V.29)

So, the intelligent and prudent person is someone who is capable and balanced in the management of their wealth. Such a person spends their wealth in a way that brings about a return with good upon them in this world and the hereafter. Hence, the Prophet SAW said: "Do not threaten yourselves [with danger] after your being in safety." The companions asked: "And how would that be O Messenger of Allah?" So, the Prophet SAW [By being in] Debt. [Ahmad]

I say this and I seek forgiveness for myself and for you, so seek His forgiveness, indeed He is the most forgiving, most Merciful. The Messenger of Allah SAW said: "The feet of the son of Adam shall not move from before his Lord on the Day of Judgement, until he is asked about five things."

Amongst these five things he SAW mentioned: "About his wealth and how he earned it." [Tirmidhi] Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Al-Hadid:

"Believe in Allah and His Messenger and spend out of that in which He has made you successors. For those who have believed among you and spent, there will be a great reward." (S.57 V.7)

May the peace and the blessings of Allah be upon prophet Muhammad SAW, his family and all of his Companions. May Allah be pleased with the Rightly Guided Caliphs: Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman and Ali, and all those who will follow them in righteousness until the Day of Judgment.

O Allah! Bless us with Your love. Bless us the love of those You love.

O Allah! Accept our prayers and all our ibada.

O Allah! Guide us to the right path and make us of those on whom You bestows Your mercy.

O Allah! Accept all of our good deeds and forgive us for our sins.

O Allah! Grant safety and security to everyone here in Japan as well as all over the world. Aamin ya Rabbil Aalamin.