



SADAQA

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Study Guide

Discussion Guide:

This guide is meant to help both students and educators further explore the topic of this program.

- List the five pillars of Islam then, describe the importance of Charity among these pillars. Give examples from the Quran or Sunna (Prophetic Traditions).
- What are the different forms of Charity in Islam (tangible and non-tangible) according to the Quran and Sunna (Prophetic Traditions)? And, during what times of the year do they occur (Ramadan, Eid, Hajj, etc)?
- Are there any differences in Charity between the various schools of thought in Islam and what are they?
- Who can receive charity? Bring examples from the Quran or Sunna. And, do donations to mosques and non-profit organizations count?
- Can Charity extend to non Muslims? Give examples from the Quran, the life of the Prophet (pbuh) or our current day.
- What are some of the differences between the practice of Charity in America (The West) and its practice in Islamic Countries (e.g. fundraising, mosque donations, non profit organizations, etc)?
- What changes, if any, did you find in the practice of Charity by Muslims in America after 9/11?
- Should charity have a missionary goal? And, do tax deductible donations or those used to promote ones image count?



- The Arabic word *Sadaqa* (sometimes spelled *Sadaqah*) and the Hebrew word *Tzedakah* both share a common root and refer to Giving. Can you find other similarities and some differences in the practice of Charity between Judaism, Christianity and Islam?
- What other similarities exist between Islam and other faiths? And, do you think that these can be used to bridge the gap between these faiths?

Charity in the Quran:

The following verses are only a few of the many that refer to Charity:

Al-Baqara (The Cow) - 2:110

And be steadfast in prayer and regular in **charity**: And whatever good ye send forth for your souls before you, ye shall find it with Allah, for Allah sees well all that ye do.

وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَمَا تُقَدِّمُوا لِأَنفُسِكُمْ مِنْ خَيْرٍ تَجِدُوهُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ.

Al-Baqara (The Cow) - 2:177

It is not righteousness that ye turn your faces towards East or West; but it is righteousness to believe in Allah, and the Last Day, and the Angels, and the Book, and the Messengers; to spend of your substance, out of love for Him, for your kin, for orphans, for the needy, for the wayfarer, for those who ask, and for the ransom of slaves; to be steadfast in prayer, and practice regular **charity**; to fulfill the contracts which ye have made; and to be firm and patient, in pain (or suffering) and adversity, and throughout all periods of panic. Such are the people of truth, the Allah fearing.

لَيْسَ الْبِرَّ أَنْ تُوَلُّوا وُجُوهَكُمْ قِبَلَ الْمَشْرِقِ وَالْمَغْرِبِ وَلَكِنَّ الْبِرَّ مَنْ آمَنَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَالْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالْكِتَابِ وَالنَّبِيِّينَ وَآتَى الْمَالَ عَلَى حُبِّهِ ذَوِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْيَتَامَىٰ وَالْمَسَاكِينَ وَابْنَ السَّبِيلِ وَالسَّائِلِينَ وَفِي الرِّقَابِ وَأَقَامَ الصَّلَاةَ وَآتَى الزَّكَاةَ وَالْمُوفُونَ وَعَهْدِهِمْ إِذَا عَاهَدُوا وَالصَّابِرِينَ فِي الْبَأْسَاءِ وَالضَّرَّاءِ وَحِينَ الْبَأْسِ أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ صَدَقُوا وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُتَّقُونَ.



Al-Baqara (The Cow) - 2:215

They ask thee what they should spend (in **charity**). Say: Whatever ye spend that is good; is for parents and kindred and orphans and those in want and for wayfarers. And whatever ye do that is good, Allah knows it well.

يَسْأَلُونَكَ مَاذَا يُنْفِقُونَ قُلْ مَا أَنْفَقْتُمْ مِنْ خَيْرٍ فَلِلْوَالِدَيْنِ وَالْأَقْرَبِينَ وَالْيَتَامَى
وَالْمَسَاكِينِ وَأَبْنِ السَّبِيلِ وَمَا تَفْعَلُوا مِنْ خَيْرٍ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ بِهِ عَلِيمٌ.

Al-Baqara (The Cow) - 2:263

Kind words and the covering of faults are better than **charity** followed by injury. Allah is free of all wants, and He is Most-Forbearing.

قَوْلٌ مَعْرُوفٌ وَمَغْفِرَةٌ خَيْرٌ مِنْ صَدَقَةٍ يَتْبَعُهَا أذى وَاللَّهُ غَنِيٌّ حَلِيمٌ.

Al-Baqara (The Cow) - 2:264

O ye who believe! Cancel not your **charity** by reminders of your generosity or by injury, like those who spend their substance to be seen of men, but believe neither in Allah nor in the Last Day. They are in parable like a hard, barren rock, on which is a little soil; on it falls heavy rain, which leaves it (just) a bare stone. They will be able to do nothing with aught they have earned. And Allah guides not those who reject faith.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تُبْطِلُوا صَدَقَاتِكُمْ بِالْمَنِّ وَالْأَذَى كَالَّذِي يُنْفِقُ مَالَهُ
رِئَاءَ النَّاسِ وَلَا يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ فَمَثَلُهُ كَمَثَلِ صَفْوَانٍ عَلَيْهِ
تُرَابٌ فَأَصَابَهُ وَابِلٌ فَتَرَكَهُ صَلْدًا لَا يَقْدِرُونَ عَلَى شَيْءٍ مِمَّا كَسَبُوا وَاللَّهُ
لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الْكَافِرِينَ.

Al-Baqara (The Cow) - 2:271

If ye disclose (acts of) **charity**, even so it is well, but if ye conceal them, and make them reach to those (really) in need, that is best for you: It will remove from you some of your (stains of) evil. And Allah is well acquainted with what ye do.

إِنْ تُبْدُوا الصَّدَقَاتِ فَنِعِمَّا هِيَ وَإِنْ تُخْفُوهَا وَتُؤْتُوهَا الْفُقَرَاءَ فَهُوَ خَيْرٌ لَكُمْ
وَيُكَفِّرُ عَنْكُمْ مِنْ سَيِّئَاتِكُمْ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرٌ.



Al-Baqara (The Cow) - 2:274

Those who (in **charity**) spend of their goods by night and by day, in secret and in public, have their reward with their Lord: on them shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve.

الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ بِاللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ سِرًّا وَعَلَانِيَةً فَلَهُمْ أَجْرُهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ
وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ.

An-Naml (The Ants) - 27:3

Those who establish regular prayers and give in regular **charity**, and also have (full) assurance of the hereafter.

الَّذِينَ يُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَيُؤْتُونَ الزَّكَاةَ وَهُمْ بِالْآخِرَةِ هُمْ يُوقِنُونَ.

Al-Qasas (The Narration) - 28:54

Twice will they be given their reward, for that they have persevered, that they avert Evil with Good, and that they spend (in **charity**) out of what We have given them.

أُولَئِكَ يُؤْتَوْنَ أَجْرَهُمْ مَرَّتَيْنِ بِمَا صَبَرُوا وَيَدْرُؤُونَ بِالْحَسَنَةِ السَّيِّئَةَ وَمِمَّا
رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنْفِقُونَ.

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