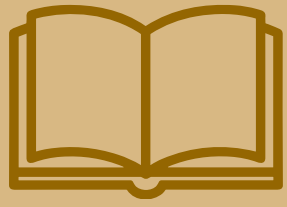


THE CHARITABLE BUYER

A Sunnah of generosity and kindness

How often do we purchase from vendors on streets and sidewalks, yet still bargain with those in need?



A PROFOUND DEED

Sayyiduna Jabir (radiyallahu ‘anhu) reports that Nabi (sallallahu ‘alayhi wasallam) purchased a camel from him. Rasulullah (sallallahu ‘alayhi wasallam) paid him the price and gave him a little extra. As Sayyiduna Jabir departed, Nabi (sallallahu ‘alayhi wasallam) called him back. Sayyiduna Jabir thought the camel was to be returned, but Nabi (sallallahu ‘alayhi wasallam) said: **‘You may keep the money and the camel.’**

Sahih Bukhari, Hadith: 2097 • Sahih Muslim, Hadith: 3626

LESSONS TO REVIVE

1



Give a little extra

When paying our dues, it is good to give a little extra too.

2



Support those in need

Sayyiduna Jabir (radiyallahu ‘anhu) had many expenses, including those of his seven sisters. This was a way Nabi (sallallahu ‘alayhi wasallam) supported him.

3



Avoid unnecessary bargaining

When buying from needy street vendors, pay the full price rather than bargaining, provided they are not exploiting others.

4



Give with a charitable intention

At times, pay extra intending charity. Occasionally, pay the price, take the item, then return it without asking for the money back.

Revive this blessed Sunnah.

Bring joy to others through generosity, and let the beautiful character of Rasulullah (sallallahu ‘alayhi wasallam) be an attraction to Islam.



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