

All of those who do these things are among those who give their wealth despite their love for it.

Then Allah tells us of those on whom it is to be spent, who are the most deserving of your kindness, such as «kinsfolk», those whose joys and sorrows you share; they are the ones who support one another and help one another to pay the *diyyah* (blood money) if need be. It is the best and most proper of righteousness to take care of kinsfolk by spending on them and speaking kindly to them, according to how closely they are related and the extent of their need.

«orphans» who have no breadwinner and do not have the strength to be independent of means. This highlights to us Allah's mercy towards His slaves, and shows us that He is more merciful to them than a father to his child, because Allah has enjoined His slaves, and made it obligatory for them, to spend some of their wealth on those who have lost their parents, so that they be equal to those who have not lost their parents. Moreover, as the reward matches the nature of the deed, whoever shows mercy towards the orphans of another, mercy will be shown to his orphan (if he dies).

«the needy» this refers to those whose are subdued by need and humiliated by poverty. They have rights over the rich, so as to ward off or reduce their need; hence the rich should give as much as they can afford.

«wayfarers» the wayfarer is the stranger who is cut off in a foreign land. Allah encourages His slaves to give him some of their wealth in order to help him on his journey, because he is most likely in need of help and has a great deal of expenses. Hence the one on whom Allah has bestowed the blessings of living comfortably in his homeland and so on should show compassion towards his brother who is a stranger, and help him in whatever way he can, even if that is by giving him food or a means of transportation, or protecting him from any wrongdoing that may befall him, and so on.