



﴿الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ثُمَّ لَا يُتَذَكَّرُونَ مَا أَنْفَقُوا مِنْهَا وَلَا أَذَى لَهُمْ أَجْرُهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ﴾ ﴿٢٦٣﴾ ﴿قَوْلٌ مَعْرُوفٌ وَمَغْفِرَةٌ خَيْرٌ مِنْ صَدَقَةٍ يَتْبَعُهَا أَذَى﴾ وَاللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٦٢﴾ (سورة البقرة: ٢٦٢-٢٦٣)

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- 2:262. Those who spend their wealth in the cause of Allah, and do not follow their spending with reminders of their generosity or hurtful words, for them their reward is with their Lord: they will have no fear, nor will they grieve.
- 2:263. Kind words and forgiveness are better than charity followed by hurtful [words]. Allah is Self-Sufficient, Most Forbearing.

That is, those who spend their wealth in obedience to Allah and in His cause, and do not follow that with things that may detract from it or spoil it, such as reminders to the recipient by recounting his favour either in his own mind or verbally, demanding something in return, or hurtful words or actions. Such people will have a suitable reward, and they will have no fear, nor will they grieve. Thus they will attain good and evil will be warded off from them, because they did something sincerely for the sake of Allah, free of anything that would spoil it.

«Kind words» that is, words that are acceptable and not objectionable. That includes any kind words that make a Muslim feel happy, such as speaking gently when having to turn away a beggar, and praying for him.

«and forgiveness» towards one who mistreats you, by not blaming him and by pardoning him. That includes pardoning what the beggar may say of offensive words (when you turn him away). Kind words and forgiveness are better than charity that is followed by hurtful words, because kind words come under the heading of verbal kindness, and