

وَأَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ حَكِيمٌ ﴿٢٦٧﴾ الشَّيْطَانُ يَعِدُّكُمْ الْفَقْرَ وَيَأْمُرُكُمْ بِالْفَحْشَاءِ
وَاللَّهُ يَعِدُّكُمْ مَغْفِرَةً مِنْهُ وَفَضْلًا وَاللَّهُ وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٦٨﴾ (سورة البقرة: ٢٦٧-٢٦٨)

- 2:267. O you who believe! Give of the good things which you have earned, and of what We have produced for you from the earth, and do not select the inferior things to give away, when you yourselves would not accept them unless you were to overlook them. And know that Allah is Self-Sufficient, Owner of Praise.
- 2:268. The Shayṭān threatens you with poverty and instructs you to be miserly, but Allah promises you His forgiveness and grace. And Allah is All-Encompassing, All-Knowing.

Here Allah (ﷻ) instructs His believing slaves to spend by giving of the good things which He has made available to them and of that which He has brought forth for them from the earth. As He has blessed you by making it easy for you to obtain these things, you should spend from them in gratitude to Allah, in fulfilment of some of the rights that your brothers have over you, and in order to purify your wealth. So you should select for that giving the good things that you like for yourselves, not that which is bad and that you do not want, and that you would only take by way of overlooking it and reluctantly.

﴿And know that Allah is Self-Sufficient, Owner of Praise﴾. He has no need of you; the benefits of your charity and good deeds come back to you. Yet He is Owner of Praise; He praises you for doing what He enjoins upon you, so you must comply with His commands, because that brings nourishment to the heart and life and joy to the soul. Beware of following your enemy the Shayṭān, who instructs you to withhold your wealth and scares you with the fear of poverty and want if you do spend. But this is not sincere advice on his part, rather it is the ultimate deception.