

- 5- ﴿You will know them by their mark﴾ that is, as referred to in the description given of them. This does not contradict the words ﴿the one who is unaware thinks... that they are free from want﴾, because not everyone who is unaware of their condition has deep insight by means of which he may know what they are going through; as for the one who does have deep insight, he will realise as soon as he sees them and recognises their mark.
- 6- ﴿they do not ask importunately from people﴾ that is, they do not ask persistently; rather if they do ask, in the case of necessity, they do not persist in asking.

These are the ones who are most deserving of charity, because Allah described them in the best terms. As for spending in charity on anyone, it is good and kind, and the one who does that will be rewarded. Hence Allah says: ﴿And whatever of wealth you give, then verily Allah knows it well﴾.

Then Allah tells us of the status of those who give charity at all times and in all circumstances:

﴿Those who spend [in charity] of their wealth﴾ for the sake of Allah, in obedience to Him and seeking His pleasure, and they do not spend it on things that are forbidden or disliked, or to fulfil their own whims and desires

﴿by night and by day, in secret and in public, will have their reward with their Lord﴾ that is, a great reward with the Most Merciful Lord. ﴿they will have no fear﴾ when those who fell short will be afraid ﴿nor will they grieve﴾ when those who were heedless grieve. They will attain their goal and be saved from what they fear.

As Allah referred to the status of those who are kind to His slaves by spending on them in different ways, He also refers to the wrongdoers who mistreat His slaves in the worst manner: