



A STINGY PERSON

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Once upon a time,
there was a wealthy
person who was known
for being stingy.

This rich person was invited by his
neighbor to have a meal at their house.

He was delighted to see
the delicious food and
ate as much as he
could.





After finishing the meal, the rich person started feeling sick. A doctor was called to examine him, and the doctor advised the rich person to vomit some of the food he had eaten. However, due to his stingy nature, he refused to do so. He considered it a waste to vomit the tasty and free food he had consumed.



So, what lesson
can we learn
from this story?

It teaches us about the harmful nature
of being stingy.

Do you know what being stingy
means? Stinginess is when
someone is unwilling to share the
gifts that Allah has bestowed
upon them with others. Allah has
given us gifts in the form of
wealth, knowledge, status, and
more.



For example, being stingy with wealth means not wanting to give to charity because of fear that one's wealth will diminish if given to others. Being stingy with knowledge means hiding knowledge and not sharing it with others, even though one knows it. There is also stinginess with saying greetings, when a person refuses to greet or respond to greetings.



Allah has explained the evil of being stingy in the Quran.

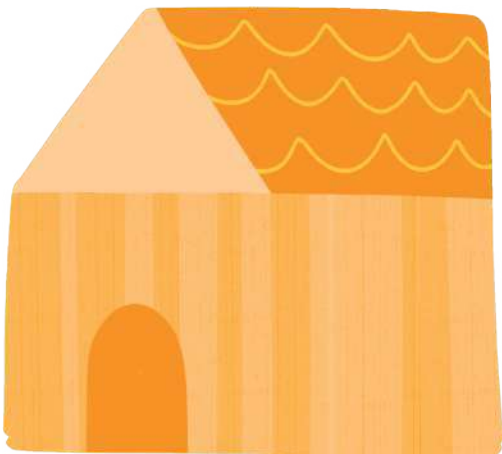
Which means: “And let not those who [greedily] withhold what Allah has given them of His bounty ever think that it is better for them. Rather, it is worse for them. Their necks will be encircled by what they withheld on the Day of Resurrection. “

(Ali 'Imran: 180)



The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) has also taught us that being stingy is a sign of weak faith. The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said:

"The traits of being stingy and having faith will never gather in the heart of a servant [of Allah] forever." (Hadith, Nasai no. 3110 and 3111)



So, how can we avoid being stingy? To prevent stinginess with wealth, we must have faith that the money we spend in charity will not decrease or run out. Because true wealth is that which is spent in the way of Allah. This is our righteous deed savings for the hereafter.



Let us not forget to pray and ask Allah to protect us from being stingy.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْعَجْزِ وَالْكَسَلِ وَالْجُبْنِ وَالْهَمَمِ وَالْبُخْلِ
وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ عَذَابِ الْقَبْرِ وَمِنْ فِتْنَةِ الْمَحْيَا وَالْمَمَاتِ

"O Allah, I seek refuge in You from weakness, laziness, cowardice, senility, stinginess, and I seek refuge in You from the punishment of the grave and the trials of life and death." (Hadith, Bukhari no. 6367 and Muslim no. 2706)

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