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A Slam Dunk with Charity

If you were a sports star, what would you do with the money you earned?

Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf, former basketball player of the Denver Nuggets and Sacramento Kings, decided to return to his poor hometown of Gulfport, Mississippi. He wanted to give back to his community, what he said was the best gift ever—Islam. He closed down a house that was used for selling and using drugs and converted it into a masjid. Mahmoud also started charity programs for the people in his community who had little money, few clothes, and lived in worn-out housing. He regularly passed out food to the poor in his neighborhood, too.

Now, what did you say you would do with your money?

Wife with a Long Hand

After Prophet Muhammad's (saw) wife Khadijah died, he was very sad. His companions felt sorry for him. So one day someone asked the Prophet (saw) would he like to marry a lady named Sawdah. She could help look after his children and take care of his needs. The Prophet (saw) agreed, and they were married.

The Prophet's new wife Sawda was a very generous woman. She was known for giving in charity to those in need.

Once, when Omar (ra) was the Khalifa, he sent Sawda (ra) a lot of money. Immediately she began giving the money away to the poor and needy. In a short time, all the money was gone.



Those who spend in charity will be richly rewarded (Quran 57: 10)

Charity as Protection from Fire

**Prophet Muhammad said:
“Protect yourself from the (Hell-) fire even with half a date.”**

