

“And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul?” Jesus (peace be upon him), son of Mary

“Health is the greatest gift, contentment the greatest wealth, faithfulness the best relationship.” Buddha

In the Muslim faith the concept of *rizq*, i.e., everything provided by way of provision or nurture, including monetary wealth, food and any sustenance is unique.

Provision is from God[#]:

It is part of Islamic belief that provision is from God. “Verily God provides sustenance to whom He wills.” (Quran 3:37)

In fact, one of God’s names is *Ar-Razzaaq* or The Provider. “Say: ‘Truly my Lord enlarges the provision for whom He wills of His servants, and (also) restricts (it) for him, and whatever you spend of anything (in God’s cause), He will replace it. And He is the best of providers.’” (Quran 34:39)

In this framework there is no such thing as luck or fatalism. Instead, a person is supposed to do his best and work hard for his goals using righteous means, assured that God provides for all, but also content with whatever God gives him.

Simply, it is not within our control to choose how wealthy we are, otherwise we would all be millionaires. But rather what we can do is look after the means within our control and then put our trust in God’s Providence.

How to unlock your wealth?

1. Work to Seek Provision:

“He (God) it is Who has made the earth subservient to you; so walk in the path thereof and eat of His provision. And to Him will be the Resurrection.” (Quran 67:15)

2. Uphold Kinship Ties:

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said: “Whoever would like his provision to be abundant and his lifespan to be extended, let him uphold his ties of kinship (i.e., honour parents, relatives, etc.).”

3. Attain Piety:

“And whosoever has piety, He will make a way for him to get out (from every difficulty). And He

will provide him from (sources) he never could imagine. And whosoever puts his trust in God, then He will suffice him.” (Q65:2-3)

4. Avoid Sins:

The Prophet also said: “A man is prevented from receiving provision due to a misdeed.”

5. Seek Forgiveness:

“Ask forgiveness of your Lord, He is ever a Perpetual Forgiver. He will send (rain from) the sky upon you in showers. And give you increase in wealth and children and provide for you gardens and provide for you rivers.” (Quran 71:10-12)

6. Ritual Prayer:

“And enjoin prayer upon your family (and people) and be constant therein. We ask you not for provision; We provide for you. And the best outcome is for righteousness.” (Quran 20:132)

7. Supplicate, Don’t Envy:

“And do not wish (enviously) for that by which God has made some of you exceed others. For men is a share of what they have earned, and for women is a share of what they have earned. And ask God of His bounty. Indeed God is ever, of all things, Knowing.” (Quran 4:32)

8. Avoid Corruption:

“And if God had extended (excessively) provision for His servants, they would have committed tyranny throughout the earth. But He sends (it) down in an amount which He wills. Indeed He is, of His servants, Acquainted and Seeing.” (Quran 42:27).

“Piety is the key to unexpected wealth!”

[#] The Arabic word Allah means “The God”

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