SPENDING IN THE WAY OF ALLAH

سَبِيلُ اللَّهِ ﴿١٠٠﴾ يَأْتِيُهَا الَّذِينَ أَمَنُوْا آنفُقُوا مِنْ طَيِّبَتِ مَا كَسَبْتُمْ وَمِمَّا أُحْرِجْتُمْ لَكُمْ مِنَ الْأَرْضِ وَلَاتَّبَعُوا الْحِبْيَاتِ مِنْهُ تَنفَّقُونَ وَلَسْتُمْ يَأْخُذُونَهَا إِلَّا أَنْ تَفْعَمْضُوا فِيهِ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ

اللَّهُ غَلِيظٌ حَمِيدٌ ﴿١٠١﴾ أَلْسَّيْطَّنُ يُبْعِدُ كُلَّمَ الفَقْرِ وَيَأْشِرُ كُلَّمَ بالْفَحْشَاءَ وَاللَّهُ يُبْعِدُ كُلَّمَ مَعْفُورَةً مِنْهُ وَفَضْلًا وَاللَّهُ وَاسْتَغْلِبْتُمْ ﴿١٠٢﴾ يُؤْتِيُ الْحِكْمَةَ مِنْ يَشَاءٍ وَمَنْ يُؤْتَ الْحِكْمَةُ فَقُدْ أُوْلِي الْحِكْمَةِ خَيرًا كَثِيرًا وَمَا يِدْكَرُ إِلَّا أَوْلُو الْأَلْبَابِ وَمَا آنفُقُتمْ مِنْ نَفْقَةٍ أَوْ نَذَرَتُمْ مِنْ نَذِرٍ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ يَعْلَمُهُ وَمَا لِلظَّلَمِينَ مِنْ

أَنْصَارٍ ﴿١٠٣﴾
Dear brothers and sisters, in these verses of Surrah Al-baqara, Allah Rabbul-alamin describing the importance and benefits of Infaq fi-sabilAllah- spending wealth in the way of Allah Rabbulalamin.

Spending the wealth in the way of Allah has many advantages and benefits. It occupies great importance in all divine religions. All Prophets of Allah emphatically urged their followers to spend their wealth in the way of Allah. It is a
way of bringing justice to society. And justice is the essence of religion. A society can flourish only when its members do not spend all their wealth to fulfill their own desires but reserve a portion of their wealth for parents, relatives, neighbors, for poor, for Islamic institutions and for dawah and tableegh.

Spending in the way of Allah is a high form of ibada or worship. Allah says in surrah Al-hadid verse 7

أَمَّنَّكُمْ بَيْلَهُ وَرَسُولُهُ وَأَنْفَقُواْ إِمَآ أَجَآءَكُمْ

مَسَّخَلَفَيْنِ فِيهِ فَأَلَّذِينَ أَمَّنَوْاْ مِنْكُمْ

وَأَنْفَقُواْ عَلَيْهِمْ أَجَرًا كَبِيرًا

Believe in Allah and in His Messenger and expend of what He has entrusted to you. A great reward awaits for those of you who believe and spend their wealth.

The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) also declared:

A generous person is close to Allah, close to Paradise, close to people, and far from Hell. However, a miserly person is far from Allah, far from Paradise, far from people, but close to Hell. Allah loves more an ignorant man who is generous than a worshipper who is miserly. (Tirmidhi.)

The Prophet (PBUH) was the most generous person in his community. Hazrat Jabir said that, he never observed the Prophet refusing anyone who requested something from him.
The Prophet (PBUH) also said: 'If I had a mountain of gold, I would not like to save any of it for more than three days, except something I put aside to pay debts.'

Dear brothers and sisters, Allah says in these verses of surrah Albaqara which I have recited:

O Believers, spend of the good things that you have earned, and of what We produce for you from the earth;

In this verse Allah tells us to spend tayyab, halal and pak things in the way of Allah from our halal, legal and pak earnings. Allah will not accept those things that will be collected from the wrong way. Allah will never accept that wealth which is collected by deceiving anybody, which is collected by violating the Islamic rules and which is collected by telling a lie. Allah accepted only those sadaqat which is given from the halal earnings.

The Prophet (PBUH) said:

"O People! Allah is al-Tayyib (Pure), and He only accepts that which is pure!"
The Prophet (PBUH) also mentioned about a traveler, who reaches the house of Allah after travelling a long journey, he is untidy, and he stretches his hands to the sky, saying, "Ya Allah! Ya Allah!"– Prophet saying How Allah will give him answer; While his food is unlawful, his drink is unlawful, his clothing is unlawful, and he is nourished unlawfully; because his earnings was not halal

So charity that is given from impure earnings will not be accepted by Allah, no matter how much is given, whereas charity given from pure, halal, pak and tayyab jobs and earnings will be accepted by Allah, even if it is equivalent to a small piece of date!

Dear brothers and sisters then Allah says

Dear brothers and sisters, Allah ordered us to give the best things in the way of Him. This is not right that we give those discarded things in the way of Allah which we ourselves do not accept if someone gave us. Allah says in Quran.
You will not attain true goodness until you give of what you love, Allah knows whatever you spend.

Dear brothers and sisters, when Hazrat Talha listened this verse, he had given his most beloved and famous garden with six hundred trees in the way of Allah. He ordered his wife and children to come out of the garden immediately after hearing this verse. Hazrat Zaid bin sabit given his most beloved horse in the way of Allah after hearing this verse.

Unfortunately now days these are the customs of our societies that we give those things in the way of Allah to poor people, to needy people which are discarded one. Indeed Allah demanded those things from us which are most beloved to us, which we liked the most.

Dear brothers and sisters, after this Allah says

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بالْفَحْشَاءِ \( \text{وَاللَّهُ يَبْعِدُ كَمْ مَعْفَرَةً مَّنْهُ} \)

وَفَضَّلَّ إِلَّا وَاللَّهُ وَاسْتَعِيْنِيّم

Satan holds out to you the threat of poverty and prompts you to adopt a shameless niggardly conduct, but Allah holds out from Himself the promise of Maghfirat and his Fazal: Allah is All-Embracing, All-Knowing.
My dear brother and sisters, Allah is saying very important thing here. When anybody wants to give some charity then Shitan who is enemy of us from the very first day and who promised to mislead us, he attacked on us from all sides and inserted doubts and waswasas in our heart. Shitan also threatens us from the expected needs of our future. He also threatens us that you have only saved some hundred thousand of kroners what will happen if this saved money is finished. What will happen to your children or your family if you die?

Dear brothers and sisters, when Shitan inserts doubts and worries of our lives in our heart then three kind of human characters are observed.

First kind is that unfortunate human beings who are grabbed into the Shitan's tactics. Who unfortunately listen to the voice of Shitan. Such human beings neither find courage to spend wealth in the way of Allah from their excess wealth, but even worst stop paying zakat which is obligatory on all of us. Dear brothers and sisters such type of people is unfortunately increasing in our Muslim societies. If all Muslim pay their Zakat, then in fact all poverty of Islamic countries can be removed. Our religion ordered the Islamic governments to fight against those Muslims who do not give their zakat. Umer bin Khatab often said "Allah take away all days and nights of my life and give me one day and night of Abu-Bakr. One night which Abu Bakr spent with Rasool-Allah (PBUH) in Cave of Soor and one
day when he decided to fight against those people who refused to give their Zakat".

Allah has prepared very special and painful azab for those people who do not give zakat of their wealth

Allah, the Almighty, says in surra Taubah verse 35,

The Day shall surely come when the same gold and silver shall be heated in the fire of Hell, and therewith their foreheads, their bodies and their backs shall be branded, and it shall be said to them, "Here is that treasure you had saved for yourselves: now taste the evil of your saved treasure" (At-taubah verse 35)

The Prophet (pbuh) also said, "Whoever is made wealthy by Allah and does not pay the Zakat of his wealth, then on the Day of Akhara his wealth will be made like a baldheaded poisonous male snake with two black spots over the eyes. The snake will encircle his neck and bite his cheeks and say, 'I am your wealth, I am your treasure.' Which you saved and did not pay the zakat.
But dear brothers and sisters in these verses of Surra Al-bakara which I have recited before, Allah is not demanding the Zakat which is essential to pay and is obligatory to all of us. In fact Allah is demanding sadaqat from the remaining 97.5% of our wealth. Allah is encouraging us to spend from the remaining wealth after giving zakat by giving us incentives of endless reward and His Fazal. Allah says

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فَاقِرُ عِبَادِي وَمَا تَبَيَّسَ مِنْهُ وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلْوَاتَ وَأَتِوا الرَّكُوبَةَ وَأَقْرِضْوا اللهْ قَرْضًا حَسَنًا وَمَا نَقْدِمُوا لَأَنْفَسِ كُرُمٌ مَّنْ خَيْرٌ نَجُدُوهُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ هُوَ خَيْرًا وَأَعْظَمَ أَجْرًا وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ عَفُوٌّ رَحِيمٌ
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Establish Prayer, and pay the Zakat, and give Allah a goodly loan. And Whatever good you send forth for yourselves, you will find it with Allah. It will be better and greater in reward.

Dear brothers and sisters when a person decides to pay sadaqat then Shitan again attacks on him and prompts him, urges him to spend this remaining portion of wealth on those things which are un-law full or illegal in Islam. Allah says

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آَلْشَيْطَانُ يٓعُدُّ كُمْ الفَقُورَ وَيَأْمُرُ كُمْ بِالْقَحْشَآءِ وَاللَّهُ يٓعُدُّ كُمْ مَغْفِرَةً مِّنْهُ
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Here Allah is describing a 2nd kind of human character who are spending their wealth on those things not desired by Allah Rabbulalamin. Actually this is the common characteristics of Munafiqeen. This is the characteristics of Munafaqeen that they do not have courage to spend in the way of Allah. At any cost, their wealth is either for advertisement of their wealth or for evil deeds. Allah says in surrah Taubah verse 67:

The hypocrites, both men and women, are all of a same kind: they enjoin what is evil and forbid what is good and withhold their hands from doing good. They forgot Allah: then Allah also forgot them; indeed the hypocrites are the evil-doers.

Dear brothers and sisters, but the third kind is of those people who are never deceived by the tactics and waswasas of Shitan and Allah says about them
These are the people with whom Allah promised that if they spend money in His way then Allah will not only forgive them, forgive their sins but also blessed with Ajar-e-Azeem. When you spend in the way of Allah then Allah puts blessing and gives His Fazal in this charity and will give you even more and more.

Allah says in surrah Al-hadid verse 11

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من دأاليذ يقرر الصدقات لله فرضت حسنًا
فيصعف له وله أجر كريم
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Who is it that will give Allah a beautiful loan? A loan that Allah will repay after increasing it many times and grant him a generous reward.

Also in verse 18

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إن الذين الصداقين والصدقات واقرضوا
الله فرضت حسنًا يصرف لههم ولهم أجر كريم
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Verily those who give alms and charities – be they men or women – and give Allah a beautiful loan shall be repaid after increasing it many times; and theirs shall be a generous reward.
Dear brothers and sisters after describing the tactics of Shitan Allah says:

يدكر إلا أولاً الأمناء
ثوابكم فقدها أو تي حييرا كبيرا وأما الزيوت التي من حكمة من شئاء ومن مضهد

He bestows wisdom upon anyone He wills, and he who is given wisdom is in fact given great wealth, but only those who have common sense learn lessons from these things.

Dear brothers and sisters what is meaning of Wisdom and Hikma.

Prophet (PBUH) said the peak of wisdom is fear of Allah. What is fear of Allah?

Once Prophet (PBUH) asked to Abu-zer that man will be destroyed, that man will be ruined whom Allah has given wealth and money and then Prophet became silent. Then after taking pause Prophet said except those whom Allah gave some wealth then he spends that wealth in the way of Allah Rabbul-Alamin.

Dear brothers and sisters, this is Hikmat and wisdom that when Allah gives some wealth then one should spend that wealth in the way of Allah Rabbul-Alamin for countless reward and for his maghfirat. Dear brothers and sisters Allah says in Surrah Al-Baqara
The charity of those who expend their wealth in the way of Allah may be likened to a grain of corn, which produces seven ears and each ear yields a hundred grains. Likewise Allah develops manifold the charity of anyone He pleases, for He is All-Embracing, All-Wise.

Dear brothers and sisters, this is wisdom to invest our money in that trade where Allah promised us to give us back 700 times more. Dear brothers and sisters, just imagine if such an investment were offered to you by a company- you would rush to put every kroner you have into it considering the magnitude of profit to be made. Here think who has promised to give you back with 700 times more profit....my and your Allah who is custodian of whole universe. But To invest in Allah's 'business venture' requires the certainty of faith, requires the yaqeen from heart which affirms that there is a `real' reward available for you to receive.

Allah's Messenger (saws) said: ‘The son of Adam claims: ‘My wealth! My wealth!.......O son of Adam what is your wealth? except that which you consumed,
which you utilized, or which you wore and then it was worn out, or that which you
gave as charity and sent it forward (for the life Hereafter)?’

Allah says in Quran:

O Believers, spend of the wealth We have given to you (in Our way) before the
Day comes when there shall be no buying and no selling: when neither friendship
nor any mediation will be of any benefit. Those, who adopt the way of disbelief are
indeed the wrongdoers.

Dear brothers and sisters, spending in the way of Allah-Rabbul-Alamin not only
increases our wealth it also washes away our sins, Allah will also put curtain on our
evil deeds just because of the blessings of spending in the way of Allah. Dear
brothers and sisters, this is hikmat to save over selves from the fire of hell by giving
charity in the way of Allah-Rabbul-alamin. Allah says in Surrah Al-Taghabun
verse 17
If you give Allah a goodly loan, He will increase it for you several fold and will forgive you. Allah is Most Appreciative, Most Forbearing.

The Messenger of Allah (saws) also said: ‘Charity eliminates our sins just as water extinguishes fire

Prophet (PBUH) said: Verily charity calms down the anger of Allah and eases the sufferings of death. (Tirmidhi).

Dear brothers and sisters, giving in the way of Allah secretly and silently have great great reward. Prophet also said that give charity in this way that your left hand does not know what your right hand spends.

Actually our Allah needs pureness of our deed. Our Allah needs that we should spend only and only for His sake. It does not matter how small we are spending. During the battle of Tabuk when Prophet of Allah appealed for Anafaq fi sabil-
Allah then Hazrat Usman stood up and given first 100 camles, then 200 camels and then 300 camels with full of luggage of trade in way of Allah Rabbul-Alamin. Hazrat Abu Bakr gave all stuff of his house. There was also one sahabi who had nothing to give and he worked for the whole night in the garden of Jew and in the morning the small amount of dates which he got as a result of salary gave to the prophet. The Prophet spread this small amount of dates on all the things which were collected as a result of appeal. Just think the importance of those dates which were though small in amount but Allah is surely looks only for our Nyyah and purity of deed. **Allah says in surrah Al-Imran**

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> الدِّيْنُ يَنفَقُونَ فِی السَّرَأَءِ وَالضَّرَأَءِ
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> وَالْكَثِيرُ الَّذِیْنَ یَفْقَحُونَ عَنِّ الْمُتَّقِینَ عَنِّ الْعَمِیْضِ وَالْعَافِیْینَ غَنِیَّتَیْنِ
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> وَالْآدِمَ وَاللَّهُ یُحْبِبُ یَمْسِیَتَینَ

And rush to the for-giveness of your Lord and to a Paradise as vast as the heavens and the earth, prepared for the God-fearing, who spend in the way of Allah both in plenty and hardship.
Dear brothers and sisters, spending in the way of Allah is also a treatment of Naffaq. Actually Nafaq is a kind of disease and Anfaq fi sabilAllah is the treatment of this disease. This is beauty of Arabic language, that the two opposite words are originated from the same word. Like Mohtran (respected) and haram (prohibited) are originated from the same word Harm.....likewise the word Nifaq (Munafiq) and Anfaq is also originated from the same word Nafaqah. The arabic word for Tunnel is Nafaq because tunnel has two openings on entirely opposite side. Similarly This means that the person who is spending money in the way of Allah is on one side and the person who is miser and has no will to spend money in the way of Allah is like a Munafiq and will be entirely on the other side.

Dear brothers and sisters, Anfaq fi Sabil-Allah or spending wealth in the way of Allah is a very important topic. All work for dawah, tableegh, teaching and training in Islam is possible only because of Anfaq fi Sabil-Allah. If these all works were possible without Infaq fi SabilAllah then why our Prophet appealed for it, several times during his life. Actually Allah needs both the lives and wealth of us. Allah sa
Surely, Allah has purchased of the believers their persons and their property in return for the Garden they shall have;

Dear brothers and sisters, Allah invited us for this trade in which there is no loss but in return Allah promised us to give garden and His blessing in Akharat. Allah says

O you who have believed, shall I tell you of a bargain' that will save you from a painful torment? It is that you should believe in Allah and His Messenger, and
should exert your utmost in Allah's Way with your wealth and your selves. This would be best for you if you only knew. Allah will forgive you your sins and admit you into Gardens underneath which canals flow, and will give you excellent abodes in Gardens of Eternity. This indeed is the supreme success.

Dear brothers and sisters, we are thinking collecting wealth, getting jobs and degrees is a great wealth. No No, get in Jannah on the day of Judgement is indeed a great and supreme success and this is not possible until unless we spend our wealth in the way of Allah.

Dear brothers and sisters, Infaq-Fi Sabi-Allah sets our life standards. Spending in the way of Allah decides our attitude, our belief either we are giving more importance to this life or the life of Akharat. Either we are giving importance to this life about which Prophet (PBUH) said if your dip your finger in the ocean, then the drop which is attached to your finger is this life and whole ocean is the life of Akharat.

Dear brothers and sisters, it depends on our way of living either to cut on our expenditure and spend more in the way of Allah or to cut in charity and spend more and more on this life. When Hazrat Abu-zer was dying, he was very upset and grieved. His wife asked him why are you so upset and worried? He mentioned some of his belongings and said "I have some snakes and Scorpions in my house
and how I will meet with my Allah in their presence" and at that time he had only few utensils in his house.

Once Prophet (PBUH) was offering prayer of Asr and after performing it he rushed towards his house. This was un-usual attitude of our Prophet. When sahaba asked about this Prophet (PBUH) replied. "During prayer, suddenly I remembered that I had one coin of gold in my house and I did not give it as a charity before offering prayer. I thought that if I died in the same condition and met with my Allah then it meant I have no faith and Tawaqal on my Allah.

Dear bothers and sisters, this house of Allah where we are offering Friday prayer is going to provide us great great opportunity to get blessings and Fazal of our Allah in our life, in our wealth and in our families. This house of Allah needs some necessary and urgent repair and re-construction work which is never ever possible without the generosity of our Muslim brothers and sisters. This construction work will not only increase the capacity of this mosque but also satisfy all the points raised by Trondheim Kommune.

Dear brothers and sisters, Prophet (PBUH) said when person builds a mosque or at least contributes partly to its construction and running, then that person will get a
portion of the reward for whoever performs Salah there, recites the Quran and so on.

Prophet also said ‘The Hour or Yaum-al-Qiamah will not begin until the people compete in (building) masjids.

Dear brothers and sisters, I believe this 7 or 8 Million kroners are nothing. If we decided today and every one of us not only contribute but also work for this collection then inshallah we can collect this money within 5 to 6 months. Steering committee will discuss the proposed construction plan after the Friday prayer and its request to all brothers to sit here after the prayer.

Prophet (peace be upon him) said: “Whoever builds a masjid (mosque) for the sake of Allah, or even contribute in it equivalent to a straw of sparrow’s nest or even smaller, Allah will build for him a house in Paradise.”

Dear brothers and sisters, before finishing the Khutab, I want to tell you very beautiful hadith. In one of his sermons, after giving thanks to Allah he [The Prophet Muhammad (saas)] said: “O People! Know that Allah has chosen Islam for you as your religion. Beautify your Islam with generosity and pleasing moral values. I wish you to know that generosity is a heavenly tree, with its roots in Paradise and its branches in this world. Those of you who have generosity will
adhere, will attach to one of those branches, and that branch will carry him to Paradise. As for un-generousness, that is a tree with its roots in Hell and its branches in this world. Whoever clings to one of those branches by being miser or ungenerous, it will carry him to Hell.” Later the Prophet (saas) again said, “Be generous in the way of Allah.” Prophet also said: Every day two angels come down from Heaven and one of them says, 'O Allah! Compensate every person who spends in Your Cause,' and the other (angel) says, 'O Allah! Destroy every miser'.

Allah says in surra Al-munafiqun verse 10

وَأَنْفَقُوا مِمَّا رَزَقَنَاكُمْ مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ يَأْتِيَكُمُ الْمَوْتُ وَلَا أَخْرَجَنَّكُمْ إِلَىٰ أَجْلٍ قَرِيبٍ إِلَّا فَأَصِدَقَتْ وَأَنَا مِنَ الصَّلِيمِينَ

And spend of what Allah has granted you before death should come to any of you and he should say: “Lord, why did You not postpone my return for a while so that I might give charities and be among the righteous?”