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THE REWARD OF SAYING GRATITUDE

"If I had tested one of My faithful servants, then he would praise Me for the test, reward him continually, just like the reward that you usually give (for the good deeds that they do)."

(Ahmad and Thabrani)

After humans were created by God and He had given sustenance to them, namely by creating the contents of heaven and earth, and other pleasures to them, Allah would not necessarily leave it just like that, but He would also give tests and trials so that we would always say gratitude. The tests cover both the good and the bad.

Story: Prophet Ayub' s Faith

Prophet Ayub's faith was once tested by Allah Swt., his wealth was taken by Allah, little by little, until finally he became poor. Moreover, his children one by one were taken by Allah Swt. and he was also tested with severe sickness. However, Prophet Ayub's faith never diminished. Although satan tempted him, Prophet Ayub survived. In fact, he became more obedient to worship Allah and was grateful for all the favors he still had.



Story:
Fried Banana

Tary and Ningsih have been going around the village all day selling fried bananas. However, not many people want to buy it. Until late afternoon, there are still many fried bananas left.

Both of them immediately run under a big tree when heavy rain is starting to come down.

“Today we don’t sell much,” complains Ningsih with a sad face while staring at the fried bananas in its place.

Tary strokes her sister’s long hair. “Let’s be patient.”

“Tomorrow I don’t want to sell this anymore.”

“Why is that so?”

Ningsih scowls. “I’m tired, going around the village all day but our fried bananas don’t sell well.”

Tary smiles, trying to soothe her sister. “Ningsih, you shouldn’t be like that,” says Tary who tries to give encouragement to her younger sister who begins to feel despair. “We must be grateful for what Allah has given to us. This is a test.”



“But...”

“Remember what Mom said? We must not lose hope. We should be optimistic!” says Tary, clenching her fists into the air.

Ningsih grimaces.

The rain begins to subside. Tary and Ningsih continue to sell. When they arrive in front of a school, a teacher stopped them. Apparently, it is Mrs. Asih, Ningsih’s Mathematics teacher.

Ningsih immediately kisses Mrs. Asih’s hand.

“Hi, Ningsih. Are there still fried bananas left?” asks Mrs. Asih while tidying her hijab.

“Yes, Ma’am,” says Ningsih with enthusiasm.

“I want to buy 20 pieces,” says Mrs. Asih while taking money out of her wallet.

With enthusiasm, Ningsih wraps 20 fried bananas and gives it to Mrs. Asih.

Tary smiles proudly to see her sister who is so excited. She is grateful for all the blessings given by Allah Swt.



IMPORTANT LESSON:

Readers, did you know, Allah is constantly testing us, both with small and big problems. Through all of the problems, we are expected to always be grateful.

THE SINCERITY OF GIVING CHARITY BECAUSE OF ALLAH

"Later on the Day of Judgment there will be several books that have been sealed and then will be presented to Allah. (At that time) Allah says: "Throw this away." The angels say: "For Your sovereignty, we do not see in it but what is fine." Next, Allah says: "Surely the contents are done not because of Me, and I will certainly not accept anything except for what is done for the sake of seeking My pleasure."

(HR. Bazzar and Thabrani)

Story: The Generosity of Ustman bin Affan

One of the companions of the Prophet was Ustman bin Affan Al-Amawi Al-Qarisyi who came from the Umayyads. Ustman bin Affan came from a wealthy and respected family, in which with his wealth, Ustman became a philanthropist who always offered his wealth sincerely to those in need. Because of his generosity, he became one of the largest donors of funds in the time of the Prophet's preaching.



Story:
Donation for Riana

Azka runs toward Ranti while waving a white envelope.
“What do you bring, Azka?” Ranti asks curiously.

Azka stops beside Ranti. They walk together to their class. “This is an envelope,” she says.

“Yes, I know that’s an envelope. But, I mean, what’s in it?”

“It contains money,” Azka answers.

“Money for what?” Ranti asks again curiously.



After arriving in class, both of them sit next to each other. “This is money for donations,” Azka replies. “I want to give a donation for one of our friends who is affected by the disaster. Her house was on fire.”

“Riana, you mean?” asks Ranti.

Azka nods.

Ranti just shakes her head. She does not like Azka’s attitude, Azka always shows off when she wants to donate. A few days ago, Azka was already excited about her plan to give a donation. Azka said that she wanted to give a donation from her own savings.

“Are you actually willing to donate?” Ranti asks doubtfully.

“Eh, why?” Azka asks her back, feeling unhappy with Ranti’s question.

“I also give a donation for Riana, but you don’t need to show it off, time after time. You want to donate but you tell it to almost everyone,” says Ranti half disappointed. “It’s the same as *riya* or showing off.”

Azka is silent. Did she really act that way, she thinks. Azka immediately remembers her grandmother’s message. “When we give charity, we must be sincere and it is because of Allah, not because we expect praise.”

Azka immediately hugs Ranti. Luckily she has a best friend as kind as Ranti who always reminds her of every mistake she makes.

“Thank you Ranti for reminding me,” says Azka.



IMPORTANT LESSON:

Readers, Allah is The All-Knowing, He knows what is implied behind the deeds done by someone. Allah will not accept all the deeds done if they are not because of Allah. So, if we want to give charity, we must do it sincerely and solely because of Allah Swt.