

Halal earning

The question is not only how much you have. It is whose it was before it was yours — and whether a du‘a’ can rise from it.



★ Eat what is lawful

كُلُوا مِمَّا فِي الْأَرْضِ حَلَالًا طَيِّبًا

“O mankind, eat from whatever is on earth that is lawful and good — and do not follow the footsteps of Satan.”

Qur'an 2:168

★ Only the pure is accepted

“Allah is Good and accepts only what is good.” He ﷺ then described a traveller, dust-covered, hands raised — his food, drink and clothing unlawful — and asked how he could be answered.

Sahih Muslim, Kitab az-Zakat

★ Nothing better than your hands

مَا أَكَلَ أَحَدٌ طَعَامًا قَطُّ خَيْرًا مِنْ أَنْ يَأْكُلَ مِنْ عَمَلِ يَدِهِ

“No one has ever eaten a better meal than what he earned by his own hands. The Prophet of Allah Dawud ﷺ ate from the work of his hands.”

Sahih al-Bukhari 2072

★ The messengers were told it too

كُلُوا مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ وَاعْمَلُوا صَالِحًا

“O messengers, eat from the good things and work righteousness.” The command came to them in the same words it comes to you.

Qur'an 23:51

★ Not by falsehood

لَا تَأْكُلُوا أَمْوَالَكُمْ بَيْنَكُمْ بِالْبَاطِلِ

“Do not consume one another's wealth unjustly, but only in lawful trade by mutual consent.”

Qur'an 4:29

★ Clear, clear, and between

“The lawful is clear and the unlawful is clear, and between them are doubtful matters.” Whoever leaves the doubtful stays safe; whoever grazes at the boundary falls in.

Sahih al-Bukhari 2051

★ The wage you held back

Allah said: I will be against three on the Day of Resurrection — and the third is one who hires a worker, takes the full work from him, and does not pay him his wage.

Sahih al-Bukhari 2227

★ Go out and look for it

فَانْتَشِرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَابْتَغُوا مِنْ فَضْلِ اللَّهِ

“Disperse within the land and seek from the bounty of Allah.” Said immediately after the Friday prayer. Work is not the opposite of worship.

Qur'an 62:10

★ A time he warned of

“A time will come when a man will not care where he got his money from — whether from the lawful or the unlawful.”

Sahih al-Bukhari 2059