



INTRODUCTION

Recap the foundation of BIRR being BELIEF IN ALLAH, THE LAST DAY, THE ANGELS, THE BOOK AND THE PROPHETS

Continuing with the manifestation of this belief/foundation on our behaviours. The first manifestation is ethical.

...And give away wealth despite their love for it to

1. Family
2. Orphans
3. Needy
4. Travellers
5. Those who ask
6. Those enslaved in debt

THE FOCUS THIS LESSON IS MASAAKEEN*



ELABORATE

Those who are unable to help themselves. One who is unable to provide for himself or his family and is in a state of desperation. Often they will not identify themselves by begging but it is our responsibility to provide and care for them.

*Difference between a faqeer and a miskeen.
A faqeer is one who has some means but not enough to make ends meet.
A miskeen is totally unable to help himself.

DISCUSS

Discuss the various initiatives like the walls of kindness which began in Mash-had, Iran, the open fridges and bookshelves which assist without making anyone feel obliged.

Discuss how to give (in such a subtle way that the left hand would not know that the right hand gave).

The story of the leper who Imam Ali (pbuh) ate with every day and looked after by dressing his wounds is an apt one. No one knew until after he was buried and Imam Hasan & Husayn (pbut) heard him cry out for the one who looked after him saying he hadn't seen him for two days.

ACTIVITY

Initiate a class project to assist the masaakeen...
Discuss what makes a person helpless - disability, family break ups, financial trouble, trauma, abuse.....

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