



Imam Zain al-Abideen (as)'s Risalat al-Huquq (Treatise on Rights) discusses the right of Allah (swt), the rights of our acts and the rights of others. Acting according to the excellent advice given by the Imam, will lead us to spiritual and social development.

Right 13 of the treatise is the right of charity. Let's reflect on what Imam said:

*The right of charity is that you know it is a storing away with your Lord and a deposit for which you will have no need for witnesses...*

Why do you think Imam Zain al-Abideen (as) says we're 'storing' the charity or 'depositing' it with Allah (swt) rather than giving it away? How will we get it back?

*If you deposit it in secret, you will be more confident of it that if you deposit it in public...*

We have many traditions advising us to give charity in secret as far as possible. Why do you think this is? What do you think might happen if we always give charity openly?

*You should know that it repels afflictions and illnesses from you in this world and it will repel the fire from you in the next world.*

Prophet Muhammad (saw) has advised us that giving charity can remove our bad fortunes and sicknesses, lengthen our lives and increase our rewards.

Think about the reasons why you should give charity and the benefits of it in this world and the hereafter.

Now create a poster advertising the benefits of giving charity and encouraging others to be charitable. You can use the template on the right to design it and then use a separate sheet of paper to make the full poster.