

## Employed by whose most earnings are unlawful

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

**Question:** I have a trader friend who earned a lot of money from renting his trade register to other traders. Jointly with another person trading in satellite dishes and receivers, he founded a travel and tourism agency in order to take people (to the Holy Places) to perform 'Umrah and Hajj. He offered me a job as a guide for Al-Mu'tamireen (people who perform 'Umrah). So, what is the ruling concerning working in this agency? May Allaah bless you.

**Answer:** All praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon whom Allaah sent as a mercy to the Worlds, upon his Family, his Companions and his Brothers till the Day of Resurrection.

Whoever does not seek the Halal (lawful) in his earnings and does not care about consuming what is forbidden nor about how he accumulates his wealth in accordance to the way indicated by the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ who said: "**There will come a time when people will not care about the way they earn money, whether lawfully or unlawfully**"<sup>1</sup>. In another hadeeth, he صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: "**Whoever earns money from a sinful source then uses it to keep good ties of kinship, gives it in charity or spends it for the sake of Allaah, then all that (money) will be gathered and thrown with him in the Hell**"<sup>2</sup>.

Therefore, if this is the case (with this trader), it is not recommended to work with him nor to keep friendship with him if he did not repent having raised money from which is bad (unlawful) and was not determined to get rid of it by way of piety and sincerity, according to the hadeeth of the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ in which he said: "**Be not a companion except of a believer, and let none eat your food except a righteous**"<sup>3</sup>. In another hadeeth it is said: "**Bother not yourself for what you missed in this worldly life if you have these four characteristics: preserving the entrusted properties, truthfulness in speech, good morality and lawfulness in food**"<sup>4</sup>

The perfect knowledge belongs to Allaah عَزَّ وَجَلَّ. Our last prayer is all praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon our Prophet, his Family, his Companions and his Brothers till the Day of Resurrection.

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<sup>1</sup> Narrated by Al-Bukhaaree (2083) from the hadeeth of Abee Hurayrah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ.

<sup>2</sup> Al-Mundhree attributed it in "At-Targheeb Wa At-Tarheeb" (2/ 148) to Abee Dawood in "Al-Maraaseel" from the hadeeth of Al-Qaasim Ibn Mukhaymira. This hadeeth is judged Hassan (well) by Al-Albaanee in "Saheeh At-Targheeb Wa At-Tarheeb" (1721).

<sup>3</sup> Narrated by Abee Dawood (4832) and At-Tirmidhee (2395) from the hadeeth of Abee Sa'eed Al-Khudree رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ. This hadeeth is judged Hassan (well) by Al-Baghawee in "Sharh As-Sunnah": (6/ 468) and Al-Albaanee in "Saheeh Al-Jaami'" (7341).

<sup>4</sup> Narrated by Ahmad (6652) from the hadeeth of Abdullaah Ibn 'Amr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا. This hadeeth is judged Hassan (well) by Al-Haythamee in "Majma' Az-Zwaa'id" (10/ 529). It is judged authentic by Ahmad Shaakir (10/ 138) and by Al-Albaanee in "Saheeh Al-Jaami'" (873).