

EIGHT LEVELS OF CHARITY

The eighth and lowest level of charity is when one gives charity grudgingly.

The seventh level is when one gives less than he/she should, but does so cheerfully.

The sixth level is when one gives directly to the poor upon being asked.

The fifth level is when one gives alms directly to the poor without being asked.

The fourth level is when the giving is indirect. the recipient knows who the giver is, but the giver does not know the identity of the recipient.

The third level is when the giver knows the identity of the recipient, but the recipient does not know the identity of the giver.

The second highest level is when the one who gives is unaware of the recipient, who in turn is unaware of the giver.

The highest form of charity is to help sustain a person before he/she becomes impoverished, by offering a substantial gift in a dignified manner or by extending a suitable loan, or by helping him/her find employment or establish themselves in a business.