

One of the rich people in his city was famous for his generosity, especially with the poor and needy. He had abundant money, but he had two bad habits. Then he lifted the cup and found that it had been pierced at the bottom and a deep hole had been dug underneath it. Then the man said: This hole has swallowed all your money. Likewise, showing off and boasting has not benefited you, and it will swallow up your wages and reward. But the cup was not full, then he grabbed the bag of dirhams and emptied it all into the cup to no avail. He used to brag about the poor while giving them alms. I do not give anyone one dirham, just take these ten dirhams. Therefore, the poor did not like him even though he gave them alms, and they wished that he would stop bragging about them. But he did not stop this bad habit, nor did he change it. Rather, he continued to brag in front of people about what he owned and what money he gave. The rich man laughed and said proudly, filling his mouth as usual: No, poor man, I will fill this cup for you with dirhams. The rich man replied: And my money has run out!