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Question:

Assalamu Alaikum

Couple of questions relating to zakaat.

1. I have been temporarily collecting madrasa fees in my business bank account due to unforeseen circumstances. This money doesn't belong to me but rather to the madrasa.

Will I be liable for the zakat for them?

2. If my employee owes me outstanding money for my services and I am yet to still receive them (I know I will receive at some point) Am I still liable for zakaat on them or is ownership a condition?

3. With regards to the extra fees in my business account, that don't belong to me. If in future my employee says that I should just keep that (in return for what I am owed).

At which point will I be liable for zakaat on it.

a) From the point the money came into my bank account

b) or the From the moment I was given ownership of it.

JazakAllah Khairun.

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In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

Answer:

Wa Alaykum Assalam,

1. Zakat is liable on wealth that belongs to you and is in your ownership. The madrasa fees in your bank account are more like a trust given to you that you must return at a certain time. That is why you will not be liable for giving zakat on them.

2. If you have a guaranteed debt that will be paid back to you, then you are liable for its zakat.

3. As #2 indicates you should be giving zakat on guaranteed debts. So, when the debt is repaid back to you there shouldn't be a need to give more zakat on it.

(al-Binayah Sharh al-Hidayah, vol. 3, pg. 289/307)

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