



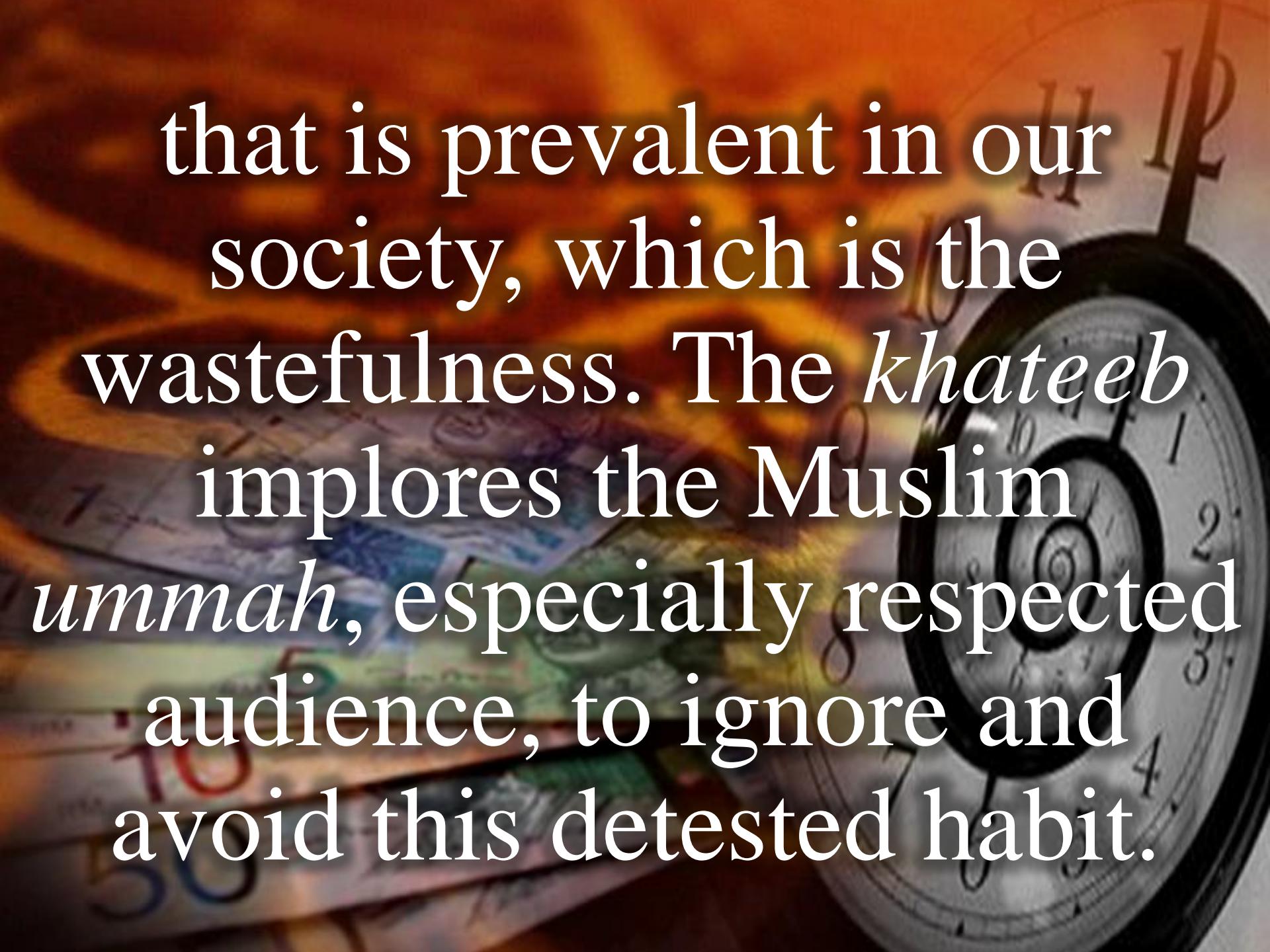
WASTEFULNESS: A DETESTABLE HABIT THAT MUST BE AVOIDED



Let us all increase our effort in increasing our *imaan* in Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala* for all times and situation, by performing all of His commandments

and avoiding all His prohibitions. By this, we hope to attain success in this world and His Pleasure in the Hereafter.

On this blessed day, let us contemplate and evaluate ourselves on our actions and what we should be doing in our daily lives, so that it will be in accordance with the *Sharee'ah*. The topic to be discussed today deals with the deplorable habit



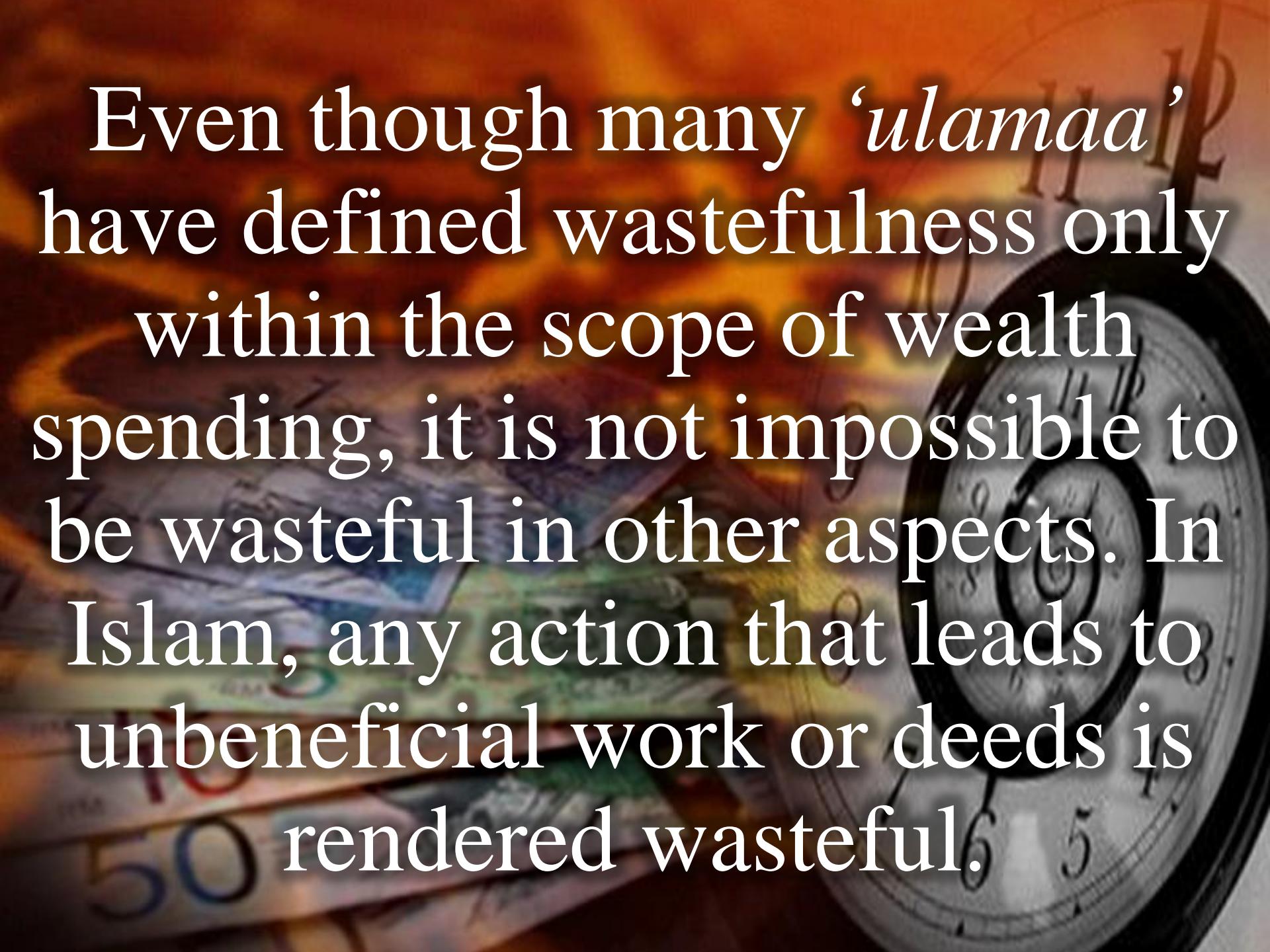
that is prevalent in our society, which is the wastefulness. The *khateeb* implores the Muslim *ummah*, especially respected audience, to ignore and avoid this detested habit.

We are well-aware that Islam prohibits its adherents to live a lifestyle of extravagance and wastefulness in every aspect of lives, including financial spending, wealth, time, and energy. This negative practice is very becoming to those who

have been blessed with abundant provision and bounties. It is as if they have forgotten that the *rizq* was provided by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala*. They have wrongly and unrightfully utilized their provision.

Due to this, Imam ash-Shaafi‘i stated that wastefulness is to spend the wealth in other than the path of truth and necessity.

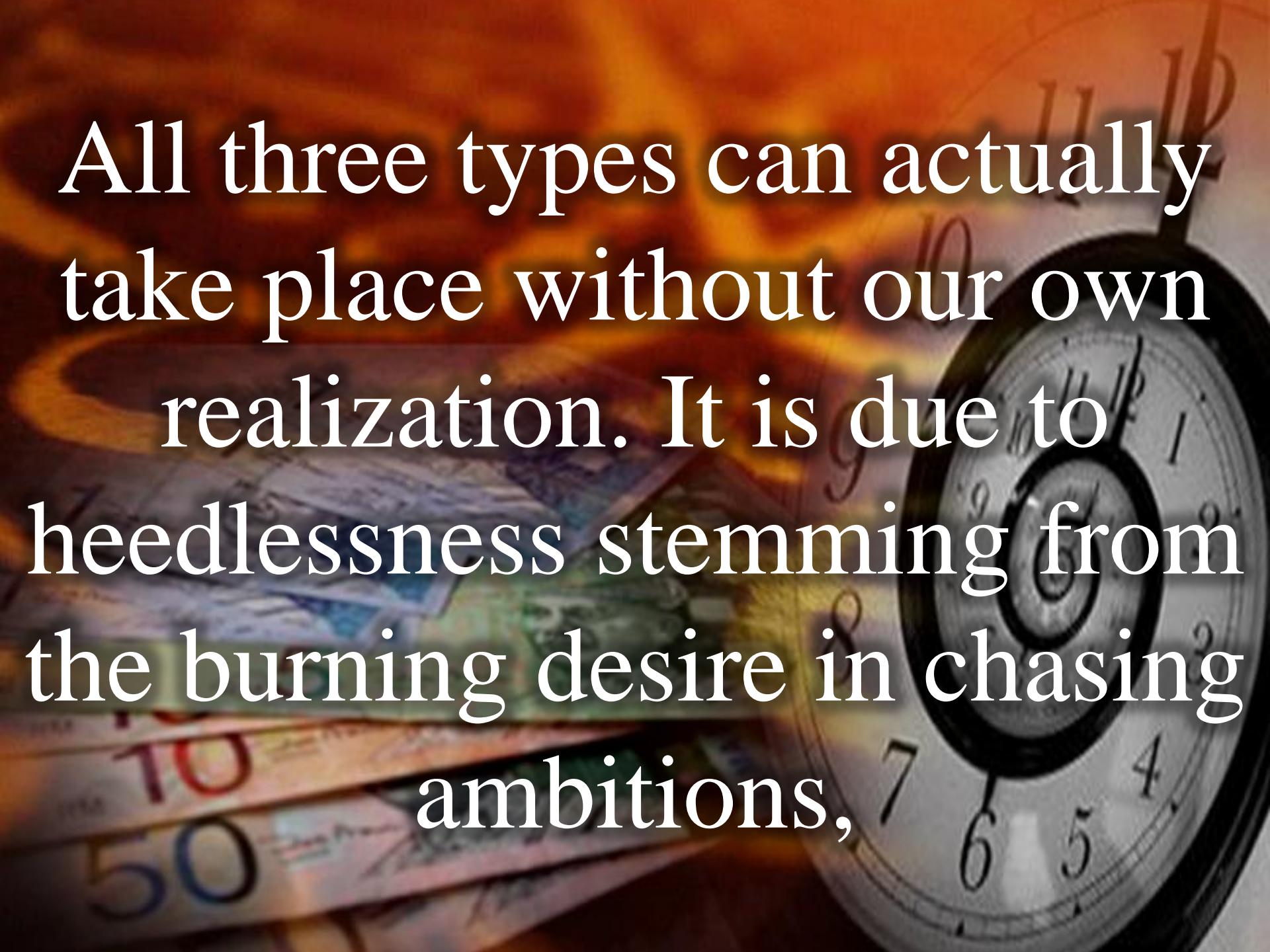
However, it would not be wasteful if it is done for work or charitable acts.



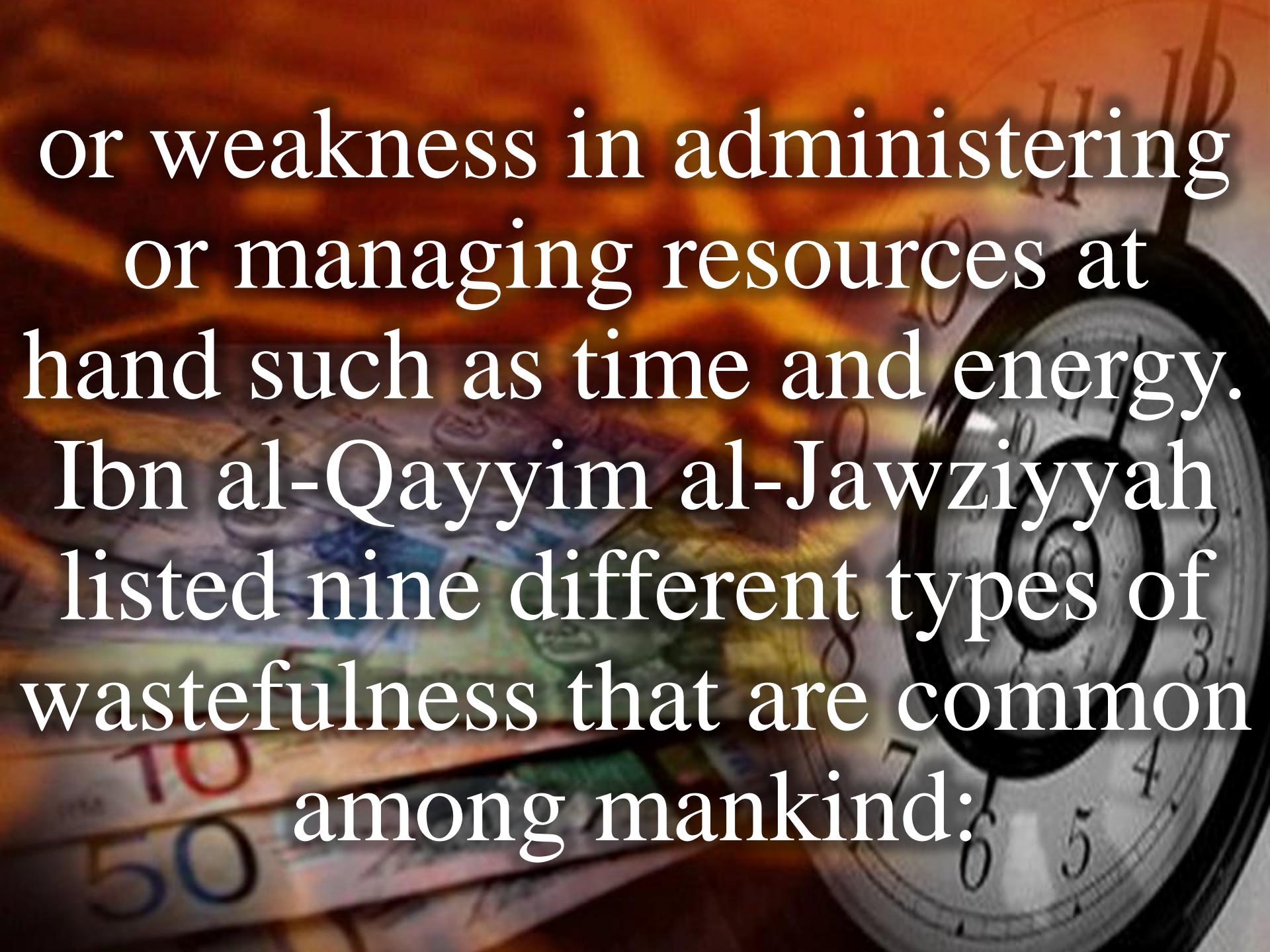
Even though many ‘*ulamaa*’ have defined wastefulness only within the scope of wealth spending, it is not impossible to be wasteful in other aspects. In Islam, any action that leads to unbeneficial work or deeds is rendered wasteful.

Based on this,
wastefulness can be
divided into three parts:

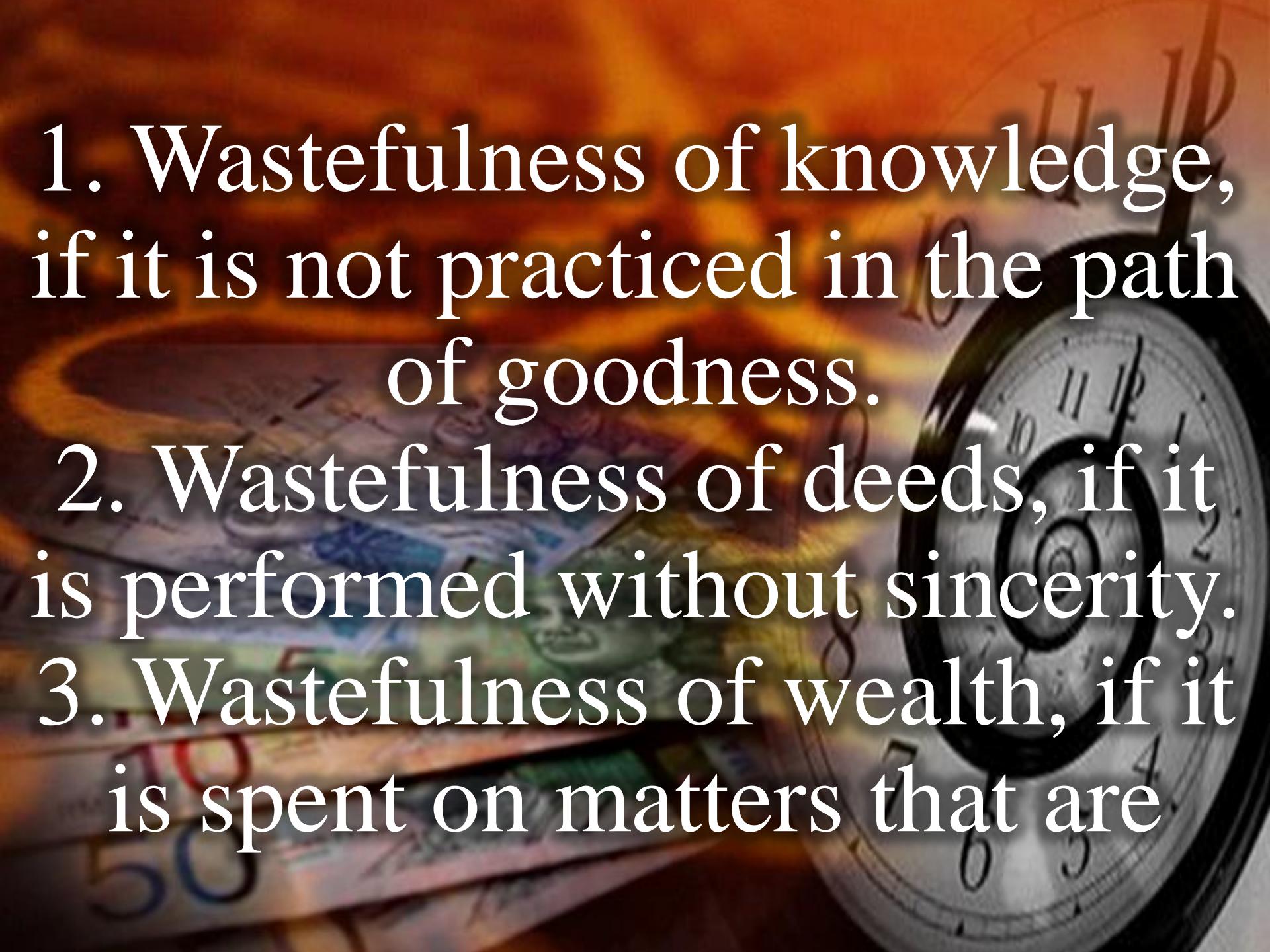
1. Wastefulness of wealth
2. Wastefulness of time
3. Wastefulness of energy

The background of the image is a soft-focus photograph. It features a stack of Indian rupee banknotes in various denominations, with the number '50' clearly visible on one note. To the right, a portion of a mechanical wristwatch is shown, focusing on the dial which has numbers 1 through 12 and some smaller markings. The overall color palette is warm, with orange and yellow tones from the banknotes.

All three types can actually take place without our own realization. It is due to heedlessness stemming from the burning desire in chasing ambitions,



or weakness in administering or managing resources at hand such as time and energy. Ibn al-Qayyim al-Jawziyyah listed nine different types of wastefulness that are common among mankind:

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1. Wastefulness of knowledge, if it is not practiced in the path of goodness.
 2. Wastefulness of deeds, if it is performed without sincerity.
 3. Wastefulness of wealth, if it is spent on matters that are

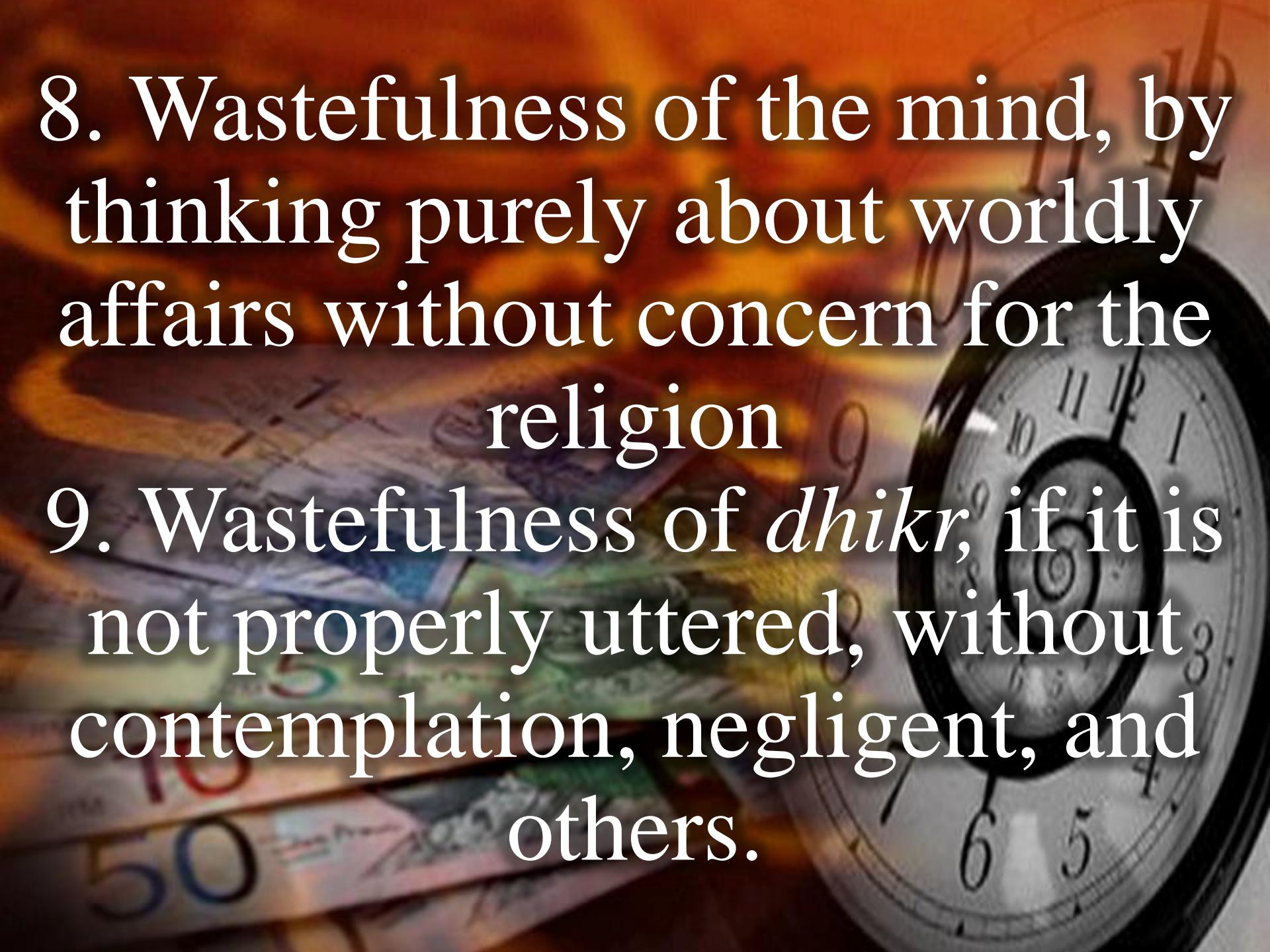
unbeneficial and displeasing to Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala*.

4. Wastefulness of the heart, if it is empty without the love for Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala*.

5. Wastefulness of the body, if it is not utilized in performing

*'ibaadah to Allah Subhaanahu
Wata 'aala.*

6. Wastefulness of love, by loving others more than Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala.
7. Wastefulness of time, if it is not utilized and managed to the fullest.



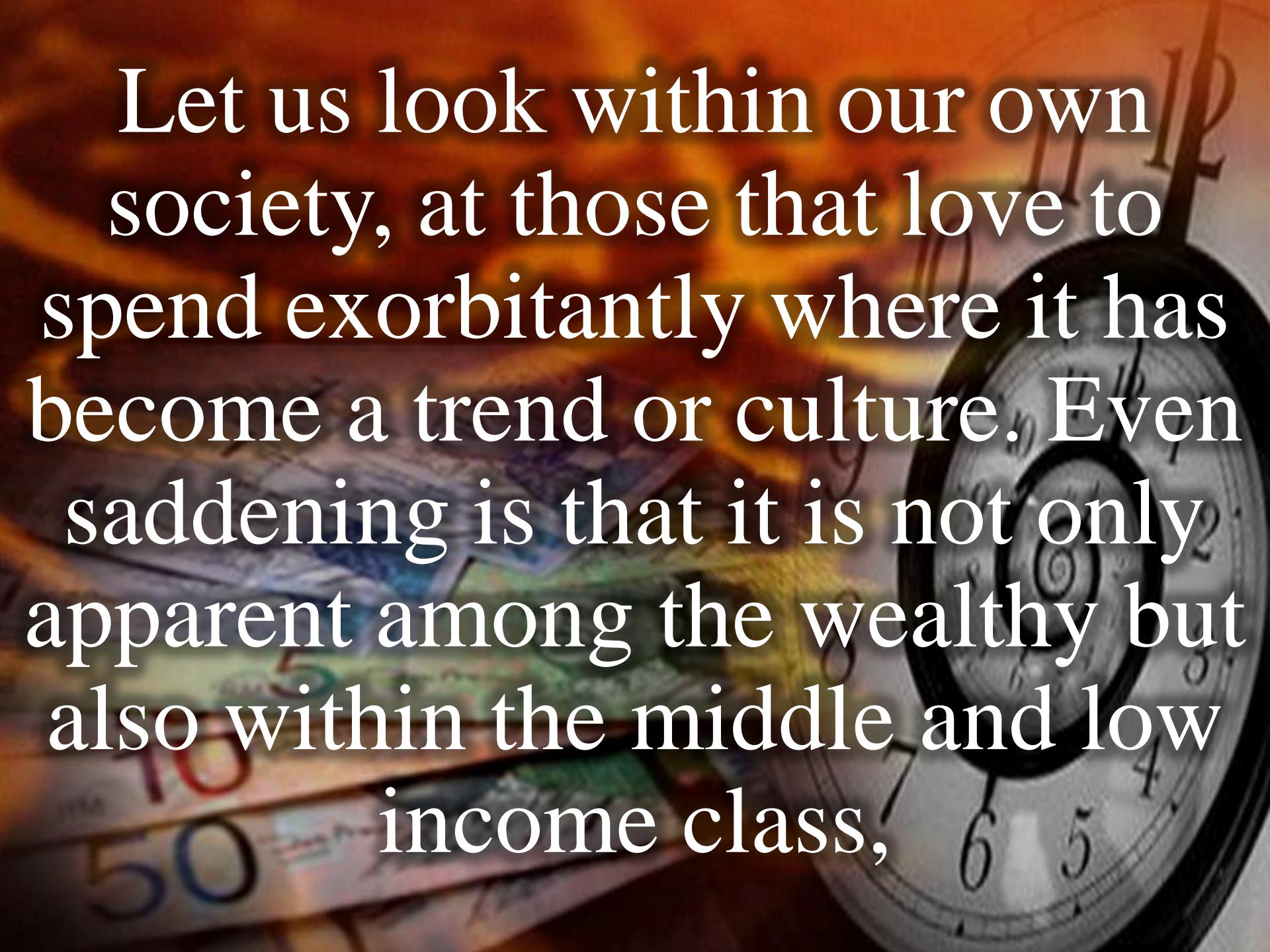
8. Wastefulness of the mind, by thinking purely about worldly affairs without concern for the religion

9. Wastefulness of *dhikr*, if it is not properly uttered, without contemplation, negligent, and others.

Therefore, as the Muslims,
we must avoid being
wasteful for we know that it
is a despicable and unworthy
act. Allah *Subhaanahu
Wata ‘aala* has mentioned in
al-Qur’an:

“Indeed, the wasteful
are brothers of the
devils, and ever has
Satan been to his Lord
ungrateful.”

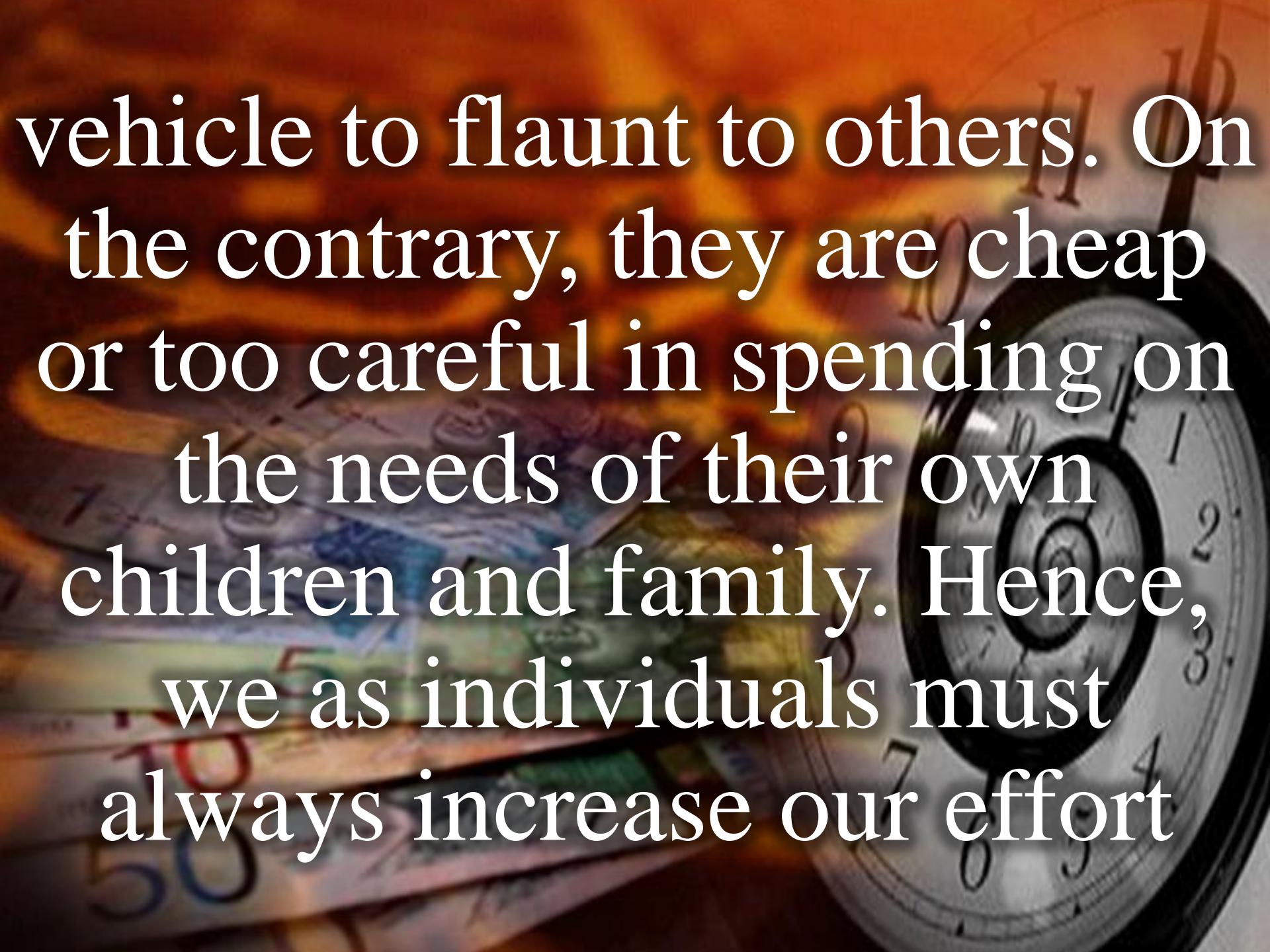
(al-Israa’: 27)



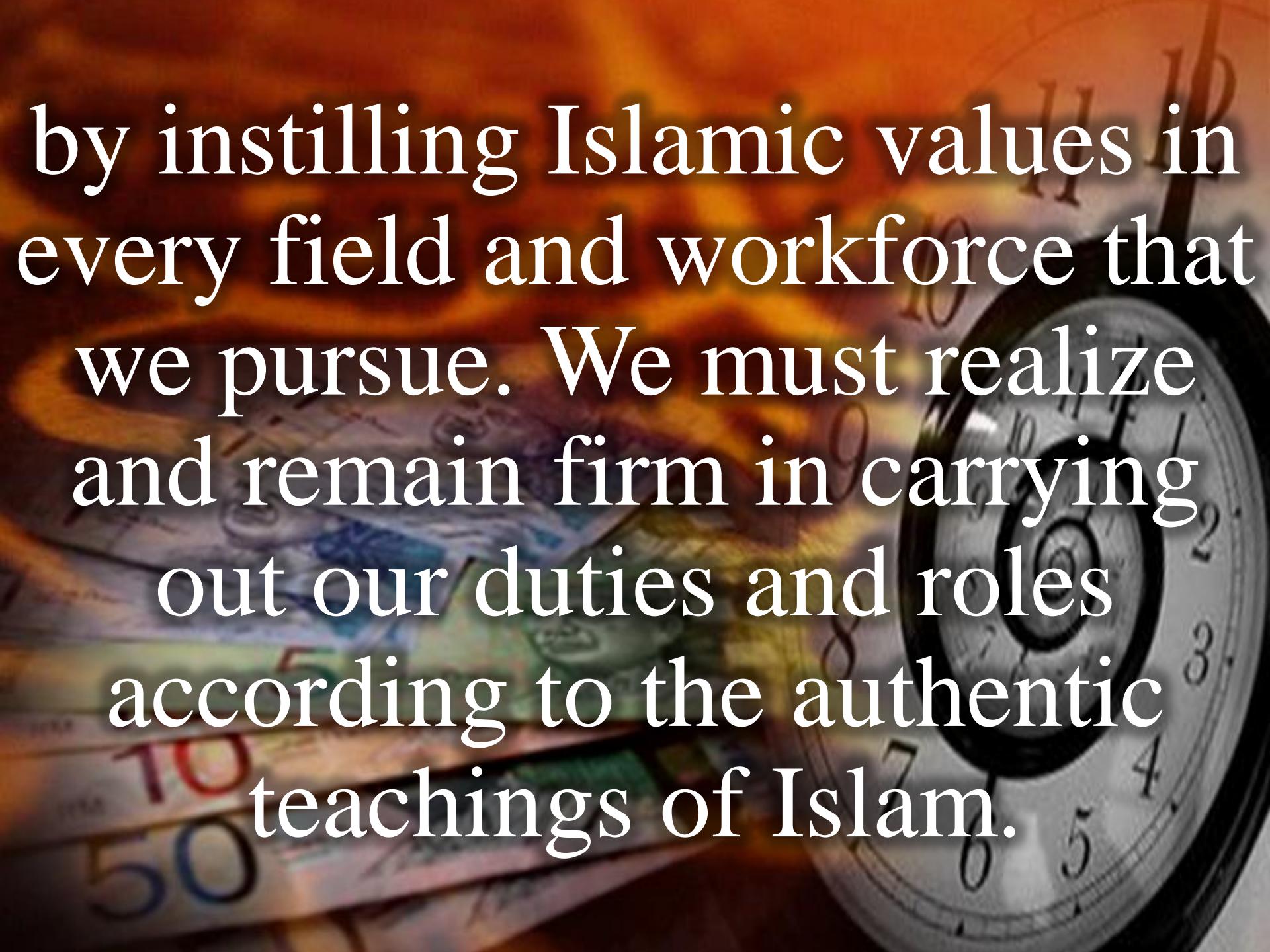
Let us look within our own society, at those that love to spend exorbitantly where it has become a trend or culture. Even saddening is that it is not only apparent among the wealthy but also within the middle and low income class,

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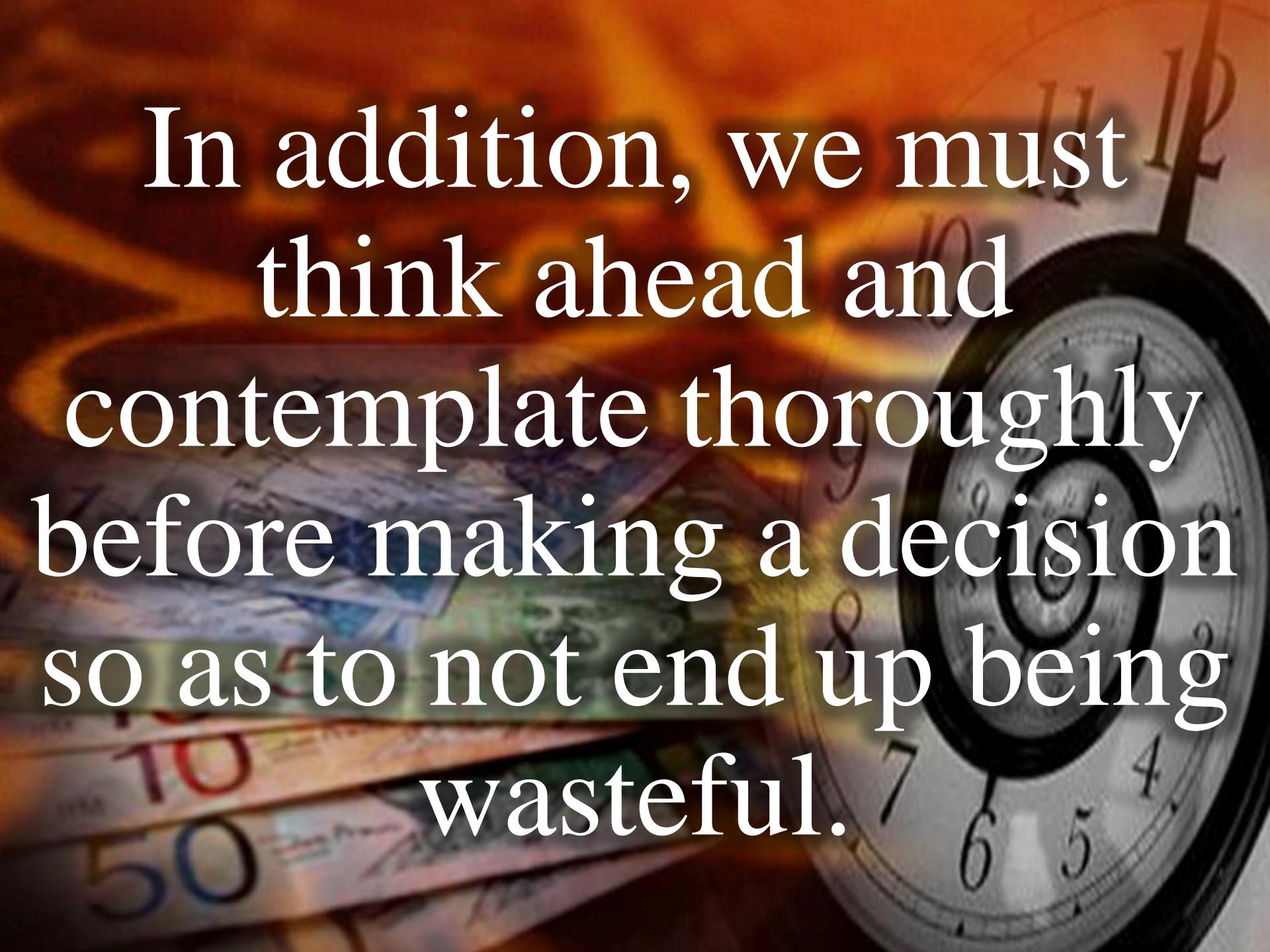
trying to imitate the lavish lifestyle while forgetting their very duty to the most important being. They would withdraw large amount of money just to live in opulence, spending more than necessary, itching to change or purchase a new

A background image featuring a stack of Indian rupee notes in various denominations, with a prominent 500-rupee note at the top. To the right, a close-up view of a rupee coin is visible, showing its circular shape and some inscriptions. The overall color palette is warm, dominated by the orange and yellow tones of the currency.

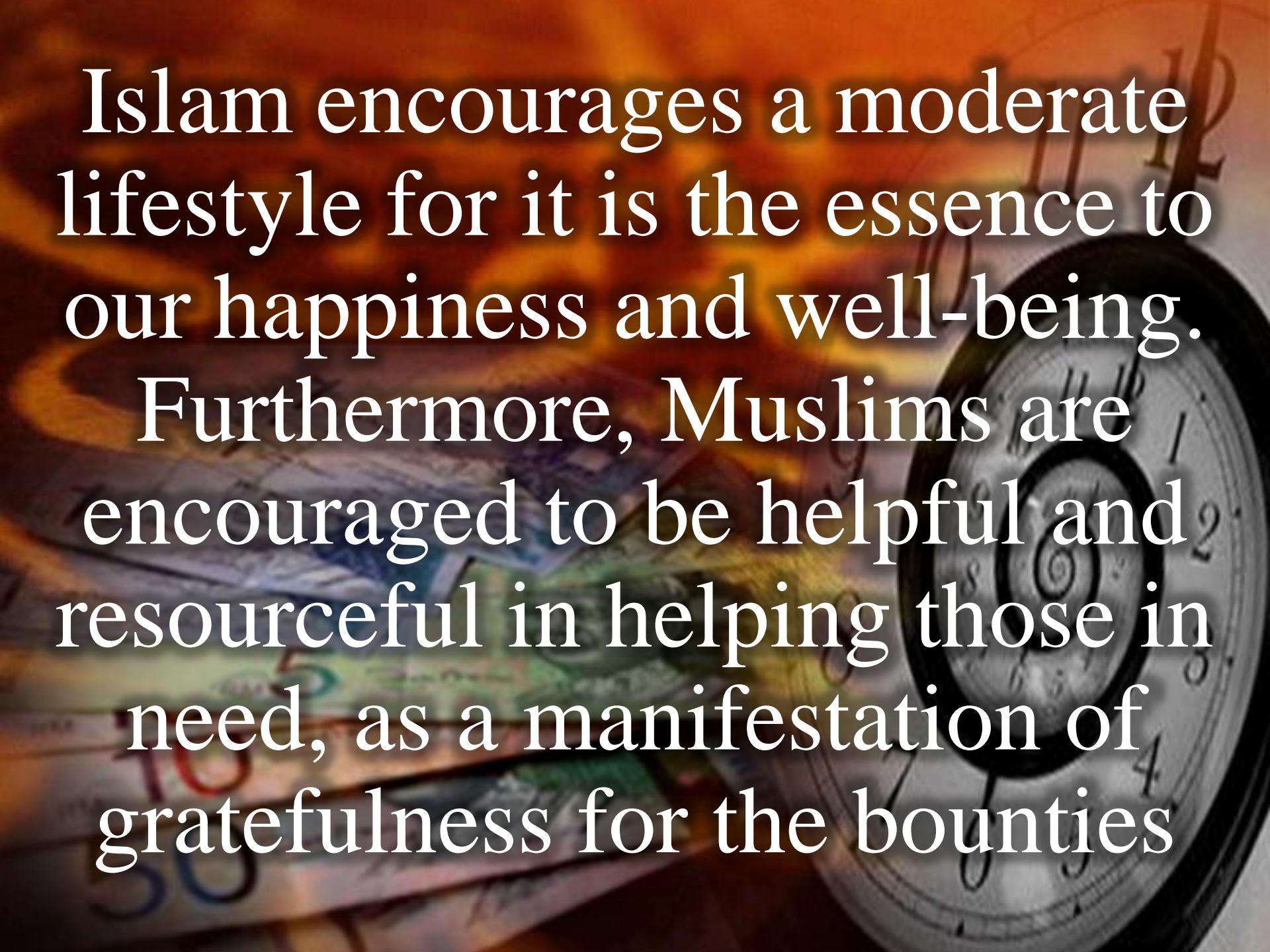
vehicle to flaunt to others. On the contrary, they are cheap or too careful in spending on the needs of their own children and family. Hence, we as individuals must always increase our effort



by instilling Islamic values in every field and workforce that we pursue. We must realize and remain firm in carrying out our duties and roles according to the authentic teachings of Islam.

The background of the slide features a close-up photograph of several Indian rupee banknotes, with visible denominations of 50 and 100. To the right of the money, a portion of a mechanical scale is visible, showing numbers 1 through 10 on its dial. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and shadows creating a warm, focused effect on the text.

In addition, we must think ahead and contemplate thoroughly before making a decision so as to not end up being wasteful.



Islam encourages a moderate lifestyle for it is the essence to our happiness and well-being. Furthermore, Muslims are encouraged to be helpful and resourceful in helping those in need, as a manifestation of gratefulness for the bounties

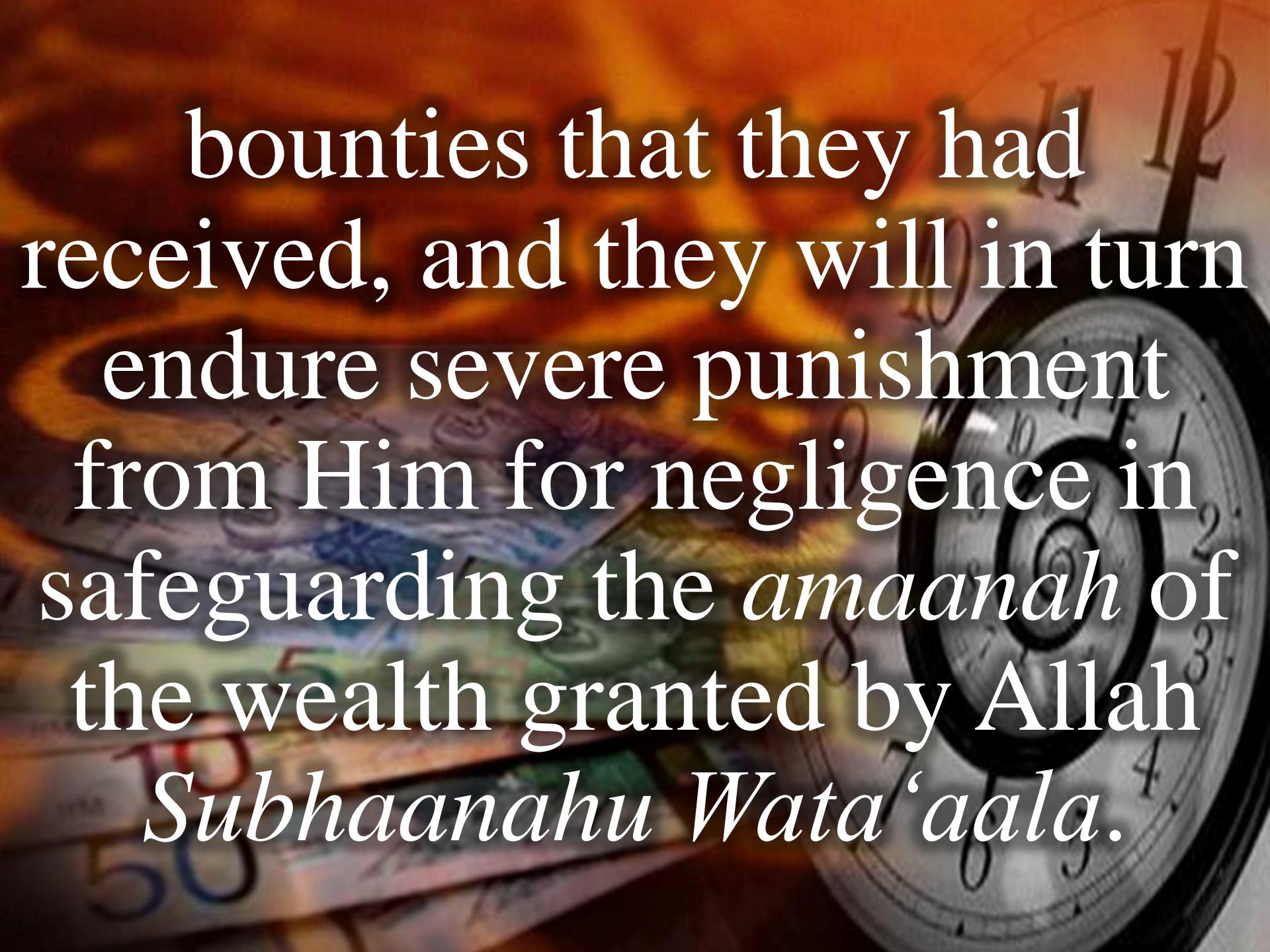
bestowed from Allah
Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala. Allah
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mentions in al-Qur’ān:
“And give the relative his
right, and [also] the poor and
the traveler, and do not spend
wastefully.”

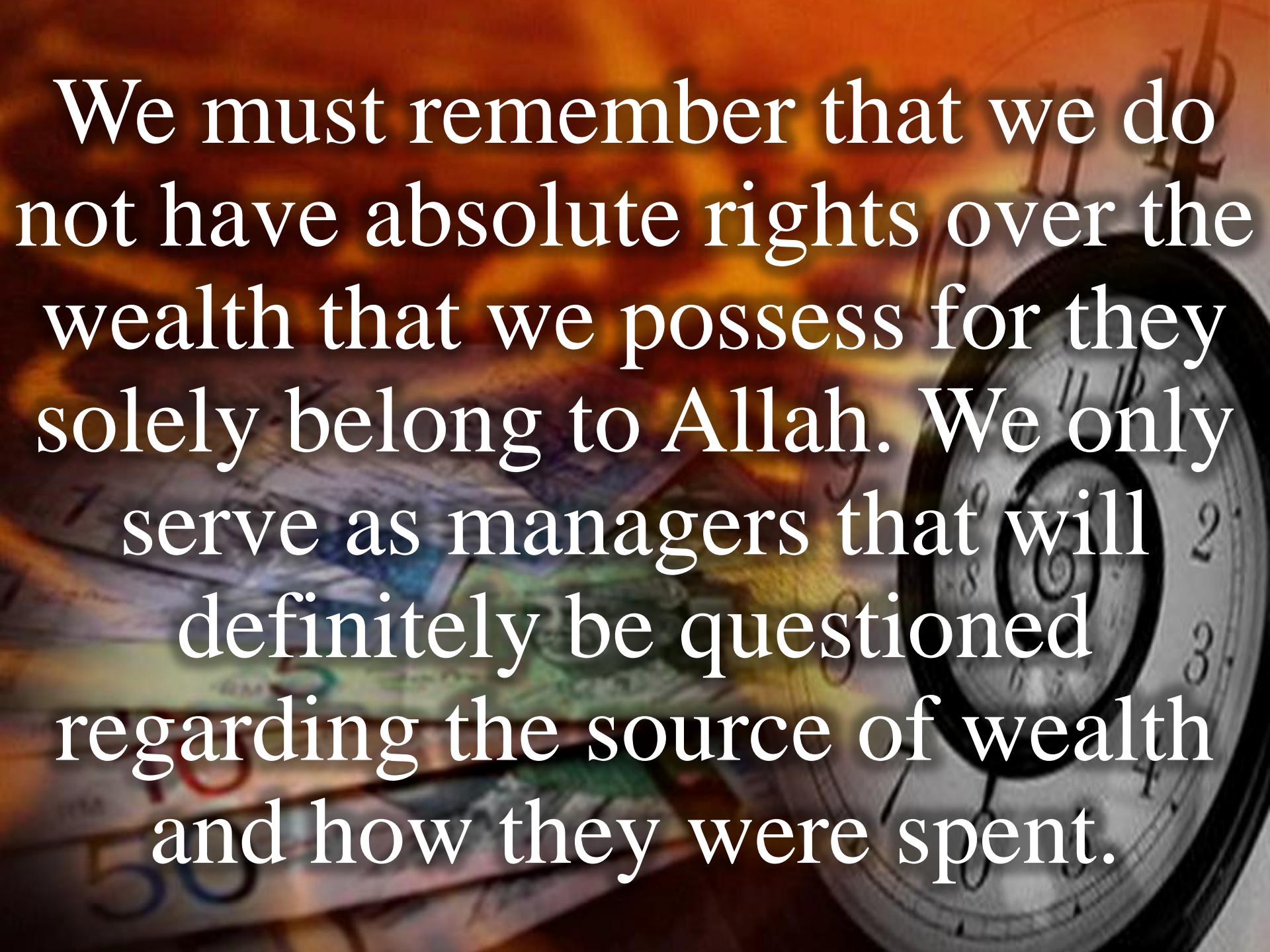
(al-Israa’ : 26)

When we carefully observe, we find that wastefulness actually results in grave consequences towards the physical and spiritual aspect of an individual.

Verily, Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala* is angered by those who are ungrateful for the

bounties that they had received, and they will in turn endure severe punishment from Him for negligence in safeguarding the *amaanah* of the wealth granted by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘ala.*

The background of the image features a stack of US dollar bills at the bottom, with a single US quarter coin positioned vertically on the right side. The lighting creates a warm, golden glow over the money, suggesting wealth or prosperity. The quarter coin is highly detailed, showing the profile of George Washington and the inscriptions "LIBERTY", "IN GOD WE TRUST", and "QUARTER DOLLAR".

A background image showing a stack of US dollar bills and a silver coin. The bills are fanned out at the bottom, with colors ranging from green to red. A silver coin is visible on the right side, showing some markings. The overall lighting is warm and slightly blurred.

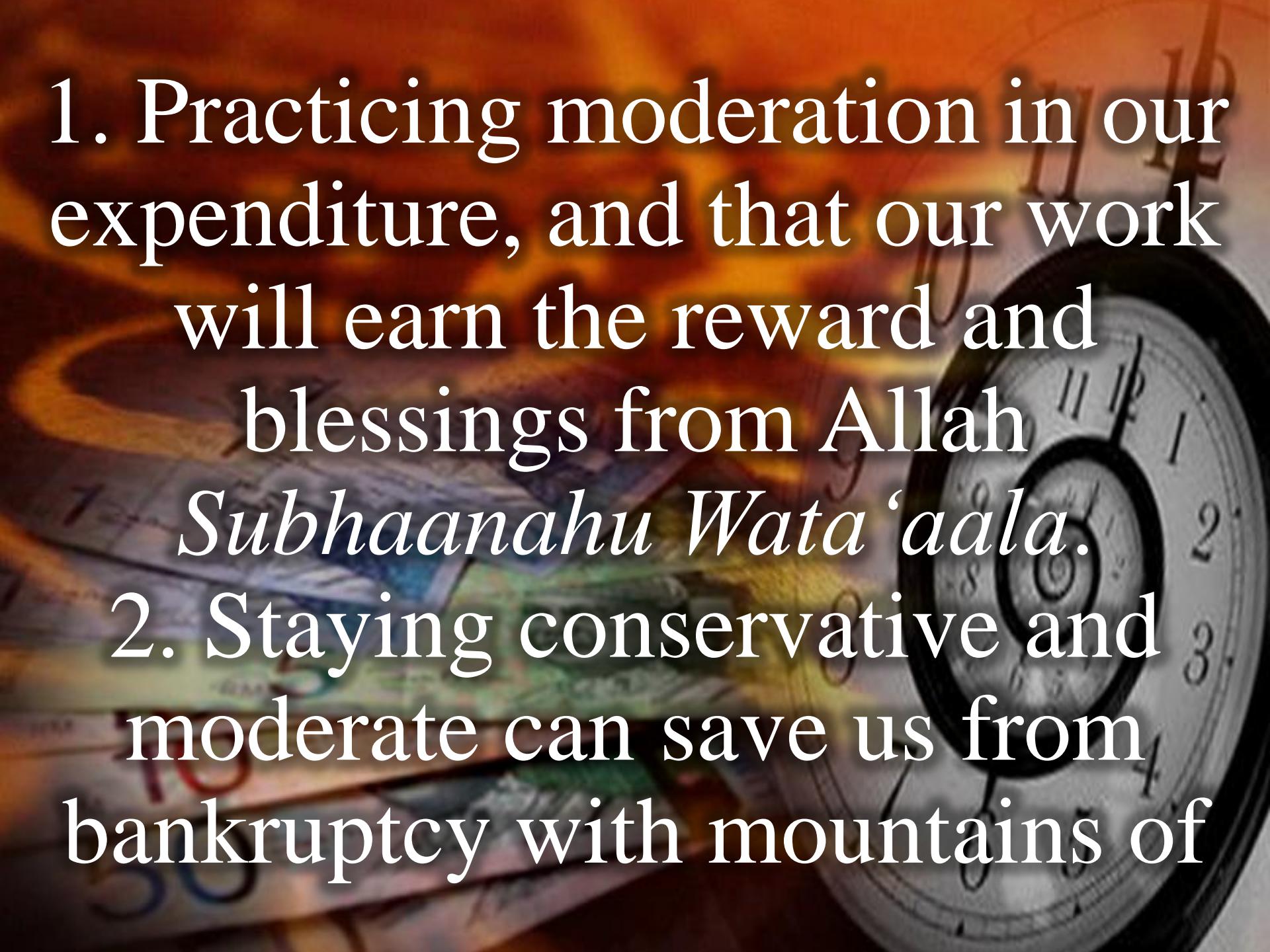
We must remember that we do not have absolute rights over the wealth that we possess for they solely belong to Allah. We only serve as managers that will definitely be questioned regarding the source of wealth and how they were spent.

Let us not consider having absolute ownership over the wealth that we possess, and because of that we will spend them freely. Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala* mentions in al-Qur’an:

“Assuredly, that to which you invite me has no [response to a] supplication in this world or in the Hereafter; and indeed, our return is to Allah, and indeed, the transgressors will be companions of the Fire.”

(Ghaafir : 43)

In conclusion, let us be thrifty and frugal, spending wisely, and avoid wastefulness, with the sole purpose of attaining the blessings of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*. This brings numerous benefits, among them:

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1. Practicing moderation in our expenditure, and that our work will earn the reward and blessings from Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala.*
 2. Staying conservative and moderate can save us from bankruptcy with mountains of

debts from overspending, due to uncontrolled desire.

3. By practicing moderation, we will be able to afford to give in the path of Allah, especially in giving *zakaah*, which marks the completion of the pillars of Islam.

4. We will have ample savings that can guarantee our well-being at times of difficulty.

May we always ensure ourselves from not becoming among those that are wasteful.

“And a believing man from the family of Pharaoh who concealed his faith said, "Do you kill a man [merely] because he says, 'My Lord is Allah' while he has brought you clear proofs from your Lord?

And if he should be lying, then upon him is [the consequence of] his lie; but if he should be truthful, there will strike you some of what he promises you. Indeed, Allah does not guide one who is a transgressor and a liar.””

(Ghaafir : 48)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَأَيَّاً كُمْ يَمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ
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إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

O Allah,

The Most Merciful, we thank You for all Your Mercy and Pleasure that enable us to enhance and strengthen our Islamic states, especially Selangor, as a developed and peaceful state.

O Allah,

We beg you to increase our good practice, strengthen our unity, grant us prosperous life, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, flourish our souls with noble character, return our youngsters to the right path, save us from Your biggest test such

as deluge, drought,
epidemic, dispute and
division, poverty and others
so that this country will be
more prosperous and blessed
by You.



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