

Fatwa no. 12344:

Q: I bought a small car from one of my co-workers. After some time when I opened its trunk, I found a piece of gold wrapped in a cloth. I asked the members of my family about it but they told me it was not theirs, so I went to my co-worker, who sold me the car, but he denied any knowledge. Please note that I am the third owner of the car. Later, I went to the gold market and sold the piece of gold for 600 Riyals. What should I do with this money? Please enlighten us. May Allah reward you well and guide you to best serve the public interest!

A: If the matter is as you mentioned, you should give the price of the gold in charity to poor people, dedicating the reward to its owner. If one day the owner of the gold comes to you, inform him about what you have done and if he approves it, there is no problem. Otherwise, the reward of charity is yours and you should pay

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him the price of the gold. May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions!

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