13937 - Can he give zakaah to his uncle who is in debt and should he tell him that it is zakaah?

the question

I have some savings in bank which is subject to zakat . My mother's brother is having debt and he is unable to clear them . Can I give my zakat money to my uncle to clear his debt . Can I give the zaket to him . Secondly can I give zakat to him without informing that the money is for zakat .

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

If your uncle is poor and is thereby entitled to zakaah, then it is OK to give him the zakaah of your wealth, or some of it. This is not subject to any condition of your telling him of that. But if you do not know much about his situation, then you should tell him that it is zakaah so that he can refuse it if he is not entitled to it.