

Q: 80 – Title: Is it permissible to open a subway?

Question

I have 2 brothers and we are all working together in the US since we arrived with my parents. We used to own a gas station which sold haram things and we moved to a different type of business which is import and export, but as the economy is now suffering really bad, money is very tight now and we do not make enough money to even pay the house payment, let alone food and other bills for almost 3 years now.

We have been looking for a long time for a halal business but we are unable to find anything. We are thinking about opening a restaurant such as subway, but we know that it sells pork. I would like to know if it is permissible or not since these restaurants require the sale of all their products and I cannot refuse to sell pork? Jazzakallah Khair.

Answer

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

As-salamu ‘alaykum wa-rahmatullahi wa-barakatuh.

It is not permissible to sell pork.[1] You should live a simple lifestyle which does not demand a high income. Adopt a lifestyle which would best allow you to repay all your debts. If you are experiencing financial difficulties then you should consider making adjustments in your standard of living and downscale your expenses. All you require is courage and determination. Allah Ta’ala says,

{وَمَن يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لِّهٖ مَخْرَجًا ۖ وَيَرْزُقْهُ مِنۡ حَيْثُ يَشَاءُ ۚ وَمَا يُغْلِبُ فَتْنًا وَّ عَثَابًا ۗ إِنَّهُ بِصِّرَاطٍ لَّهِ مُتَّبِعٍ ۚ}

“And whosoever fears God, He shall make for him a way (out of every difficulty).”

Quran 65:2

Constantly make the following Dua for ease in sustenance,

اللَّهُمَّ اكْفِنِي بِحَلَالِكَ عَنْ حَرَامِكَ وَأَكْفِنِي بِالْفَاحِشَةِ عَنِ الْفَاحِشَةِ
اللَّهُمَّ اكْفِنِي

Alhummakfini bi halalika ‘an haramik wa aghnini bi fadhlika ‘aman siwak

“Oh Allah suffice me with that which you have permitted abstaining from that which you have forbidden and make me independent of all those besides you.”
(Tirmizi vol.5 pg.452; Dar algharb alislami)

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