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the question

My friend is asking again He was working in a restaurant, serving everything except wine (khamr) but the meat there is not halal and he knows that; he was carrying the empty glasses of wine and washing them, he knows that that is not allowed. His Q is: he felt guilty so he left the restaurant. He had money out of that job and he wants to start a new halal business.

CAN HE USE THAT MONEY TO START A NEW JOB? IF HIS MONEY IS NOT HALAL, DOES HE NEED TO GET RID OF THAT MONEY OR CAN HE WORK WITH IT AND FROM THE PROFIT HE CAN TAKE THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY?

WAJAZAKUM ALLAH KHAYRAYAMAN

Detailed answer

The job which this brother was performing is the kind in which halal and haram have been mixed together. At the same time that he was serving food that contained haram ingredients such as pork or lahm ul-maita (meat not properly slaughtered), he was serving things that are halal as well washing dishes and glasses. If he had known at the time he was working about the prohibition of the haram things, then his income in this situation comprises mixed money, both halal and haram. So if he wants to repent to Allah, then he needs to get rid of the portion of his income which is haram, by estimating and approximating to his best judgment how much the haram portion of the income was which was earned via haram service. He can spend it in any of the various charitable means, and he cannot benefit from it whether by investment or otherwise. As for the remaining portion which is the halal amount, he is allowed to use it to his benefit.