

## Traditional Sou-Sou vs Blessing Loom

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### The traditional Sou-Sou:

A **fixed number of people** who know one another all agree to pay an **equal amount** of money at the end of the month, then the entire amount is given to one of them; the following month the amount is given to another one, and so on until each one of them has received the **same amount** as the others, **no more and no less**. Shaykh ibn Baz and Shaykh Uthaymeen viewed this as **permissible** because everyone receives equal benefit and equal harm. <https://binothameen.net/content/1096>

Shaykh Fawzan views it as **impermissible**. <https://www.alfawzan.af.org.sa/en/node/16229>

### Blessing Loom:



After the payout, the yellow blocks move up, thus they need to recruit new yellow blocks. Many people will outright recruit on social media. Some will claim they do not recruit, but they will casually mention how they are going to make \$800 from a \$100 investment. So, in reality they are “dry recruiting”.

- The Blessing Loom is a **pyramid scheme**; thus, it is **NOT** permissible.
- Pyramids schemes are illegal in many states (such as North Carolina).
- BBB in NC Warns Against “Blessing Loom” Scam on Social Media

Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "Man's feet will not move on the Day of Resurrection before he is asked about his wealth, how did he earn it and how did he spend it. [At-Tirmidhi]

“Satan threatens you with poverty and orders you to immorality” (Al-Baqarah 2:268)