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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: May Allaah grant you good. The questioner says: There are a group of students studying at the school; one of them stands and presents a gift to their teacher and he accepts the gift; and he is the teacher responsible for this group of students. And they did not inform him of the name any specific student giving the gift. Is this corrupting the intention or bribery?

Shaykh Saalih al-Fawzaan (حفظه الله)¹: It is not permissible for the teacher to accept a gift from the students if he receives a salary. If he receives a salary from the government or from the organisation then he suffices himself with his salary. And he does not take anything from the students because if he does this will be a category of bribery. This is because the teacher is a judge upon the students, as it relates to their grades, test and passing or failing. Therefore he does not accept the gift. Also he will be accused of favouritism. So he wards off these accusations from himself. And he distances himself from these affairs and suffices himself with his salary.

¹ (حفظه الله) May Allaah the Most High preserve him