



IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE MOST GRACIOUS, THE MOST MERCIFUL

WHO ARE THE BEST MUSLIMS? PART 2

WHAT WAS DISCUSSED LAST WEEK

1. **“The best of the Muslims is he from whose hand and tongue the Muslims are safe.” (Muslim)**
2. **“The best of people are those with the most excellent character.” (Tabarani, Sahih)**

NOW, WE WILL DISCUSS ON THE FOLLOWING INSHAALLAH:

3. **“The best of people are those that bring most benefit to the rest of mankind.” (Daraqutni, Hasan)**
4. **“The best of people are those who live longest and excel in their deeds, whereas the worst of people are those who live longest and corrupt their deeds.” (Tirmidhi, Sahih)**

3. **“The best of people are those that bring most benefit to the rest of mankind.” (Daraqutni, Hasan)**

Ibn Umar reported: The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said, “The most beloved people to Allah are those who are most beneficial to the people. The most beloved deed to Allah is to make a Muslim happy, or to remove one of his troubles, or to forgive his debt, or to feed his hunger. That I walk with a brother regarding a need is more beloved to me than that I seclude myself in this mosque in Medina for a month. Whoever swallows his anger, then Allah will conceal his faults. Whoever suppresses his rage, even though he could fulfill his anger if he wished, then Allah will secure his heart on the Day of Resurrection. Whoever walks with his brother regarding a need until he secures it for him, then Allah the Exalted will make his footing firm across the bridge on the day when the footings are shaken.”

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So what kinds of benefit should we achieve inshaAllah? To get an idea, we must look at the examples of our role model, our beloved prophet Muhammad Sallallahu alayhi wa sallam:

When our prophet Muhammad Sallallahu alayhi wa sallam was very scared after receiving the very first revelation, he rushed down the mountain and was comforted by his wife, Khadijah. She said:

Never! By Allāh, Allāh will never disgrace you! For you keep good relations with your family, help the poor and the destitute, serve your guests generously and assist the deserving people who have been afflicted with calamity." Narrated by al Bukhari, on the authority of Aisha (RA)

Pay special attention to the qualities which she identified as being reasons why Allāh would not let him down or harm him. Each and every trait she listed was *directly* related to his conduct with **people**, thus reminding him that a person of such qualities will be aided, assisted, supported, protected and provided for in both the Dunya and Ākhira. Even before Prophethood, then, the Prophet Muḥammad (sall Allāhu ‘alayhi wa sallam) was a man for the people and their needs.

What are these qualities?

- Keep good relations his family
- Help the poor and destitute
- Entertain his guests generously
- Help those who are afflicted with calamities

Look at another very similar example:

When Abū Bakr (RA) was leaving Makkah due to the persecution against Muslims there, a man by the name of Zaid b. Ad-Daghinna said to him, 'Where are you going?' Abū Bakr responded that his desire was to find another place on earth where he could worship Allāh freely. Zaid replied,

A man like you, O Abū Bakr, must not leave nor should he ever be made to leave, for you keep good relations with your family, help the poor and the destitute, serve your guests generously and assist the deserving people who have been afflicted with calamity." Narrated by al Bukhari, on the authority of Aisha (RA)

As for ‘Umar (raḍiy Allāhu ‘anhu). He would personally attend to the needs of widowed women, delivering to their homes water in the evening. Ṭalḥa once saw him entering the home of a lady. The next day, Ṭalḥa sought permission from her to enter and it was an old handicapped lady. He asked her, 'What does this man do at your house?' She said, 'For such and such

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years, he has been looking after me, bringing me what I need and removing the waste from the house.' Ṭalḥa then said to himself, *May your mother lose you O Ṭalḥa! Are you looking for the faults of 'Umar?!*'

Hassan al Basri said: *Attending to the need of another Muslim is more beloved to me than secluding myself in worship within the Masjid for two months.'*

This precise understanding of Islām has become incredibly rare in our time and age.

Abū 'Uthmān, the Sheikh of Imām Al-Bukhāri, said:

'There is not a single person who ever asked a favour of me except that I would personally endeavor to fulfill it for him. If his need remained unfulfilled, I resort to my wealth. If his need remained unfulfilled, I resort to the assistance of the brothers. If his need remained unfulfilled, I resort to the authorities for help.'

Prophet Muhammad SallAllahu alayhi wa sallam said *"Allāh will be at the assistance of His slave so long as such a person is at the assistance of his brother."* Narrated by Muslim on the authority of Abu Hurayrah.

We have been warned on one who withholds Allah's Blessings on him from helping others:

Narrated by Abū Dāwūd, on the authority of Abū Maryam Al-Azdi – prophet Muhammad SallAllahu alayhi wa sallam said *"Whoever is given authority by Allāh over any of the affairs of the Muslims but then hides away from their needs and poverty, Allāh will hide away His assistance towards his needs and poverty."*

Whether this pertains to our position within the household or workplace, within the Masjid, community or University Islamic Society, we must remember that we are there for the people.

Bear in mind that assisting other people with what you have been given is an active means of its preservation.

The Prophet (sall Allāhu 'alayhi wa sallam) said, *"There are certain people whom Allāh chooses from amongst the masses to give them blessings so that they can be at the assistance of others. Allāh will keep such blessings with them so long as they continue using them to assist others. If they stop doing so, however, it is taken away from them and given to somebody else."* Narrated by Tabarani, on the authority of Ibn Umar.

What has Allāh given you that people require? Is it money? Respect in the community? Good judgement? Knowledge? Free time? Experience? Each and every one of these matters are prone to disappearance should they be denied to the needs of people. Preserve them by spending them in the avenues of goodness.

Bear in mind that those people who are for the people have been selected by Allāh from amongst the masses to be keys to goodness.

The Prophet (sall Allāhu ‘alayhi wa sallam) would say,
“With Allāh are the stores of good and evil, and the keys to such stores are people. Thus, Paradise is for he whom Allāh makes him a key to goodness and a lock to evil, and woe to he who Allāh makes a key to evil and a lock to goodness.” Narrated by Abu Nu‘aim in his ‘Hilyatul Awliyaa’, on the authority of Sahl Ibn Sa‘d.

Bear in mind that being at the assistance of people is a means of safety on a Day when the majority of humanity will be afraid.

This is most certainly not exclusive to those of wealth, for financial assistance is merely one of the countless forms of service. Spending from your time, your attention, your authority, your sympathy, your position in the community and your experience are, more often than not, far more beneficial than offering money.

If the greatest of people are those who go out of their way to serve others and ease their affairs, we can say that those who do the opposite of this, those who hate to see good heading towards people, those who want their matters to become difficult, those who can help but are slow to do so, are in fact the worst of people. Realise, then, that when your door is knocked on for help it is only after you have been recognised as an individual of prophetic characteristics. Thank Allāh that you have been chosen for the needs of people. For it may be that Allāh is preparing you for a rank in Paradise which you would never have been able to attain were it not for this individual who now knows at your door.

“On the authority of Abu Huraira who said that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him said), “Every small bone of everyone has upon it a charitable act for everyday upon which the sun rises. Bringing about justice between two is an act of charity. Helping a man get on his mount, lifting him onto it or helping him put his belongings onto it, is a charitable act. A good word is a charitable act. Every step you take toward the prayer is a charitable act. And removing a harmful thing from the path is a charitable act.” (Recorded in al-Bukhari and Muslim)

The Narrator

Abu Huaira (r) embraced Islam in the seventh year after hijrah, and was well known for his piety. Abu Huraira (r) was his *kunya* or nickname and it means the father of cats, after the pets that he (r) so loved. His given name was Abdul Rahman ibn Sakhr ibn al-Dausi. He (r) was a constant companion of the Prophet (s), and lived in the Prophet’s (s) mosque as one of the people known as *ahl al-Suffa*, or the people of the verandah, due to his living there. His (r) close proximity to the Prophet (s) meant that he was able to relate more hadith than any other companion, 5374 in total. The Prophet (s) guided

Abu Huraira (r) to an act that would ensure that he never forgot any of the hadith that he learnt, which was that at night, along with praying the late night prayer, he (r) would study and memorise hadith. He was very cautious when narrating them.

“Every small bone of everyone has upon it a charitable act for everyday upon which the sun rises. “

When we think of every small bone and how it takes its place in the human body, interacting with the bones around it to give us stability and mobility, one cannot help but wonder at the majesty of our Creator, Allah (swt).

Allah (swt) says in the Qur’an:

“O man! What has made you careless about your Lord, the Most Generous? [He] who created you perfectly, and gave you due proportion. In whatever form He willed, He put you together.” (Surah al-Infitaar:6-8)

He (swt) points to this miracle as one of His Signs:

“We shall show them our signs in the Universe and in their own selves until it becomes manifest to them that this is the truth” (Surah al-Fuslat:53)

This should make the believer ask, how should we show our gratefulness for this blessing that is this amazing human body? This hadith illustrates the answer for us. We should use these bones to do acts of kindness and charity to show our gratitude to Allah (swt). These acts should be done everyday that Allah (swt) blesses us with the ability to do so.

BENEFITS OF HELPING OTHERS

Helping others is a fundamental aspect of Islam, since the teaching itself promotes peace. Apparently, helping others is the main principle that all Muslim should have obedience to. The obedience is not only achieved through prayers, yet Muslim also need to maintain their relationship with other people, that they need to take a good care of treating others. Therefore, now we are going to find out at least 15 importance of helping others in Islam.

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1. Allah Will Help Us

If we are helping others, Allah promises to help us in return. Imagine that, who would be a better helper to us than Allah? What else do we need after that? The promise of Allah had been told by our Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) in the hadith below:

“Whoever relieves a believer’s distress of the distressful aspects of this world, Allah will rescue him from a difficulty of the difficulties of the Hereafter. Whoever alleviates [the situation of] one in dire straits who cannot repay his debt, Allah will alleviate his

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lot in both this world and in the Hereafter. Whoever conceals [the faults of] a Muslim, Allah will conceal [his faults] in this life and the Hereafter.

Allah is helping the servant as long as the servant is helping his brother.
Whoever follows a path in order to seek knowledge thereby, Allah will make easy doe him, due to it, a path to Paradise. No people gather together in a house of the houses of Allah, reciting the Book of Allah and studying it among themselves, except that tranquility descended upon them, mercy covers them, the angels surround them and Allah makes mention of them to those in His presence. Whoever is slowed by his deeds will not be hastened forward by his lineage.” (Muslim)

2. Allah Will Reward Us His Jannah

What follows the hadith above tells us that whoever believer that helps each other, they will eventually be rewarded an easy way, due to it, a path to Paradise. As it's mentioned in the line below:

“Whoever relieves a believer’s distress of the distressful aspects of this world, Allah will rescue him from a difficulty of the difficulties of the Hereafter. Whoever alleviates [the situation of] one in dire straits who cannot repay his debt, Allah will alleviate his lot in both this world and in the Hereafter. Whoever conceals [the faults of] a Muslim, Allah will conceal [his faults] in this life and the Hereafter.

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3. Let's Avoid Allah's Punishment

“Help one another in acts of piety and righteousness. And do not assist each other in acts of sinfulness and transgression. And be aware of Allah. Verily, Allah is severe in punishment” (al-Maaidah:2)

The act of helping each other in a piety and righteousness is the thing that helps you to avoid Allah punishment. We, as human being, may commit some unconscious sins. To avoid Allah's punishment and gain his forgiveness, we need to commit the act of helping each other as many time as we could. Therefore, it is very necessary for us to understand the importance of helping others.

4. Having a Good Brotherhood, Having The mercy of Allah

“The believing men and believing women are allies of one another. They enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong and establish prayer and give charity and obey

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Allah and His Messenger. Allah will have mercy upon them, for Allah is Almighty and Wise.” (Qur’an 9:71)

Brotherhood actually is a faith-based community in a religion. It consists of between men and women as brothers and sisters. Living among a brotherhood is that kind of life with full of interactions and allows us to seek or give help to others. One kind of help needed is by giving charity.

c. Certainly, after doing all of them, Allah will have mercy upon us for Allah is Almighty and Wise.

5. Helping Other Muslim As We’re One

Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said that all Muslim in this world is gathered into the whole one. When one of them finds any difficulties, the others might get the impact too. Because of the mechanism of ‘the-whole-one’, Muslims need to realize the importance of helping other Muslim, otherwise the life would be wasted. The embodiment once told by Our Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) in the hadith below:

“The parable of the believers in their affection, mercy, and compassion for each other is that of a body. When any limb aches, the whole body reacts with sleeplessness and fever.” (al-Bukhārī)

6. It’s Better to Have a Little Time Wasted

Helping other obligates you to have a little time wasted due to the productivity you achieve. In the modern era like this, we can keep helping other Muslims through the act of volunteering like raising money for the orphans and needy children or helping at the local mosque. Our Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is the one who has little time to waste, otherwise it was spent doing works for Allah SWT. We need to follow what He had done so far as the act of doing good deeds.

7. What’s Better Than Competing in the Good?

Helping each other as possible as we could will be such an encouragement to ourselves in doing better things each day. Our Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) had utilized himself and given a tremendous effect to His followers to give their excellence deeds by helping each other. It’s once told in the hadith below:

“And those who give whatever they (have to) give while their hearts are trembling” referred to people who committed sins, he replied: “No. They are those who fast, pray, and give charity whilst fearing that (these deeds) may not be accepted (by Allah). They are those who compete with one another in good deeds” (Bukhari)

8. We Aren’t Satans Brother, Are We?

“Give to the near of kin his due, and also to the needy and the wayfarers. Do not squander your wealth wastefully; for those who squander wastefully are Satan’s brothers, and Satan is ever ungrateful to his Lord.” (Qur’an 17:26 – 27)

The ayah above told us that if we squander our wealth wastefully, we will become Satan's brothers. Additionally, to prevent squandering our wealth wastefully, we need to spend it wisely by helping each other throughout charity to the needy and wayfarers. We aren't Satans brother, aren't we?

9. Helping Others As Allah Will Reward Us Goodness

Helping others is the act of kindness. However, the act of kindness is also the main highlight in Islam as the religion of peace. Allah already told us that by spreading kindness to others, we will be rewarded with goodness in return as it is told in the hadith below:

"O Aisha, Allah is gentle and He loves gentleness, and He rewards for gentleness what is not granted for harshness, and He does not reward anything else like it."
(Muslim)

10. Avoiding Ourselves to Be Greedy

Allah doesn't like someone who is so greedy, that he or she is not willing to help each other. Remember, our wealth is the blessing from Allah, that we need to be grateful for. To depict our gratefulness, we need to help others instead of being greedy by keeping the wealth for our own pleasure. Indeed, Allah doesn't like the greedy ones, it's told in the ayah below:


"Behold, you are those who are called upon to spend in Allah's Way, but some of you are niggardly. Whoever is niggardly is in fact niggardly to himself. For Allah is All-Sufficient, whereas it is you who are in need of Him. If you turn away, He will replace you by a people other than you, and they will not be like you." (Qur'an 47:38)

4. **"The best of people are those who live longest and excel in their deeds, whereas the worst of people are those who live longest and corrupt their deeds." (Tirmidhi, Sahih)**

Allah Reminded us on our life in this world:

"Who has created death and life, that He may test you which of you is best in deed. And He is the All-Mighty, the Oft-Forgiving;" 67: 2

"Wealth and children are the adornment of the life of this world. But the good righteous deeds (five compulsory prayers, deeds of Allah's obedience, good and nice talk, remembrance of Allah with glorification, praises and thanks, etc.), that last, are better with your Lord for rewards and better in respect of hope." 18: 46

Say (O Muhammad ): "I am only a man like you. It has been inspired to me that your Ilah (God) is One Ilah (God i.e. Allah). So whoever hopes for the Meeting with his Lord, let him work righteousness and associate none as a partner in the worship of his Lord." 18: 110

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Allah says in Holy Quran about righteous deeds: *"Whoever works righteousness whether male or female while he (or she) is a true believer (of Islamic Monotheism) verily, to him We will give a good life (in this world with respect, contentment, and lawful provision), and We shall pay them certainly a reward in proportion to the best of what they used to do (i.e. Paradise in the Hereafter)"* (Quran, 16:97)

Before we expand on the excellent deeds, these deeds MUST be accepted by Allah first. How are deeds accepted?

1. Intention wholly for the sake of Allah
2. Deeds must have evidence from the Qur'an and sunnah

A few other points to remember:

1. Istiqomah
2. Compete with each other on doing good deeds
3. Make du'a to Allah to Accept these deeds
4. Allah will love a person who does obligatory deeds and love him/her even when when he/she does sunnah deeds
5. Until death

Factors which may affect the good deeds:

1. Riya'
2. Innovations
3. Shaytan
4. Extreme - not constant and not in moderation

He should persist in doing these good deeds even if they are little, for that is better than doing a lot of good deeds then stopping.

It was narrated that 'Aa'ishah said: The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "O people, you should do whatever good deeds you can, for Allaah does not get tired (of giving reward) until you get tired. And the most beloved of good deeds to Allaah is that in which a person persists, even if it is little. If the family of Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) started to do something, they would persist in it."

Narrated by al-Bukhaari, 43; Muslim, 782.

EXAMPLES OF GOOD DEEDS

- **Praying in Congregation in the Mosque:** About praying in Mosque five times a day our beloved Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said: **"Whoever goes**

to the mosque in the morning and evening, Allah will prepare for him an honorable place in the Paradise every time he goes and comes"(Bukhari). Offering prayer in Mosque has the great reward that is Paradise in Hereafter that every Muslim wish for. Instead of this great reward, we have some other benefits for this life too and those are we get the chance of socializing with other Muslims and in this way we came to know about them. By meeting with other Muslims five times a day in Mosque we get closer to others and can make the society stronger.

- **Ask for Forgiveness Every day:** In our daily life routine, we commit sins willingly or unwillingly which leads to Allah's displeasure at times. At the end of the day, the best practice is to ask for Allah's forgiveness and to ask for protection from Satan. In Holy Quran Allah says: **"And Allah does not guide the wrongdoing people."** (Quran 3:86). This verse concludes that, if a person commits mistake and stick to it, Allah neither will forgive him nor will accept his good deeds. For acceptance of good deeds, we should ask for forgiveness every day and every time. There is Hadith related to forgiveness which stated that: **"Turn you people in repentance in Allah and beg pardon of Him. I turn to Him in repentance a hundred times a day."**(Muslim). So, we can say that whenever glorify Allah and offer prayers five times a day, do integrate forgiveness in your daily remembrance.
- **Attend Funeral and Offering Funeral Prayer:** Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said about attending funeral prayer: **"Whoever attends a funeral until he offers the (funeral) prayer will have one qiraat (of reward) and whoever attends until the burial is done will have two qiraats."** It was asked: **"What are the two qiraats?"** He said: **"Like two great mountains"**(Bukhari). When a Muslim offers funeral prayer he receives reward equivalent to one great mountain, but if he stays with the funeral till the burial takes place then he earns double the reward. In addition, to reward, the offering of funeral and staying at the funeral serves as a kind of respect to the one deceased.
- **Upholding the ties of Kinship:** Holy Prophet (SAW) said that: **"Whoever would like his provision to be increased and his lifespan extended, let him uphold his ties of kinship"**(Bukhari). From above hadith, we can conclude that by upholding the ties of kinship not just only increase your provision but it also spreads love across the family.
- **Avoid Procrastination:** Avoid delaying any good deed, that means if any good act and thought come to your mind then do it at once. Don't delay it because whenever there is anything that leads to good our beloved Prophet (SAW) would perform it at his first comfort. In a Hadith, it stated that: **"I remembered that I had a little gold with me and I wanted to**

rush to do a good deed and not delay it, so I ordered that it immediately be distributed.” (Bukhari)

- **Quran Recitation:** Whoever recites Quran daily will surely earn great reward from Almighty Allah. Prophet (SAW) stated in Hadith that: **“Whoever reads a letter of the Book of Allah will be credited with a good deed, and a good deed gets tenfold reward. I do not say that Alif-laam-meem is a letter, rather alif is a letter, laam is a letter and meem is a letter”** (Tirmidhi). From hadith, we come to know that every single word of recitation of Holy Quran brings ten rewards. So by reciting Quran daily helps us to understand the words of Allah with great rewards on daily basis.
- **Replying to Adhaan:** Adhaan is the call to prayer. Muslim must reply to call by repeating after the caller and earn whatever you wish against this action. Prophet (SAW) said: **“Say as they say (in Adhaan), and when you finish, ask and you will be given.”**(Abu Dawud)
- **Be Thankful to Allah:** The purpose of human creation is to worship Allah and be thankful to Him for what He has commenced upon us. Thanking Allah is a simple way towards worshipping the Exalted Lord as whatever we are today and we do is because of His favors. In Holy Quran Allah says: **“O you, who have believed, eat from the good things which We have provided for you and be grateful to Allah if it is [indeed] Him that you worship.”** (Quran, 2:172)

DEEDS THAT ARE BELOVED TO ALLAH

1. **The most beloved deen:** The Prophet ﷺ said: “The most beloved religion to Allah is the Al-hanafiyyatu sam’ha”. (Easy going religion). [Collected by Ahmad]
2. **The salat in its proper time.** The Prophet ﷺ said, “The most beloved of deeds to Allah are: the salat in its proper time, goodness to the parents, and striving in the way of Allah”. [Collected by Bukhaari and Muslim]
3. **Belief in Allah:** the Prophet ﷺ said: “The most beloved of deeds to Allah are: belief in Allah, then, keeping your ties with family, then, enjoining the good and forbidding the evil”. [Collected by Abu Ya’lah]
4. **Consistency in good deeds:** The Prophet ﷺ said, “The most beloved of deeds to Allah are those that are most consistent, even if it is small”. [Collected by Bukhaari and Muslim]
5. **The remembrance of Allah:** The Prophet ﷺ said: “The most beloved of deeds to Allah is to die while your tongue is moistened with the remembrance of Allah”. [Collected by Tabaraani]
6. **The masaajid:** The Prophet ﷺ said: “The most beloved places to Allah are the masaajid, and the most hated places to Allah are the marketplaces”. [Collected by Muslim]

7. **Speaking the truth in the presence of an unjust ruler:** The Prophet ﷺ said: "The most beloved jihaad to Allah is speaking the truth in the presence of an unjust ruler". [Collected by Ahmad].
8. **Truthful speech.** The Prophet ﷺ said: "The most beloved of speech to me is that which is most truthful". [Collected by Bukhaari]
9. **The fast of David:** The Prophet ﷺ said: "The most beloved fast to Allah is the fast of David; he used to fast one day, and break fast one day, and the most beloved prayer to Allah is the prayer of David; he used to sleep half the night, pray a third, and sleep a sixth". [Bukhaari and Muslim].
10. **Plentiful hands in the food plate:** The Prophet ﷺ said: "The most beloved meal to Allah is that in which many hands partake from the plate". [Collected by Ibn Hibbaan]
11. **Saying Sub'haana Allah:** the Prophet ﷺ said: "The most beloved of speech to Allah is for a servant to say; Sub'haana Allah wa bi hamdi'hi". [Collected by Muslim].
12. **The four most beloved words:** The Prophet ﷺ said: "The most beloved words to Allah are four; sub'haanallah, al-humdu lillaah, wa laa ilaaha illa Allah, wa Allahu Akbar". [Collected by Muslim].
13. **Good character:** The Prophet ﷺ said: "The most beloved servant to Allah is he who has the best character". [Collected by Tabaraani]
14. **The best names:** The Prophet ﷺ said: "The most beloved names to Allah are, Abdullah and Abdul-Rahmaan". [Collected by Muslim]
15. **Benefiting people:** **The Prophet ﷺ said: "The most beloved people to Allah are those that bring most benefit to other people, and the most beloved of deeds to Allah be He Exalted and Glorified, is bringing happiness upon a Muslim or removing a worry from him, or to pay his debt, or to remove his hunger, . It is more beloved to me that I walk with my brother to fulfill his need, than if I spent i'tikaaf for a month in the masjid, and whoever holds back his anger, Allah will cover his faults, and whoever keeps his anger to himself, and if he wants to just let it go and lets it go, Allah will fill his heart with satisfaction on the Day of Judgment". And whoever walks with his brother to fulfill his need until he secures it for him, Allah will secure his feet for him on the day when feet are unsteady, and bad character will spoil a deed just like vinegar spoils honey".** [Collected by Abu Ya'lah]