

إِنَّمَا الْأَعْمَالَ بِالنِّيَاتِ

Actions are only in accordance with the intentions.¹

¹ Actions are only in accordance with the intentions (of the people doing those actions).

اللّٰهُ يُعِلِّمُ النَّصِيحةَ

The Religion is *an naseehah* (behaving in a pure and sincere manner).²

² The Religion is *an naseehah* (behaving in pure and sincere manner, free from all corrupt matters such as deception, plotting and betrayal).

مَا نَهِيْتُكُمْ عَنْهُ فَاجْتَنِبُوهُ

Whatever I forbid you from, then avoid it.³

³ Whatever I forbid you from, then avoid it completely.

وَمَا أَمْرَتُكُمْ بِهِ فَأَتُوا مِنْهُ مَا أَسْتَطَعْتُمْ

And whatever I command you to do, then do of that as much as you are able to.⁴

⁴ And whatever I command you to do, then do that as much as you are able to - and that which the person is not able to do, then the responsibility for that falls away from him.

دَعْ مَا يُرِيْكَ إِلَيْ مَا لَا يُرِيْكَ

Leave that matter which you have doubt about;
take that about which you do not doubt.⁵

⁵ Leave that matter which you have doubt about and instead take that matter about which there is no doubt.

مِنْ حُسْنِ إِسْلَامِ الْمَرْءَ

تَرْكُهُ مَا لَا يَعْنِيهِ

From the completeness of a person's Islaam is that he leaves alone that which does not concern him.⁶

⁶ From the completeness of a person's religion is that he leaves alone that which does not concern him and which does not contain benefit for him and which he has not been given the task of looking into.

لَا يُؤْمِنُ أَحَدُكُمْ حَتَّىٰ يُحِبَّ

لَا يُحِبِّهِ مَا يُحِبُّ لِنَفْسِهِ

None of you has complete *eemaan* until he loves for his brother that which he loves for himself.⁷

⁷ None of you has complete *eemaan* until he loves for every Muslim brother and sister of his that which he loves for himself.

مَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ
الْآخِرِ فَلْيَقُلْ خَيْرًا أَوْ لِيَصُمُّتْ

Whoever truly believes in Allaah and in the Last Day,
then he should speak good or else remain silent.⁸

⁸ Whoever truly believes in Allaah and in the Last Day and is therefore preparing for that Day, then he should speak good, such as making tasbeeh or making rectification between the people - or else remain silent so as to remain safe and secure.

لَا تَعْصِبْ

Do not become angry.⁹

⁹ As much as you are able to, do not become angry, and if you do become angry, do not act on your anger.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَتَبَ الْإِلَٰهُ خَسَانَ

عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ

Allaah has made it obligatory to have *ihsaan* in every matter.¹⁰

¹⁰ Allaah has made it obligatory to have *ihsaan* (proficiency and excellence in behaviour) in every matter.

إِتْقِ اللَّهَ حَيْثُمَا كُنْتَ

Have *taqwaa* of Allaah
regardless of where you are.¹¹

¹¹ Have *taqwaa* (fear of and dutifulness towards) of Allaah regardless of where you are, in public or in private.

وَأَتِّبِعِ الْسَّيِّدَةَ الْخَيْرَةَ تَخْرُجَهَا

And follow up any bad deed you do with a good deed; it will remove it.¹²

¹² And follow up any bad deed you do with (repentance and) doing a good deed, which will remove it and make amends for it.

وَخَالِقُ النَّاسَ بِخُلُقٍ حَسَنٍ

And make your dealings with the people be
beautiful and good.¹³

¹³ And make your dealings and manners and speech with the people be beautiful and good.

اِحْفَظِ اللَّهَ يَحْفَظُكَ

Be mindful of Allaah, He will protect you.¹⁴

¹⁴ Be mindful of Allaah by carrying out His commands and staying away from that which He has prohibited, and Allaah will protect you from that which you dislike in your worldly matters and in your Religion.

إِذَا سَأَلْتَ فَاسْأَلِ اللَّهَ

If you ask for something,
then ask it of Allaah.¹⁵

¹⁵ If you asking for something, then ask it of Allaah (in those matters which only He is able to give, and even in those matters which the people are able to give to you, it is better to avoid doing this).

وَإِذَا اسْتَعْنَتْ فَاسْتَعِنْ بِاللَّهِ

And if you seek help,
then seek it of Allaah.¹⁶

¹⁶ And if you seek help, then seek it of Allaah (in those matters which only He is able to help with, and even in those matters which the people are able to help you with, it is better to avoid asking them for this).

إِذَا لَمْ تَسْتَحْ فَاصْنَعْ مَا شِئْتَ

If you feel no sense of shyness and shame,
then you will do what you wish.¹⁷

¹⁷ If you are someone who has no sense of shyness and shame, then it will lead you to doing whatever you wish from forbidden actions and it will not prevent you from doing them.

Or

If an action is something which a person should not feel ashamed of doing, then he can do it if he wishes.

قُلْ: آمَنْتُ بِاللَّهِ مَعَ اسْتِقْرْمَ

**Say: “I have *eemaan* (true faith) in Allaah”
and then be upright.¹⁸**

¹⁸ Say: “I have *eemaan* (true faith) in Allaah” and then be someone who is upright and moderate, neither falling into negligence nor going to excess.

الْطَهُورُ شَطْرُ الْإِيمَانِ

Purification is half of *eemaan*.¹⁹

¹⁹ Purification, be that purification from physical impurities or from spiritual impurities such as sins, is half of *eemaan*.

وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ تَعَالَى الْمِيزَانَ

And praising Allaah
fills the scale of actions.²⁰

²⁰ And praising Allaah upon the tongue and with actions of obedience to Him fills the scale of actions on the Day of Resurrection.

وَسُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ تَمَلَّأَنِ -

أَوْ : تَمَلَّأُ - مَا بَيْنَ السَّمَاوَيْنَ وَالْأَرْضِ

And *subhaan Allaah* and *alhamdulillaah* fill that which is between the heavens and the earth.²¹

²¹ And *subhaan Allaah* (How free is Allaah of everything which is not befitting for Him, such as having partners and having deficiencies!) and *alhamdulillaah* (All praise is for Allaah!) when said truthfully and with a pure intention and when acted upon, fill that which is between the heavens and the earth.

وَالصَّلَاةُ نُورٌ وَالصَّدَقَةُ بُرْهَانٌ

وَالصَّبْرُ ضِيَاءٌ

And the Prayer is a light; and giving in charity is a proof;
and having patience is an illumination.²²

²² And the Prayer is a light upon the person's face and in their life and in their behaviour; and giving money as charity in obedience to Allaah is a proof for the person's *eemaan*; and having patience is an illumination upon the person's path which allows him to continue upon obedience to Allaah.

وَالْقُرْآنُ حُجَّةٌ لَكَ أَوْ عَلَيْكَ

And the Qur-aan is a proof for you or against you.²³

²³ And the Qur-aan is a proof for you with Allaah on the Day of Resurrection if you act in accordance with it; and it will be a proof against you if you abandon it.

وَالْكَلِمَةُ الطَّيِّبَةُ صَدَقَةٌ

And a good word is an act of charity.²⁴

²⁴ And a good word, which a person says to his Lord such as *subhaanAllaah* or which he says to another person such as giving the salaam to him, is an act of charity.

وَتُبْلِطُ الْأَذَى عَنِ الْطَّرِيقِ صَدَقَةٌ

And removing something harmful from the path is an act of charity.²⁵

²⁵ And removing something from the path that may harm those who pass along that path is an act of charity.

الْبَرُّ حُسْنٌ الْخُلُقُ لُبْسٌ

Al birr includes fine behaviour.²⁶

²⁶ Fine behaviour towards others is a form of *al birr* (a comprehensive word covering all characteristics of goodness).

وَاللَّهُمَّ مَا حَكَ فِي نَفْسِكَ
وَكَرِهْتَ أَنْ يَطْلَعَ عَلَيْهِ النَّاسُ

And sin is that which occurs in your soul and you hate
that the people should come to know about it.²⁷

²⁷ And sin is that which occurs in your soul – the soul of a believer – but you dislike it and you hate that the people should come to know about it.

فَإِنْ كُلَّ بِدْعَةٍ ضَلَالٌ²⁹

And every innovated matter
is a straying from the Truth.²⁸

²⁸ And every matter which people try to innovate into the Religion – without exception – is straying from the Truth.

تَعْبُدُ اللَّهَ لَا تُشْرِكُ بِهِ شَيْئًا

You must worship Allaah alone, not associating anything as a partner with Him.²⁹

²⁹ You must worship Allaah alone and not associate anything as a partner with Him in worship.

جُنَاحٌ مِّنْ حَنَّةٍ
الصَّوْمُ كَسْوَةٌ

Fasting is a shield.³⁰

³⁰ Fasting is a shield between the person and the Fire.

كُفِّرْ عَيْنَكَ هَذَا

Restrain this (tongue) of yours.³¹

³¹ Restrain this tongue of yours from sinful speech such as backbiting, tale carrying and foul sayings.

إِرْهَدْ فِي الدُّنْيَا بِحُبْكَ اللَّهُ

Have *zuhd* of this worldly life,
Allaah will love you.³²

³² Leave off those surplus matters of this worldly life of which you have no need, Allaah will love you.

وَأْرَهَدْ فِيمَا عِنْدَ النَّاسِ

يُحِبُّكَ النَّاسُ

And leave off seeking after that which is with the people,
the people will love you.³³

³³ And leave off seeking after that which is with the people as much as you are able to, the people will love you.

لَا ضَرَرَ وَلَا ضِرَارَ

There should be neither initiating harm nor reciprocating harm.³⁴

³⁴ There should be neither initiating harm against anyone else nor should there be reciprocating harm against someone who has harmed you.

وَكُونُوا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ إِخْرَانًا

And be servants of Allaah, brothers.³⁵

³⁵ And be servants of Allaah, brothers in the Religion to each other.

الْمُسْلِمُ أَخُو الْمُسْلِمِ

The Muslim is a brother to the Muslim.³⁶

³⁶ The Muslim is the brother to his fellow Muslim – as occurs in the Saying of Allaah, the Most High: <<Indeed the believers are nothing but brothers (in the Religion)...>> Soorah al Hujaraat (49) aayah 10

وَاللَّهُ فِي عَوْنَى الْعَبْدِ مَا كَانَ

الْعَبْدُ فِي عَوْنَى أَخْيَهُ

And Allaah aids the servant as long as the servant is helping his brother.³⁷

³⁷ And Allaah aids the servant of His as long as the servant is helping his Muslim brother in that which he needs help with.

وَمَنْ سَلَكَ طَرِيقًا يَأْتِمِسُ فِيهِ عِلْمًا

سَهَّلَ اللَّهُ لَهُ بِهِ طَرِيقًا إِلَى الْجَنَّةِ

Whoever takes a path in which he seeks knowledge,
Allaah will make easy for him a path to Paradise.³⁸

³⁸ Whoever takes a path in which he seeks knowledge of the Religion, Allaah will make easy for him a path to Paradise.

كُنْ فِي الدُّنْيَا كَأَنْكَ عَرِيبٌ

أَوْ عَابِرٌ سَيِّلٌ

Be in this world as though you are a stranger
or as though you are a traveller.³⁹

³⁹ Be in this world as though you are a stranger in it, not becoming delighted with it nor wishing to take up residence in it, always reminding yourself of and preparing for your true abode – or as though you are a traveller, residing in this world for only a short period whilst travelling towards the Hereafter.

يَا ابْنَ آدَمَ! لَوْ بَلَغَتْ ذُنُوبُكَ عَنَانَ

السَّمَاءُ مُمْسَأٌ اسْتَغْفِرْتُنِي عَفَرْتُكَ

O son of Adam! Were your sins to reach up the clouds of the sky, and you were then to ask forgiveness from Me, I would forgive you.⁴⁰

⁴⁰ O son of Adam! Were your sins to reach up the clouds of the sky, and you were then to ask forgiveness from Me, repenting with a sincere repentance, I would forgive you.

Snippets from Nawawee's 40 Hadeeths

- Flashcard version -

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