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Action requires consistency

﴿وَاعْبُدْ رَبَّكَ حَتَّىٰ يَأْتِيَكَ الْيَقِينُ﴾
عَنْ عَائِشَةَ (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا) أَنَّهَا قَالَتْ: سَأَلَ النَّبِيَّ ﷺ
"أَيُّ الْأَعْمَالِ أَحَبُّ إِلَى اللَّهِ؟" قَالَ ﷺ: «أَدْوَمُهَا وَإِنْ قَلَّ»
وَقَالَ: «اكْلَفُوا مِنَ الْأَعْمَالِ مَا تُطِيقُونَ»

Respected Muslims!

The word action, or *amel* in Arabic, is an act that that is done with a particular objective in mind. In our religious scriptures though, *amel* is an action that is fulfilled according to the commands of our religion. For this reason, every action in life that we complete that is aligned with the command and prohibition of Allah ﷻ is considered worship (*ibadah*). Though His statement In the Holy Quran, “**And I did not create the jinn and mankind except to worship Me.**” Allah ﷻ has informed us that the purpose of life is to engage in good and auspicious deeds.

Valuable Believers!

In the personal development and spiritual nourishing of an individual, *ibadah* has a specific place. All good and beneficial actions that we do for the sake of Allah ﷻ are considered as *ibadah* and all contribute to the development of who we are. Because *ibadah* has an impact on one’s relationship with the Creator, it naturally also affects one’s relationship with society and humanity at large. This will continue until man finally departs from this world. In this context, Allah , Most High, commands “**And worship your Lord until there comes to you the certainty (death)**” and reminds us that we must persist in our servitude to Him until death reaches us.

Honourable Congregation!

On one occasion, the Messenger of Allah ﷺ was asked “Yâ Rasûlallah! Which action is most beloved to Allah ﷻ? He ﷺ responded: **Take up good deeds only as much as you are able, for the best deeds are those done regularly even if they are few.**”

From this narration, we understand that in our wonderful religion, an accepted action is not an action was was done once, but rather done with consistency, even if it is considered minor. Consistency in action is that which is in line with our nature and endurable. While consistency in *ibada* draws one near to Allah, awareness that one is always being observed makes one more conscious of their actions. Anyone who is meticulous in fulfilling Allah’s commands will live a more meaningful life. This will not only make one more conscious in adhering to the boundaries of halal and haram but it will also elevate one’s *ibadah* to the degree of Ihsan. It will also add blessing to the rewards of one’s consistent actions.

Valuable Believers!

Our mother Aisha, regarding the Prophet Muhammad’s practice of *ibadah* mentions that they were ‘**light and consistent like rain**’. Here she confirms that when the Prophet started an action, he would continue it and would never abandon it. Let it not be forgotten, that it is not the strength of a drop of water that penetrates through marble but rather its consistency. Being consistent in our actions leads to an increase in our religious consciousness and a strengthening in our willpower. May Allah swt make us consistent in our prayers and beautify our lives with good and beneficial actions. Amin.

