

STRIVE TO BE STEADFAST ON THIS WAY

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A'ūdhu bi-Llāhi mina sh-shayṭāni r-rajīm. Bismi Llāhi r-Raḥmāni r-Raḥīm:

يُثَبِّتُ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِالْقَوْلِ الثَّابِتِ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ^ط وَيُضِلُّ اللَّهُ الظَّالِمِينَ

(Qur'ān 14:27). 'Yuthabbitu Llāhu lladhīna a'manū bil-qawli th-thābiti fī l-hayāti ddunyā wa fī l-'ākḥirati wa yuḍillu Llāhu ḍh-ḍh'alimīn', 'Allah keeps firm those who believe, with the firm word, in worldly life and in the Hereafter. And Allah sends astray the wrongdoers.' Allah 'Azza wa-Jalla says that Allah [®] puts on the right way and gives steadfastness to whomever He [®] wants. Steadfastness means to remain on the right way, not to leave that way and not to break the promise.

Therefore, our Holy Prophet ²⁸ says that even if your deeds are little, they should be continuous. Keep up the steadfastness. Don't do too much and then leave it by getting tired. Then you will have broken your word and left the way. This is important.

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People, may Allah ³⁸ protect us, don't know what may happen to them during their lives. Oftentimes, a person puts himself on the way and thinks that all his life will pass like that. But sometimes the ego, shaytan or worldly things cheat him and throw him from one way to another. This is bad for him. It is not good for that person. Therefore, we have to always strive so that Allah 'Azza wa-Jalla makes us steadfast on the way. It is important to strive and to remain steadfast on the way.

This is important in everything. Even during a battle, if there is a war; when someone escapes from the war, it is a very big sin. Because one person can lead the whole army to failure. When someone runs away, others look at him and may run away too. Thus, they may lose the whole battle. Therefore, running away from war is worse than killing someone, committing adultery or drinking alcohol. Whoever isn't steadfast and runs away from battle is as bad.

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We are in a greater Jihad throughout our lives. And running away from battle is running away from a smaller Jihad. It is equally bad, because you are defeated by shaytan. And when you are defeated, others look at you and say, "He did this. I will do it too". You become means for people's destruction then. Therefore, steadfastness is important. Don't do too much. Be steadfast on the right way by doing as much as you can. But beware of leaving that way and staying behind. You will perish and be means for everyone to perish.

We are living in the end of times now. This world is keeping so many people busy and dominating over them that they don't want the slightest goodness. The shaytan, Nafs/ego, Hawa/desires and Dunya don't want it. They are keeping everyone busy. And when they look around, they have left the way and gone in the wrong direction. May Allah [&] protect us. May Allah [&] help us.

We are living in a difficult time. The more difficult it is, the greater its rewards are. The reward Allah ¹/₂ gives to steadfast ones is very big. May Allah ¹/₂ make us steadfast on this way. May we keep our promises insha'Allah.

Wa min Allah at-Tawfiq. Al-Fatiha.

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