

Words of Worth

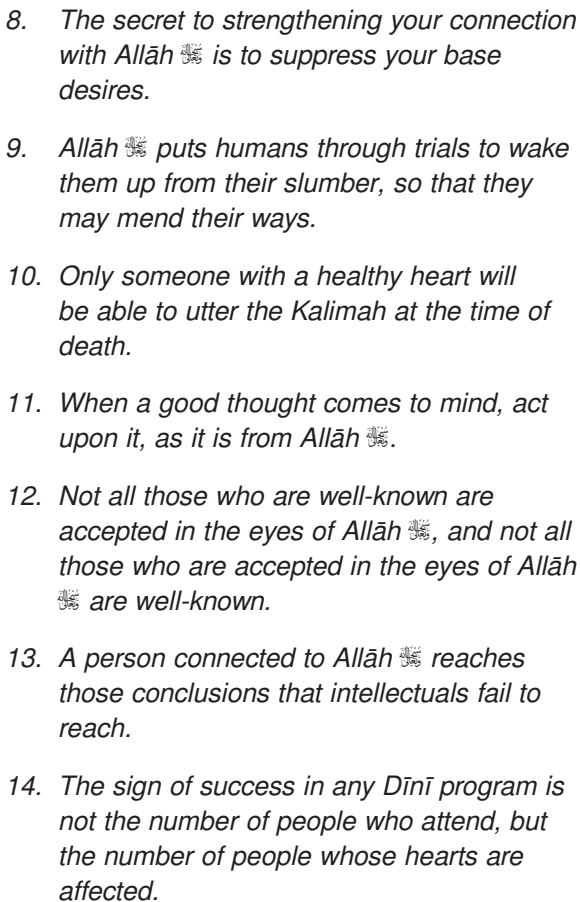
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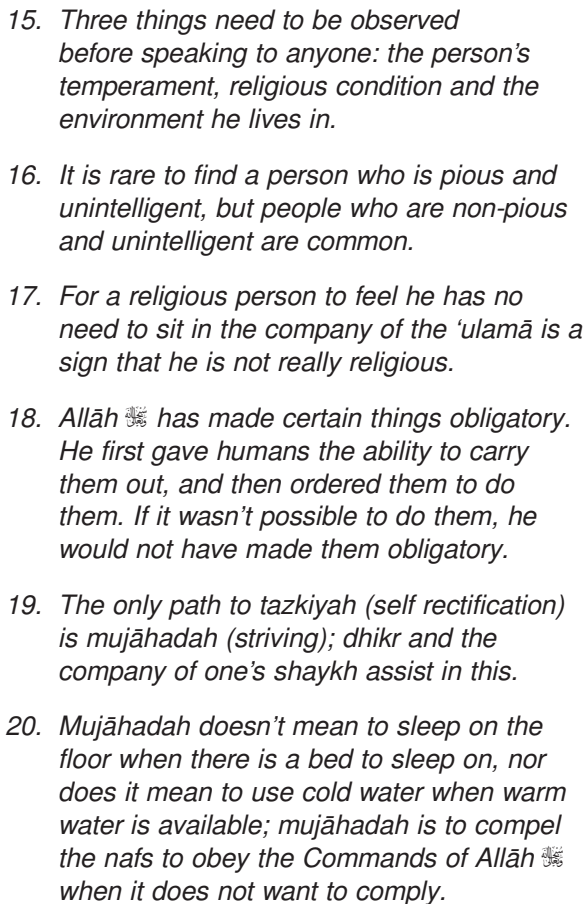
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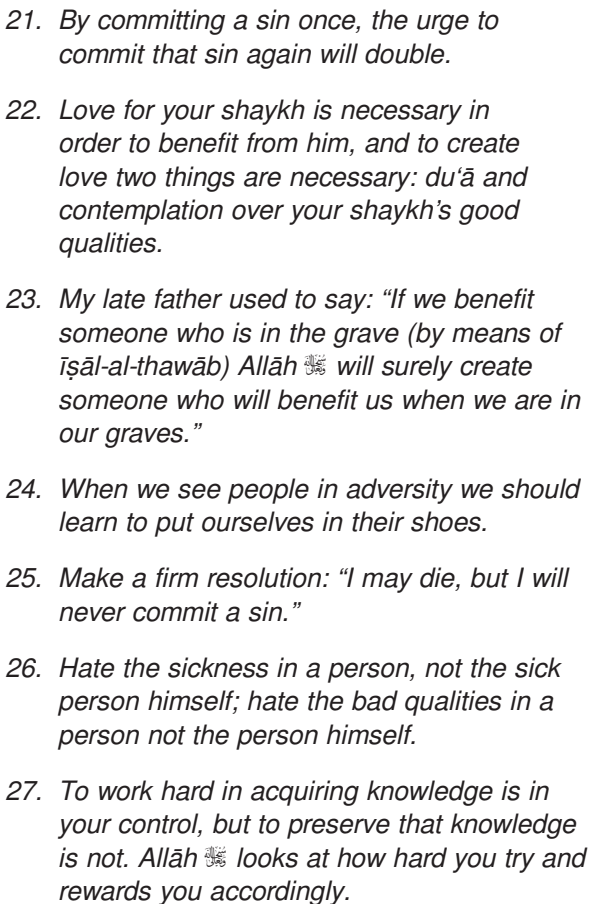
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1. *Any good that exists in the heart will make its effect apparent, just as a bottle of musk emits its fragrance.*
2. *Whenever doing anything - good or bad - think to yourself that it may be your last action.*
3. *It is not possible to aim without a target, so make Allāh your target and then aim.*
4. *Never delay in securing du'ās from three people: your parents, your shaykh and your teachers.*
5. *Dīn is not about doing things to please yourself; Dīn is about pleasing Allāh ﷻ.*
6. *Every human being is born with a sound nature, through which he/she may understand the beauty of Islam. However, two things are barriers from this: heedlessness and stubbornness.*
7. *Detaching yourself from the love of the world will attach you to the love of Allāh ﷻ.*

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8. *The secret to strengthening your connection with Allāh ﷻ is to suppress your base desires.*
 9. *Allāh ﷻ puts humans through trials to wake them up from their slumber, so that they may mend their ways.*
 10. *Only someone with a healthy heart will be able to utter the Kalimah at the time of death.*
 11. *When a good thought comes to mind, act upon it, as it is from Allāh ﷻ.*
 12. *Not all those who are well-known are accepted in the eyes of Allāh ﷻ, and not all those who are accepted in the eyes of Allāh ﷻ are well-known.*
 13. *A person connected to Allāh ﷻ reaches those conclusions that intellectuals fail to reach.*
 14. *The sign of success in any Dīnī program is not the number of people who attend, but the number of people whose hearts are affected.*

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15. *Three things need to be observed before speaking to anyone: the person's temperament, religious condition and the environment he lives in.*
 16. *It is rare to find a person who is pious and unintelligent, but people who are non-pious and unintelligent are common.*
 17. *For a religious person to feel he has no need to sit in the company of the 'ulamā is a sign that he is not really religious.*
 18. *Allāh ﷻ has made certain things obligatory. He first gave humans the ability to carry them out, and then ordered them to do them. If it wasn't possible to do them, he would not have made them obligatory.*
 19. *The only path to tazkiyah (self rectification) is mujāhadah (striving); dhikr and the company of one's shaykh assist in this.*
 20. *Mujāhadah doesn't mean to sleep on the floor when there is a bed to sleep on, nor does it mean to use cold water when warm water is available; mujāhadah is to compel the nafs to obey the Commands of Allāh ﷻ when it does not want to comply.*

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21. *By committing a sin once, the urge to commit that sin again will double.*
 22. *Love for your shaykh is necessary in order to benefit from him, and to create love two things are necessary: du'ā and contemplation over your shaykh's good qualities.*
 23. *My late father used to say: "If we benefit someone who is in the grave (by means of ṭīṣāl-al-thawāb) Allāh ﷻ will surely create someone who will benefit us when we are in our graves."*
 24. *When we see people in adversity we should learn to put ourselves in their shoes.*
 25. *Make a firm resolution: "I may die, but I will never commit a sin."*
 26. *Hate the sickness in a person, not the sick person himself; hate the bad qualities in a person not the person himself.*
 27. *To work hard in acquiring knowledge is in your control, but to preserve that knowledge is not. Allāh ﷻ looks at how hard you try and rewards you accordingly.*

28. People say: "Being wealthy is not something bad! I want to be like Sulaymān ﷺ and Mu'āwiyah ؓ." I say: "Yes, being wealthy is not bad if you are as pious as Sulaymān ﷺ and Mu'āwiyah ؓ."

29. Islām teaches us to fulfil rights, not to demand rights.

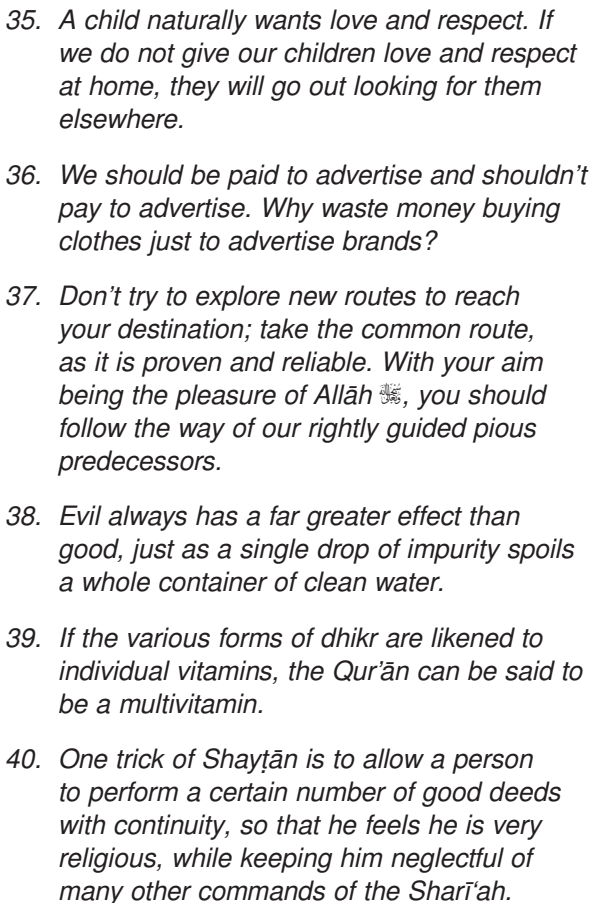
30. Nobody is really free: either you are a slave of Allāh ﷻ or of your nafs.

31. When reading books or listening to lectures, make sure they are works of authentic, reliable and pious scholars, for reading people's material or listening to their lectures is like sitting in their company.

32. In your concern for propagating the Dīn and teaching others, you should not forget yourself.

33. Teaching and propagating should not only take place in front of a microphone or in public view, it should be done at every moment of our lives.

34. A sign that you are on the path to reaching Allāh ﷻ is that you feel a longing to talk to Allāh ﷻ.

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35. *A child naturally wants love and respect. If we do not give our children love and respect at home, they will go out looking for them elsewhere.*
 36. *We should be paid to advertise and shouldn't pay to advertise. Why waste money buying clothes just to advertise brands?*
 37. *Don't try to explore new routes to reach your destination; take the common route, as it is proven and reliable. With your aim being the pleasure of Allāh ﷻ, you should follow the way of our rightly guided pious predecessors.*
 38. *Evil always has a far greater effect than good, just as a single drop of impurity spoils a whole container of clean water.*
 39. *If the various forms of dhikr are likened to individual vitamins, the Qur'ān can be said to be a multivitamin.*
 40. *One trick of Shayṭān is to allow a person to perform a certain number of good deeds with continuity, so that he feels he is very religious, while keeping him neglectful of many other commands of the Sharī'ah.*



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