

One of my friends was telling me that he and his father would visit the diwaniya of a friend during Eid, but once he became a minister, they went to greet him on Eid as usual and the place was so crowded they couldn't find a place to sit. The year after he left the ministry and when they passed by in Eid, they found only a few visitors. Now his diwaniya has been closed to this day.

I needn't explain more. Going back to the wisdom of my friend, he says: "I decided to visit one of the administrators at the company I work at. I arrived at his diwan, but instead of pulling over, I just continued to drive. My cousin always accompanies me when I visit the diwaniyat and he asked me we weren't stopping. I thought to myself that if this man left his job, I probably wouldn't visit him. I don't have any personal relationship with him aside from his position, so it's a visit of self-interest and flattery, nothing more."

Since we were on the topic, I shared a similar experience: "My friend, a few hours ago, I called to greet a friend of mine who has a good position. When I asked him where he was, he said, 'We are with the minister in his diwan.' There's nothing wrong with that, but he said it in a way that meant, 'We are busy with people more important than you.' So, I replied, 'May God give you health and longevity. It is merely a few years and you will all leave your jobs. Then you will find no minister to care about you, but I will be waiting for you, because I'm a friend who loves you for who you are.'"

Lastly, an advice from the heart for those who have good positions: take care of your friends who care about your true self. The job will not last forever, and when you retire you will no longer find the masses of needy men who desire to serve around you. So take good care of your retirement friend.