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JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

HAVING TAQWA IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS



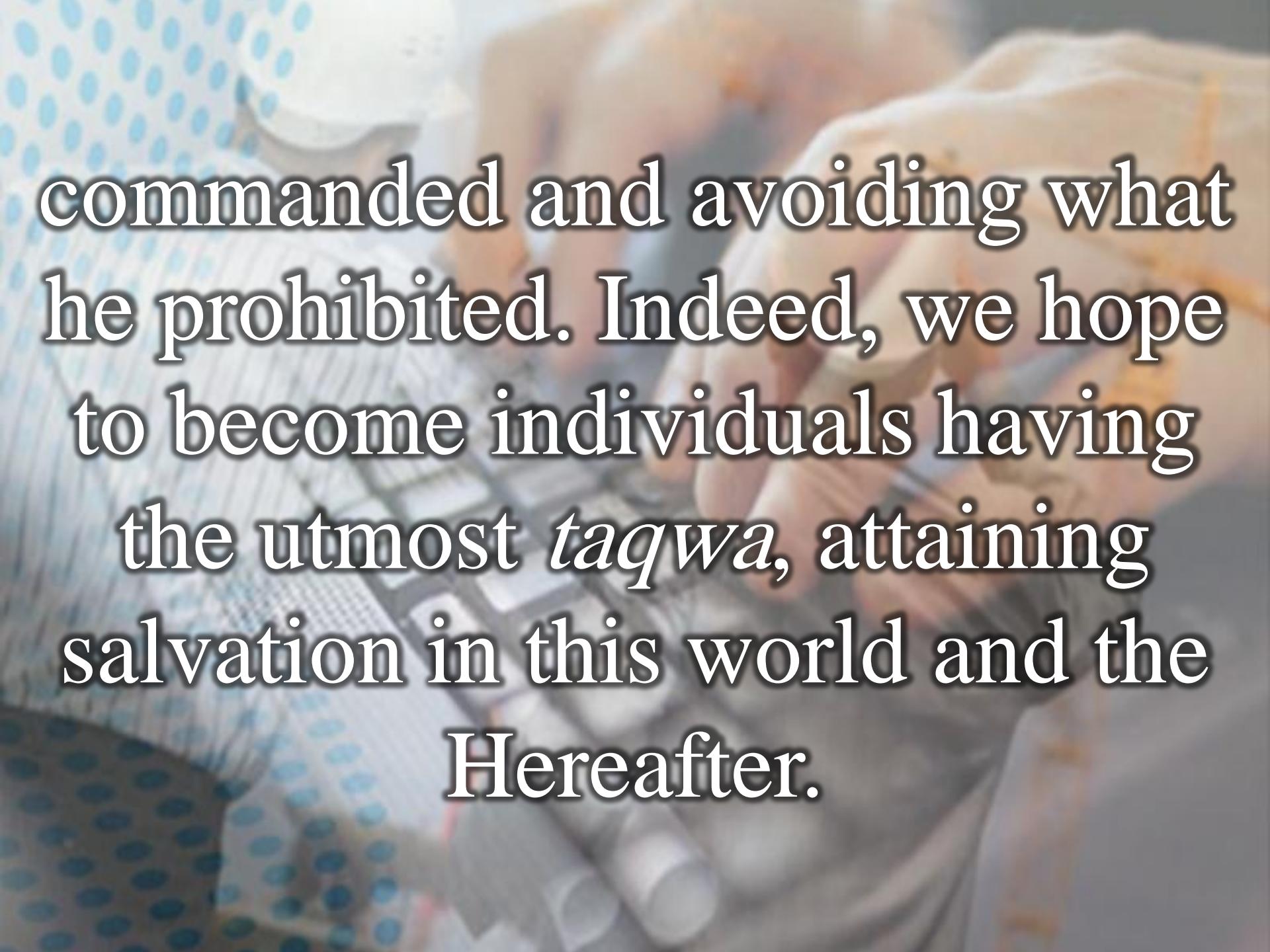
I remind myself first and foremost, and all of us, to strive our utmost in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* by fulfilling all of

His Commands and abstaining
from all of His prohibitions.

Also, striving to adhere to the

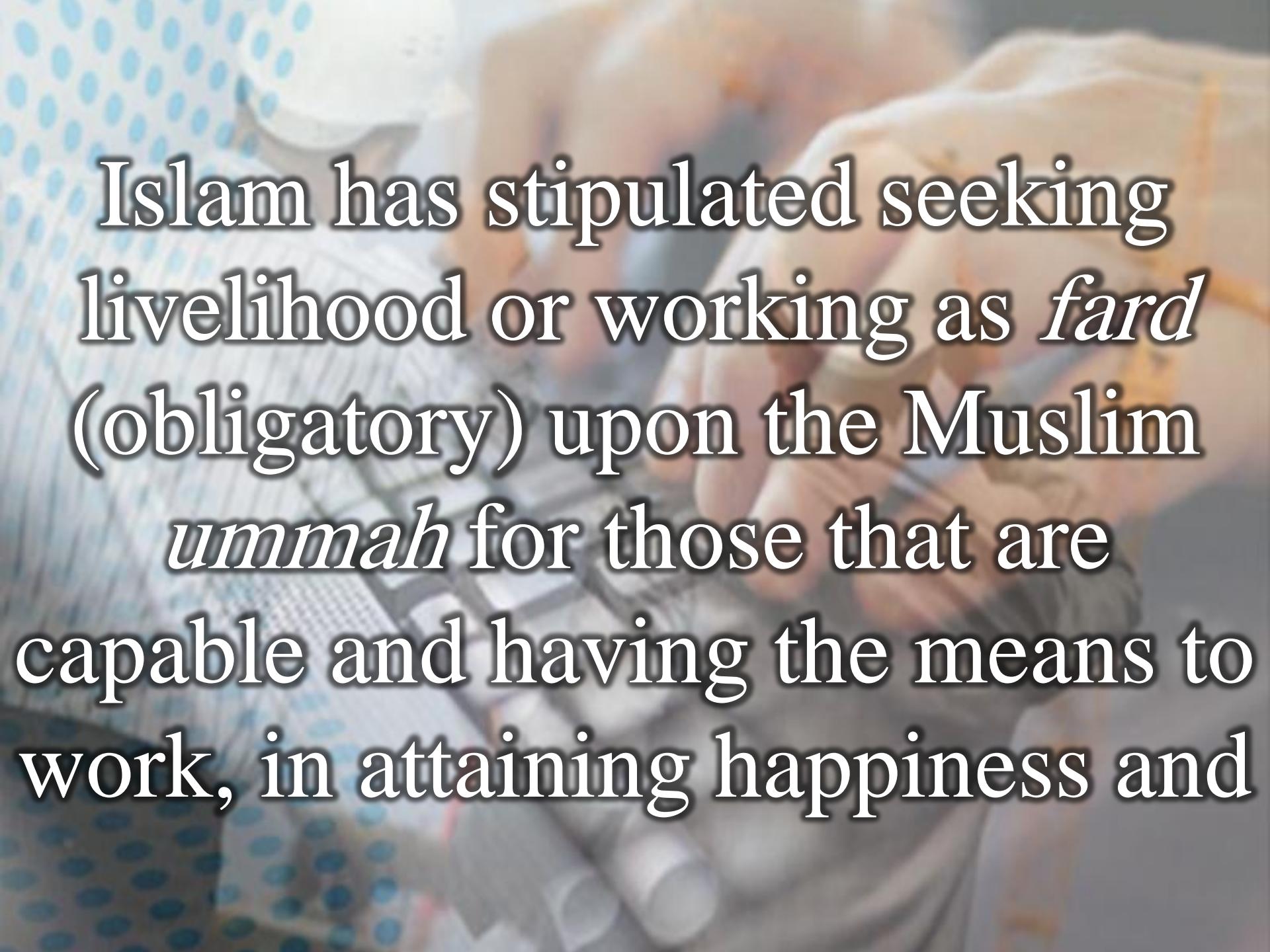
sunnah of our beloved

Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* by implementing what
he

A close-up photograph of a person's hands and face. The person is wearing a light blue headscarf with dark blue polka dots and a grey zip-up jacket. They are looking down at a small, dark object they are holding between their fingers. The background is blurred.

commanded and avoiding what he prohibited. Indeed, we hope to become individuals having the utmost *taqwa*, attaining salvation in this world and the Hereafter.

In conjunction with Labor Day
which falls on the 1st of May
every year, I would like to invite
fellow audience to contemplate
upon the *khutbah* entitled
***“Having Taqwa In The
Service Of Others.”***

A photograph showing a person's hands working on a traditional wooden loom. The person is wearing a light-colored shirt. In the background, there is a large, colorful piece of fabric with a repeating geometric pattern in shades of blue, green, and yellow. The overall scene suggests a traditional craft or weaving process.

Islam has stipulated seeking livelihood or working as *fard* (obligatory) upon the Muslim *ummah* for those that are capable and having the means to work, in attaining happiness and

prosperity whether upon the individual or the society as a whole.

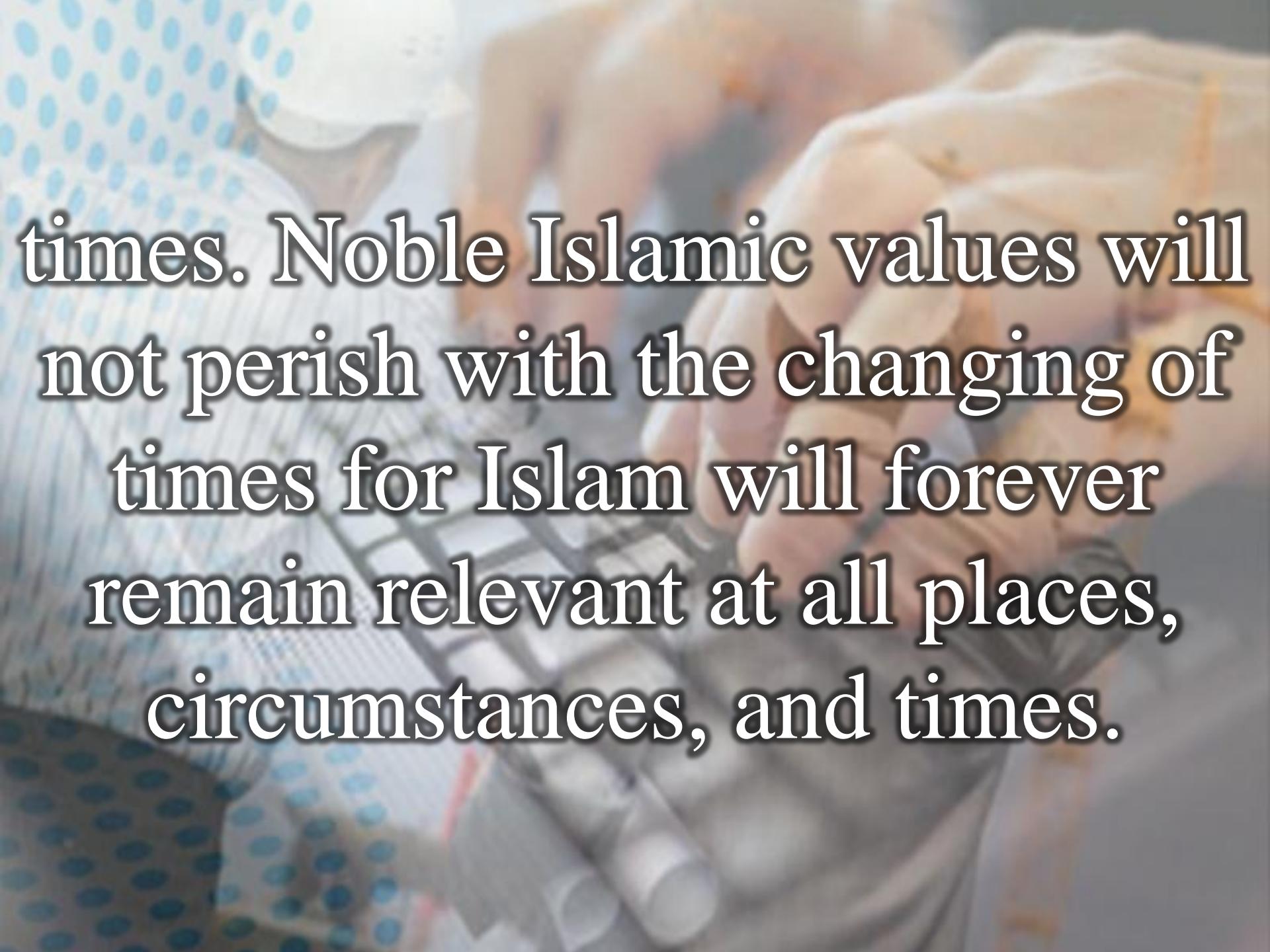
Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala* mentions in al-Qur‘an:

“And say, “Do [as you will], for Allah will see your

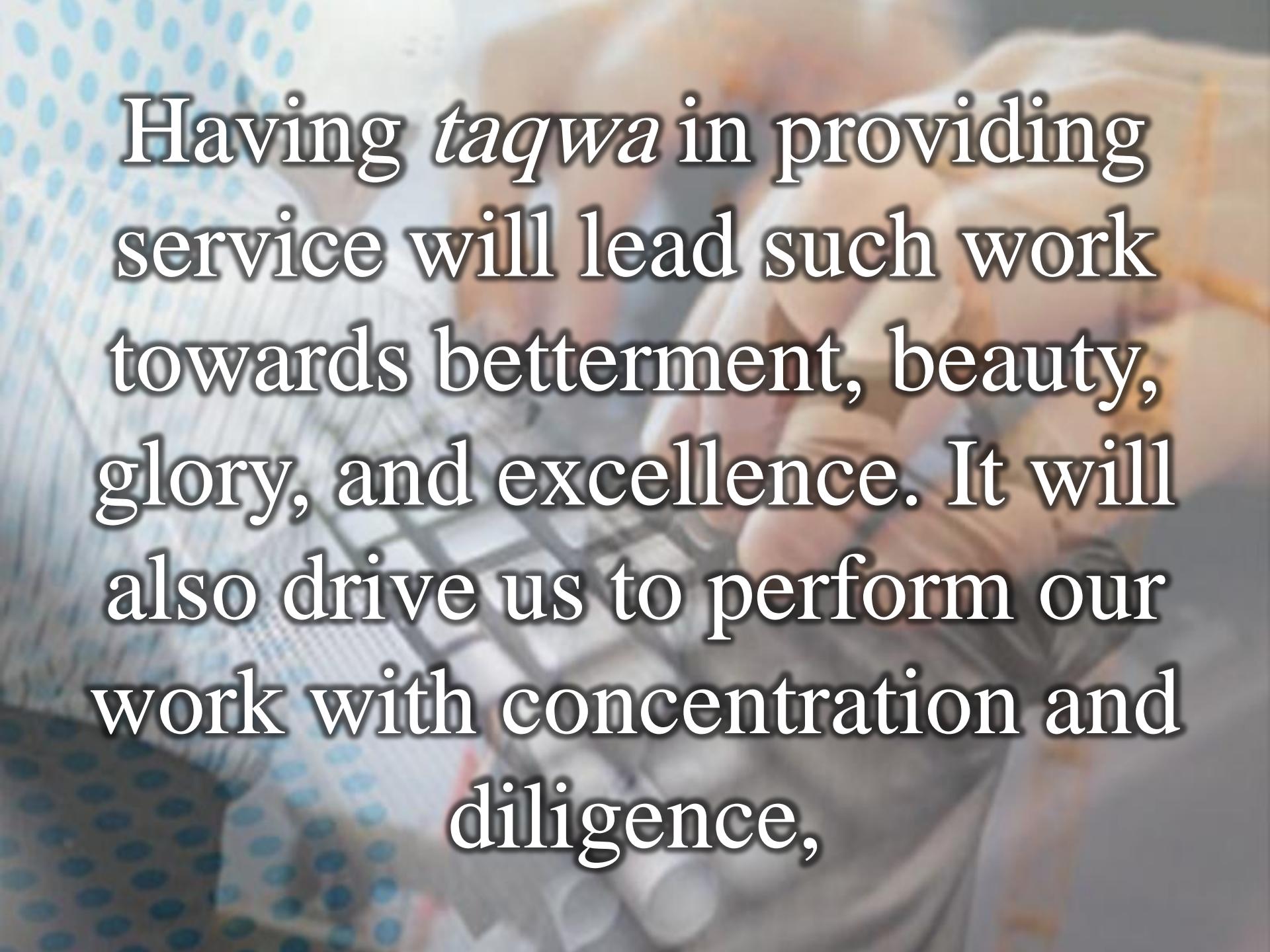
deeds, and [so, will] His Messenger and the believers. And you will be returned to the Knower of the unseen and the witnessed, and He will inform you of what you

used to do.””
(at-Tawbah 9:105)

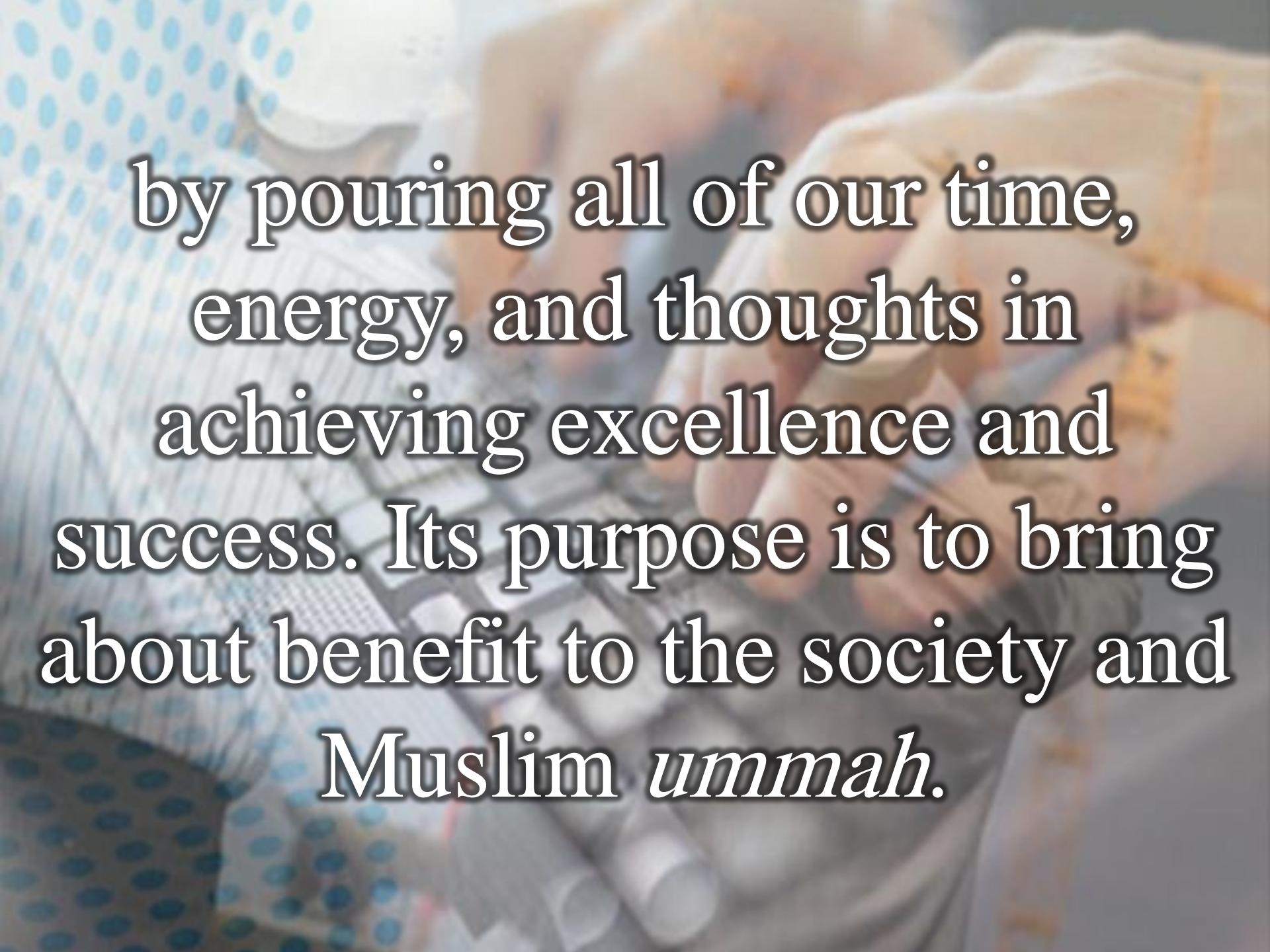
Offering services while driven by *taqwa* and filled with noble Islamic values is the secret recipe for a great and solid achievement at all



times. Noble Islamic values will not perish with the changing of times for Islam will forever remain relevant at all places, circumstances, and times.

A close-up photograph of a person's hands and face. The person is wearing a blue and white patterned headscarf and a grey t-shirt. They are looking down at their hands, which are holding a small, dark object, possibly a piece of jewelry or a small electronic device. The background is blurred.

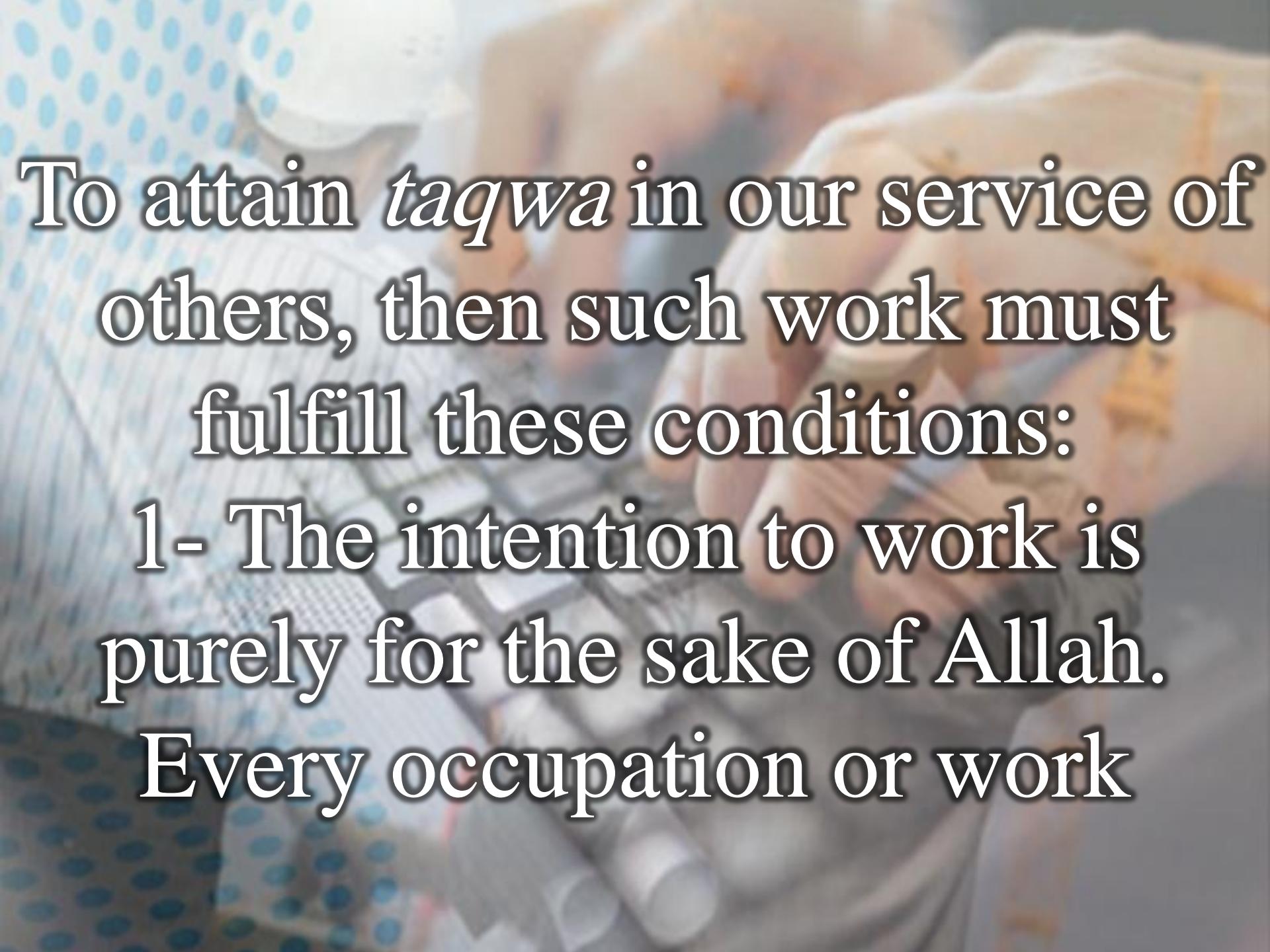
Having *taqwa* in providing service will lead such work towards betterment, beauty, glory, and excellence. It will also drive us to perform our work with concentration and diligence,



by pouring all of our time,
energy, and thoughts in
achieving excellence and
success. Its purpose is to bring
about benefit to the society and
Muslim *ummah*.

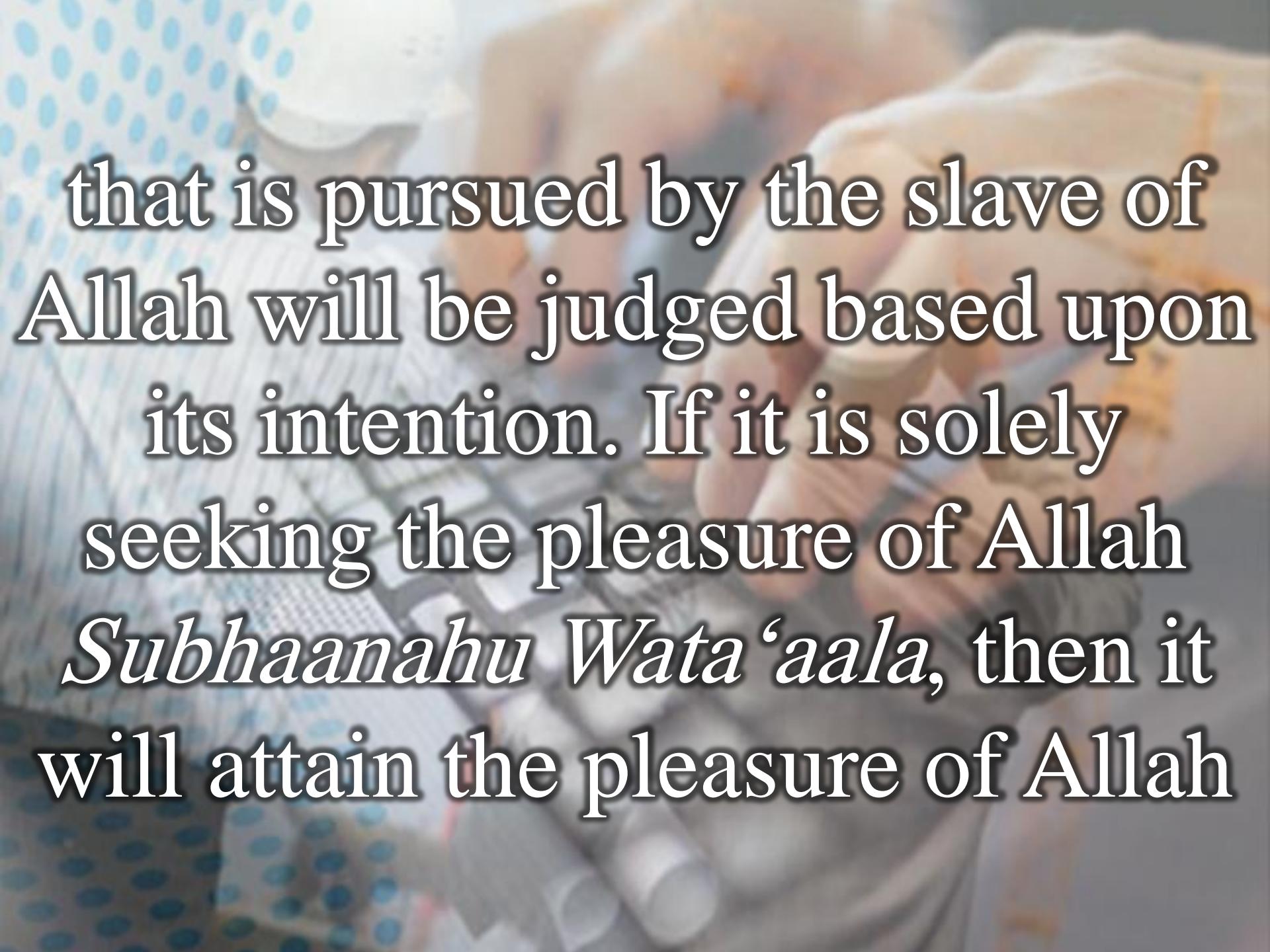
In the *hadeeth* of ‘A’ishah
radiyAllaahu ‘anha, Rasulullah
sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam
said:

“Verily, Allah loves that if one
does a job he perfects it.”
(al-Bayhaqi: *hasan*)

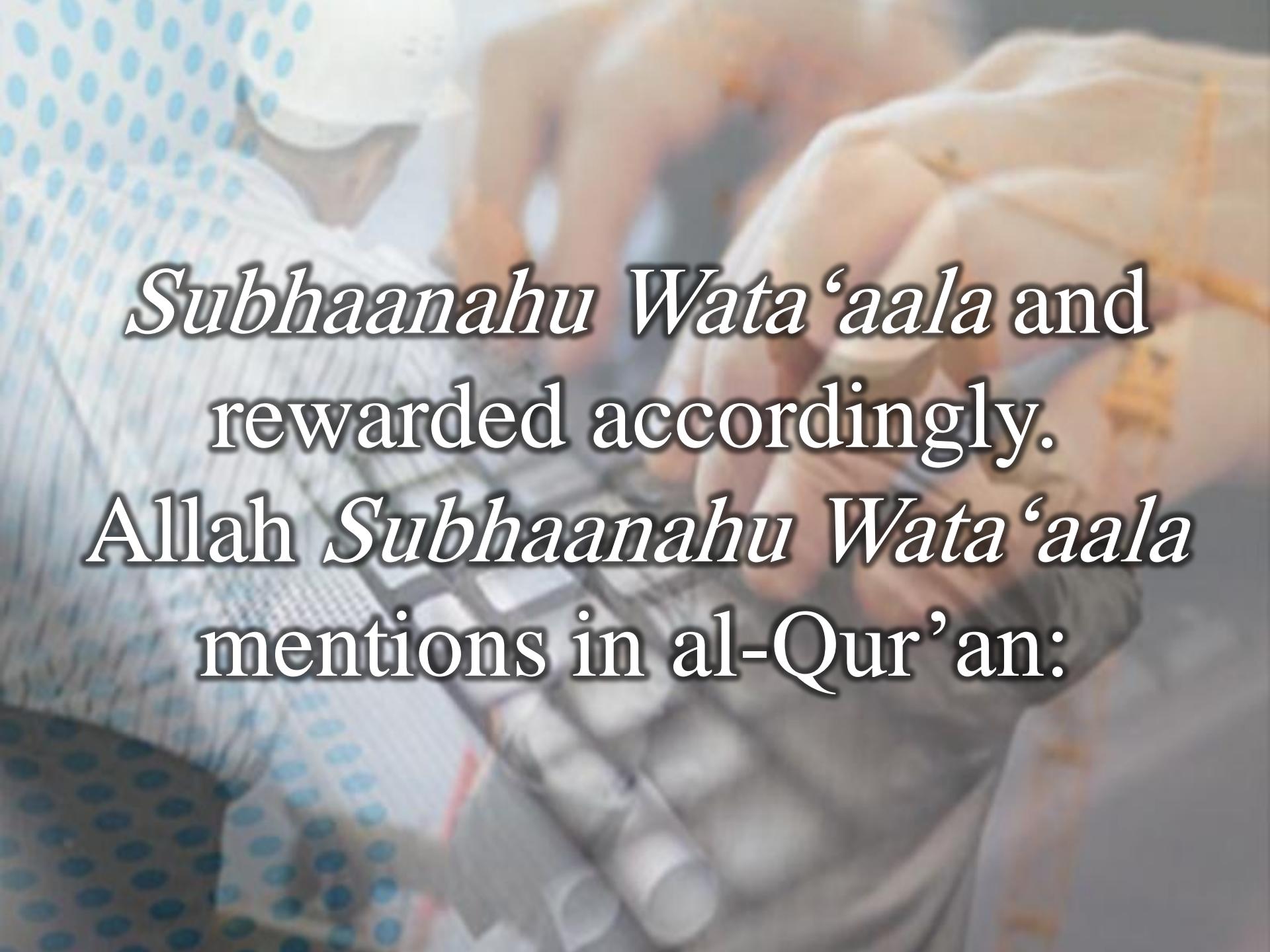


To attain *taqwa* in our service of others, then such work must fulfill these conditions:

1- The intention to work is purely for the sake of Allah. Every occupation or work



that is pursued by the slave of Allah will be judged based upon its intention. If it is solely seeking the pleasure of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘ala*, then it will attain the pleasure of Allah



Subhaanahu Wata‘aala and
rewarded accordingly.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala*
mentions in al-Qur‘an:

“And of the people is he who sells himself, seeking means to the approval of Allah. And Allah is kind to [His] servants.”

(al-Baqarah 2:207)

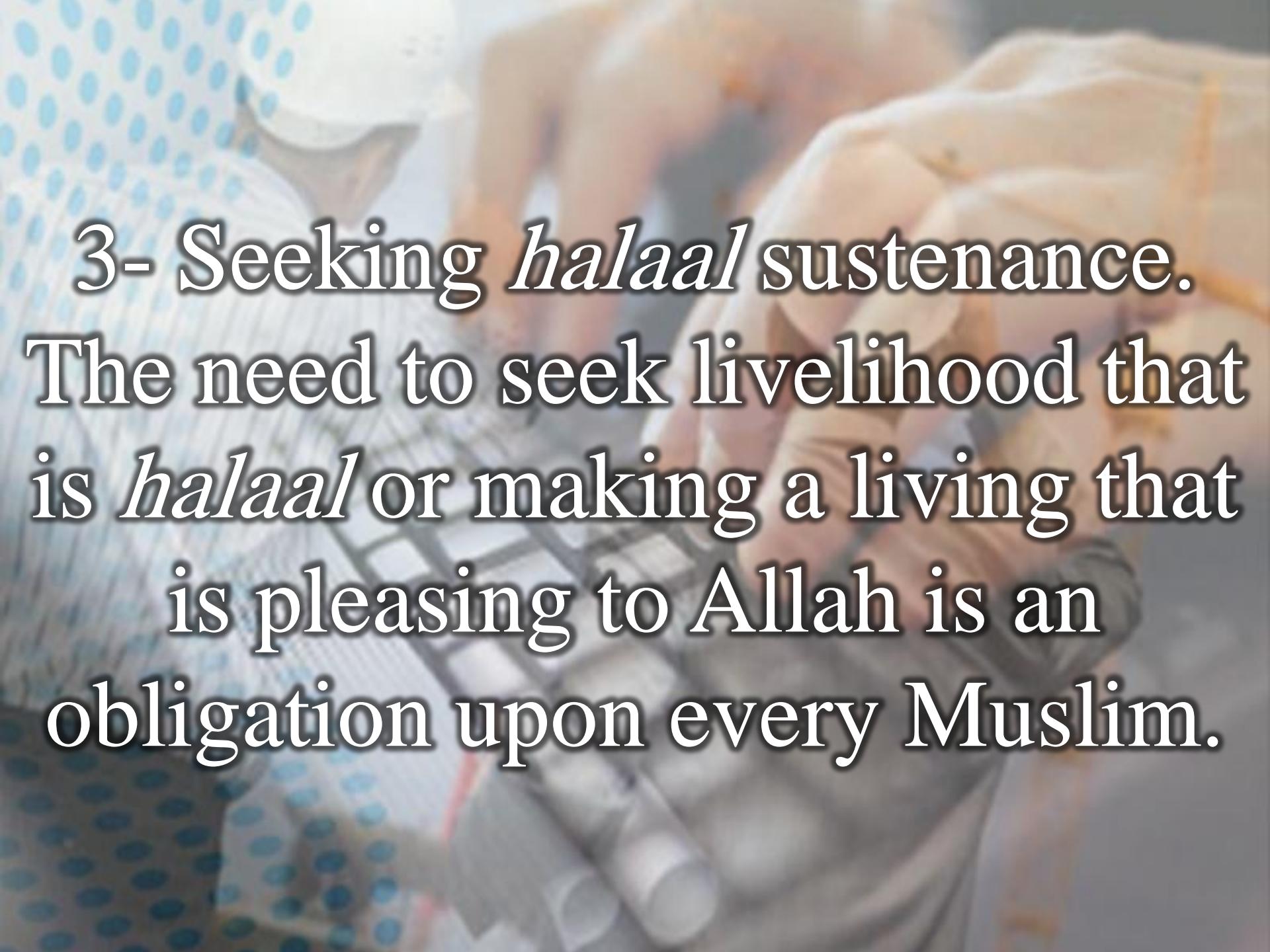
2- Working with diligence in attaining excellence

Working with diligence is a requirement in Islam that is directly related with the value of that ‘ibaadah itself.

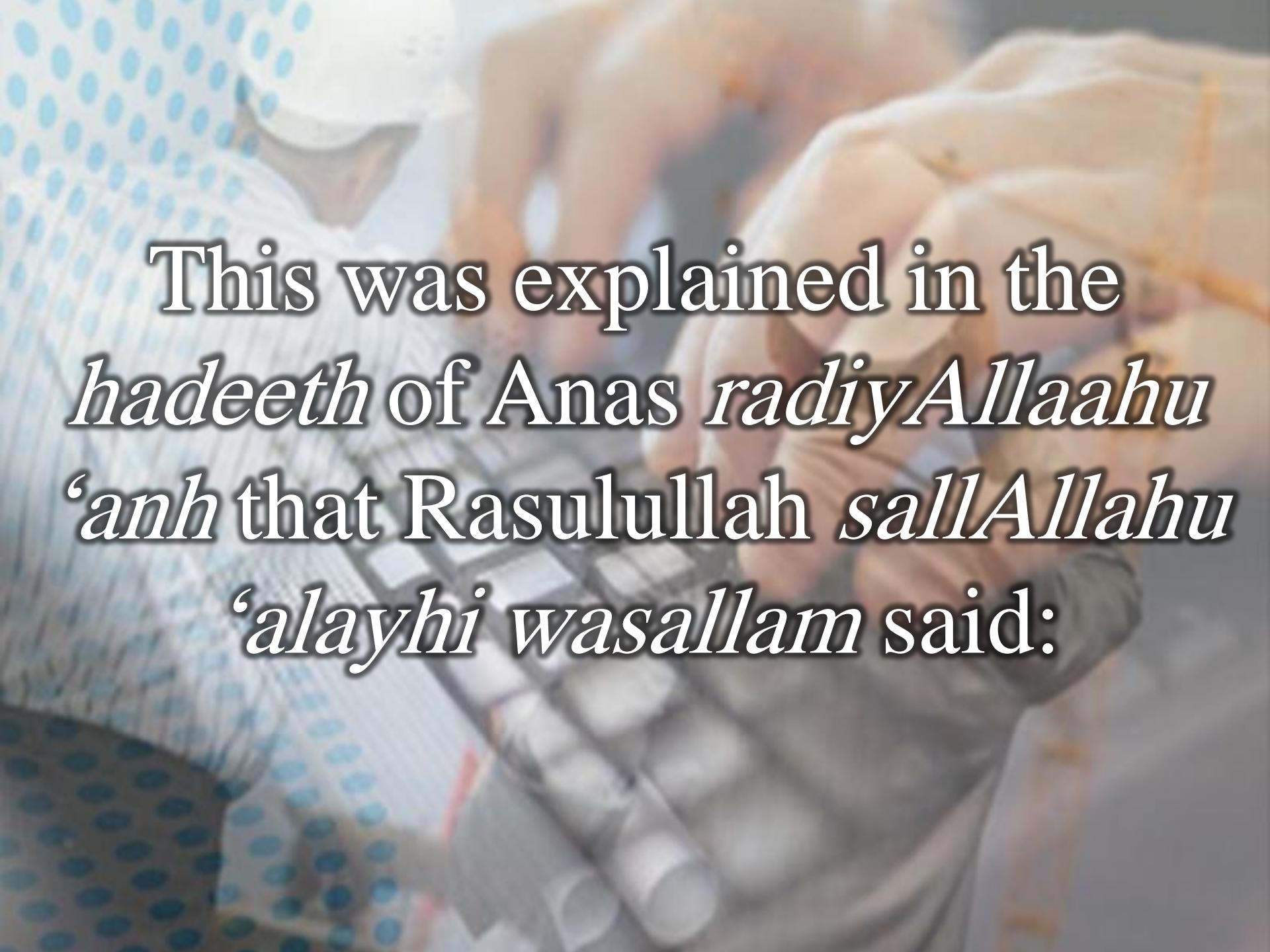
Allah Subhaanahu Wata‘aala
mentions in al-Qur‘an:

“Whoever does righteousness,
whether male or female, while
he is a believer - We will
surely

cause him to live a good life,
and We will surely give them
their reward [in the
Hereafter] according to the
best of what they used to do.”
(an-Nahl 16:97)



3- Seeking *halaal* sustenance.
The need to seek livelihood that
is *halaal* or making a living that
is pleasing to Allah is an
obligation upon every Muslim.

A person wearing a white headscarf and a patterned shirt, holding a grey book.

This was explained in the
hadeeth of Anas *radiyAllaahu 'anh* that Rasulullah *sallAllaahu 'alayhi wasallam* said:

“The seeking of *halaal*
sustenance is an obligation
upon the Muslim.”

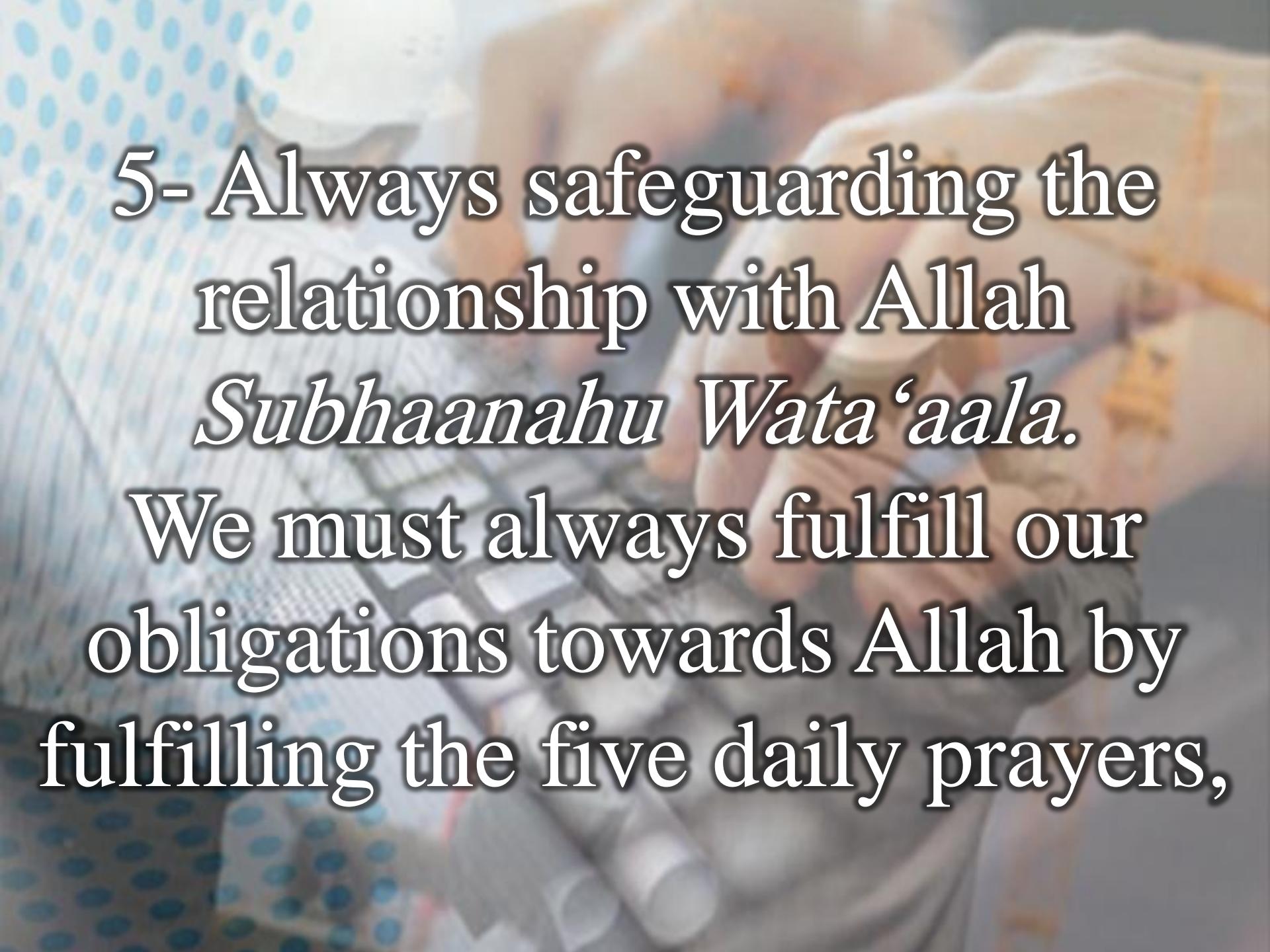
(ad-Daylami: *da‘eef*with correct
meaning)

4- Instilling Islamic work values.

Every occupation or work accomplished must conform with the *Sharee‘ah* of Islam. Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala* mentions in al-Qur‘an:

**“O you who have believed,
enter into Islam completely
[and perfectly] and do not
follow the footsteps of Satan.
Indeed, he is to you a clear
enemy.”**

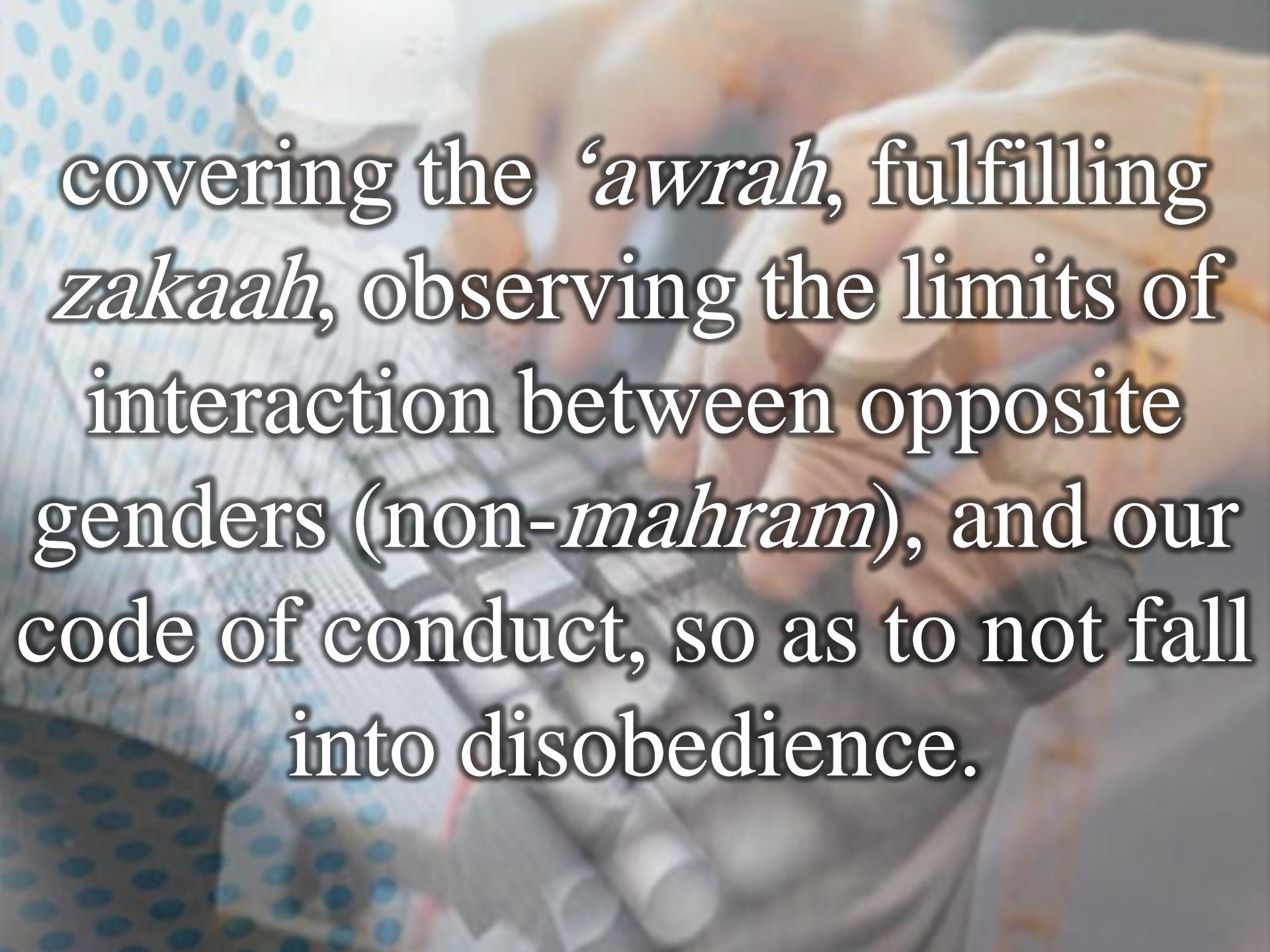
**(al-Baqarah
2:208)**



5- Always safeguarding the relationship with Allah

Subhaanahu Wata‘aala.

We must always fulfill our obligations towards Allah by fulfilling the five daily prayers,

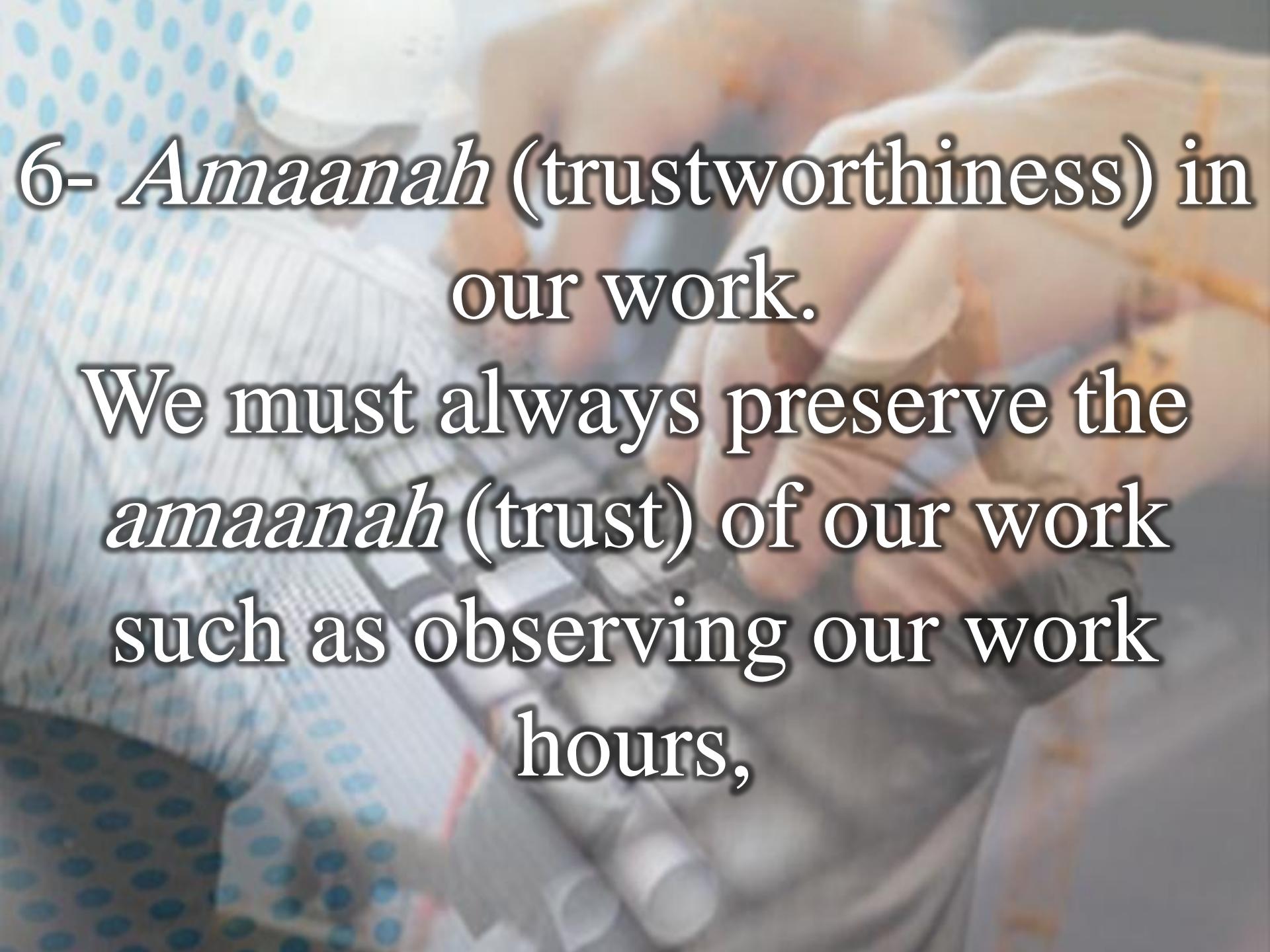
A photograph showing a woman wearing a blue hijab with white polka dots and a man in a grey suit and tie. They appear to be in a mosque, with a large chandelier visible in the background.

covering the ‘awrah, fulfilling zakaah, observing the limits of interaction between opposite genders (non-*mahram*), and our code of conduct, so as to not fall into disobedience.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala*
mentions in al-Qur’ān:
**“And establish prayer and
give zakaah, and whatever
good you put**

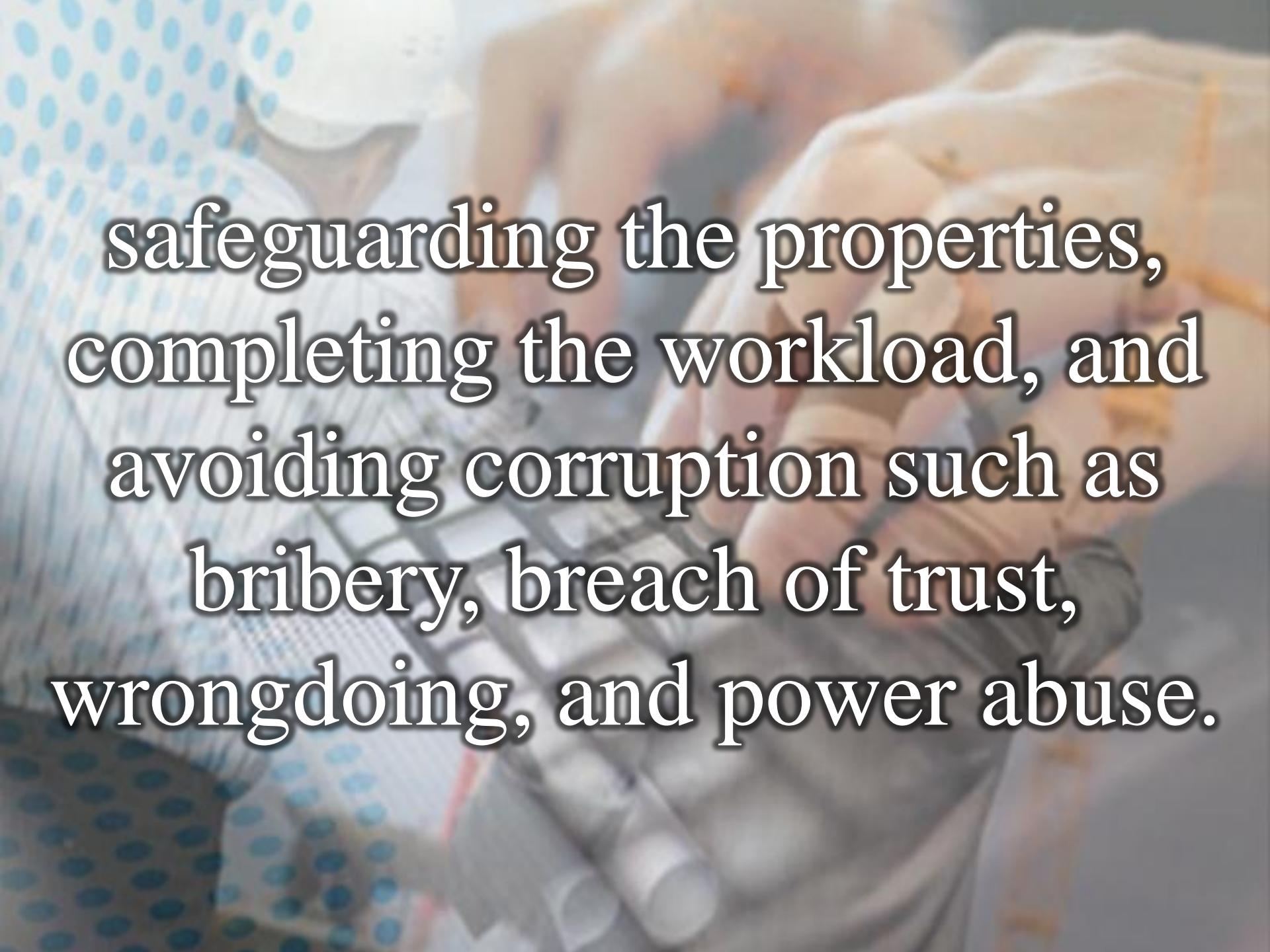
**forward for yourselves - you
will find it with Allah. Indeed,
Allah of what you do, is
Seeing.”**

(al-Baqarah 2:110)



6- *Amaanah* (trustworthiness) in
our work.

We must always preserve the
amaanah (trust) of our work
such as observing our work
hours,

A close-up photograph of a person's hands and torso. The person is wearing a light blue shirt with a dark blue polka-dot pattern and a grey apron. They are holding a small, dark object between their fingers, possibly a piece of food or a tool. The background is blurred.

safeguarding the properties,
completing the workload, and
avoiding corruption such as
bribery, breach of trust,
wrongdoing, and power abuse.

Allah Subhaanahu Wata‘aala

mentions in al-Qur‘an:

“O you who have believed, do not betray Allah and the Messenger or betray your trusts while you know

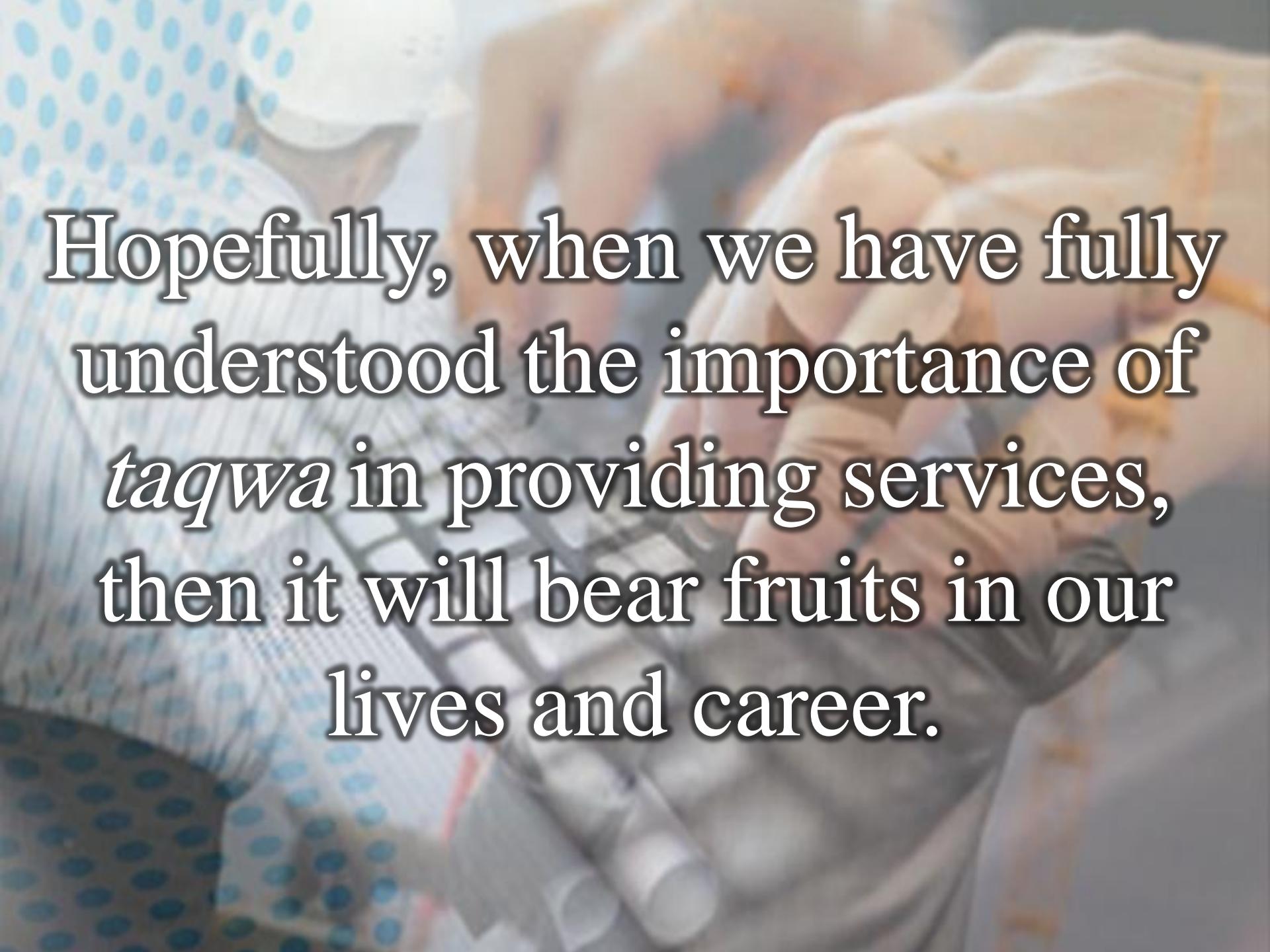
[the consequence].”
(al-Anfaal 8:27)

7- Possessing virtuous *akhlaaq*.
In carrying out our work, we
must always remain

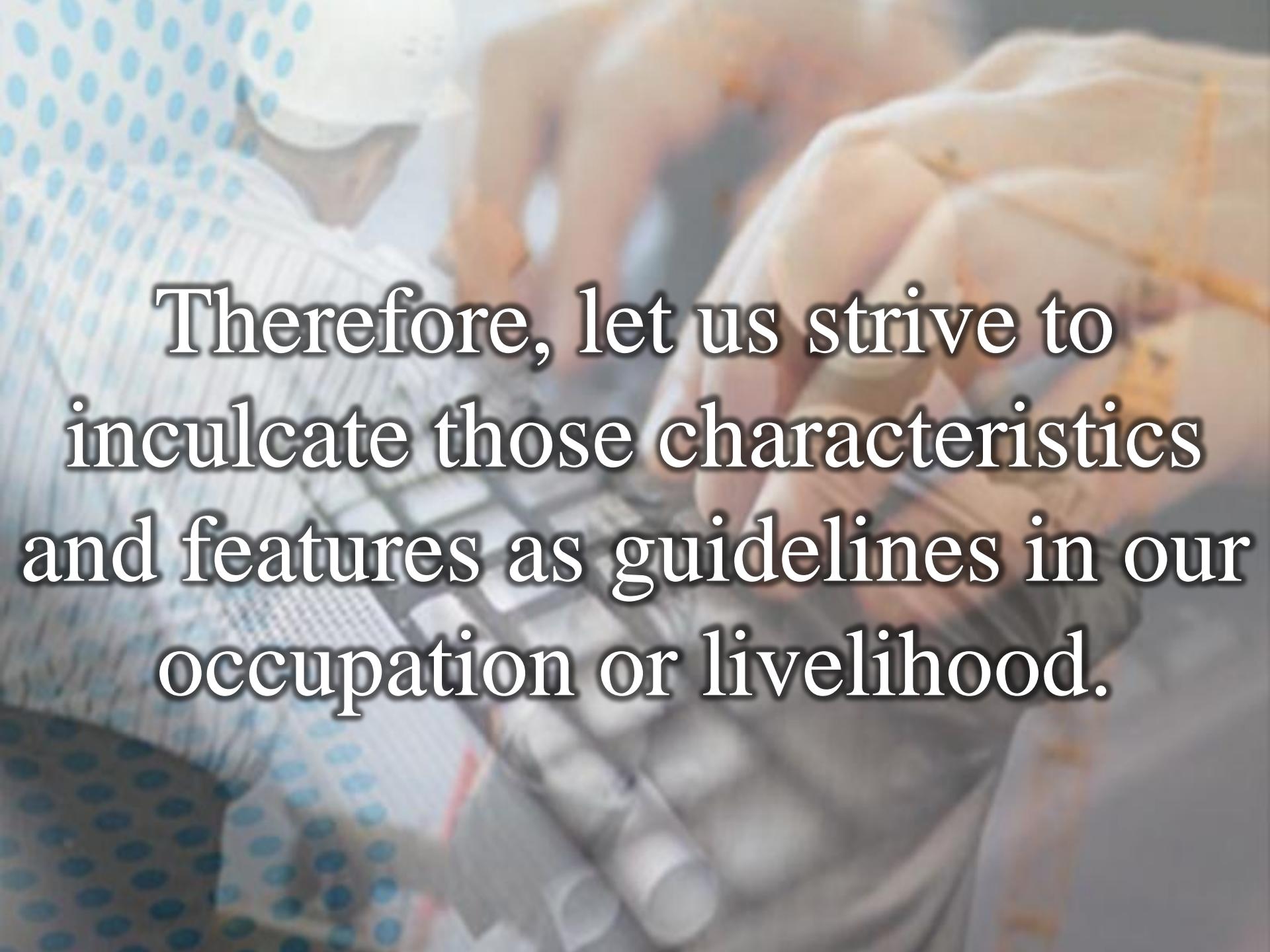
cheerful, customer-friendly, and not discriminating based upon stature and position. On the authority of Abu Hurayrah,
radiyAllahu ‘anh Rasulullah
sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam
said:

“The most complete of the believers in faith, is the one with the best character among them. And the best of you are those who are best to your women.”

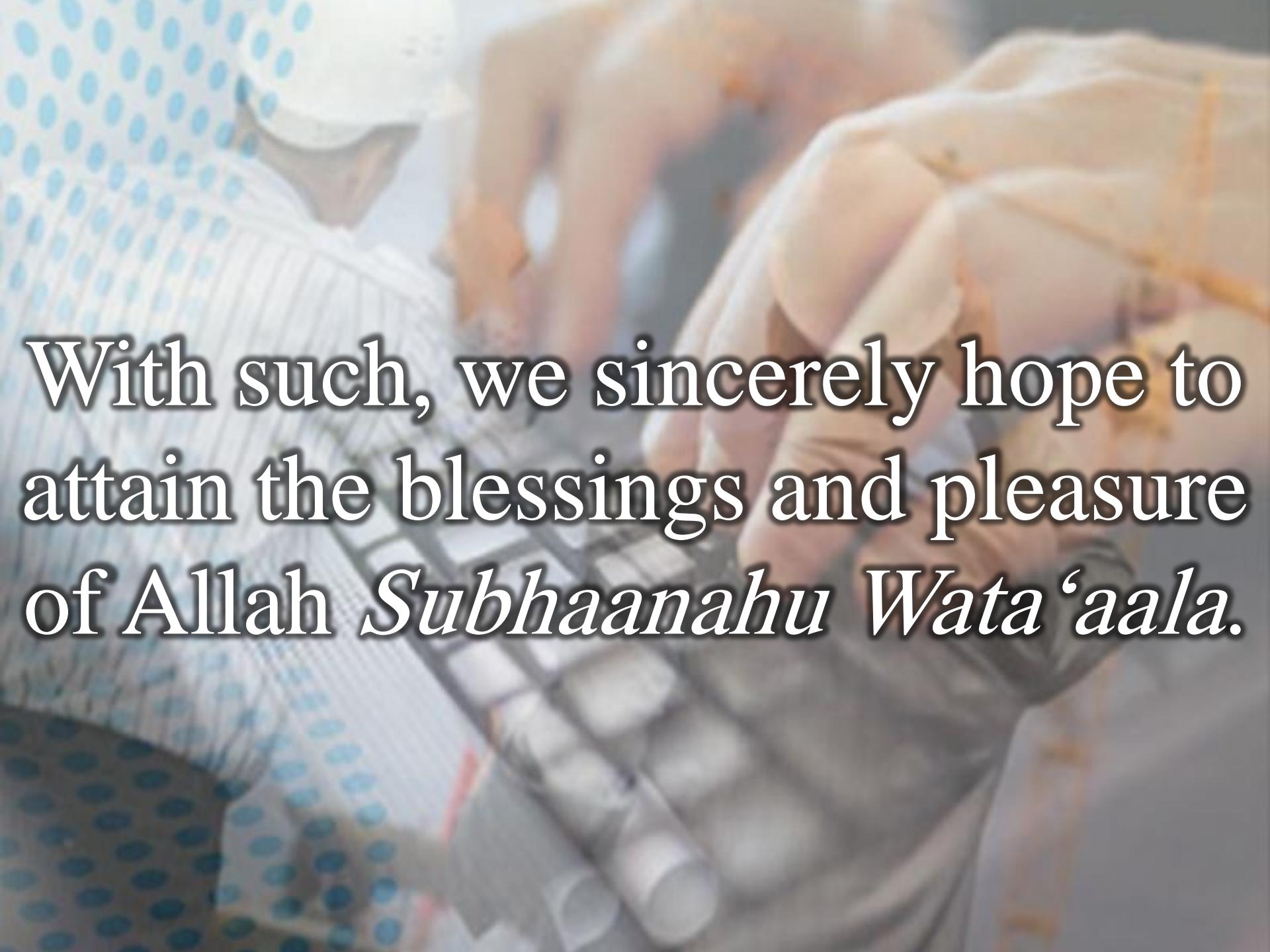
(at-Tirmidhi: *hasan saheeh*)



Hopefully, when we have fully understood the importance of *taqwa* in providing services, then it will bear fruits in our lives and career.

A close-up photograph of a person's hands and torso. The person is wearing a light blue shirt with a dark blue polka-dot pattern and a grey shawl or blanket wrapped around their shoulders. They are holding a grey, cylindrical object, possibly a brush or a stick, in their hands.

Therefore, let us strive to
inculcate those characteristics
and features as guidelines in our
occupation or livelihood.



With such, we sincerely hope to
attain the blessings and pleasure
of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala.*

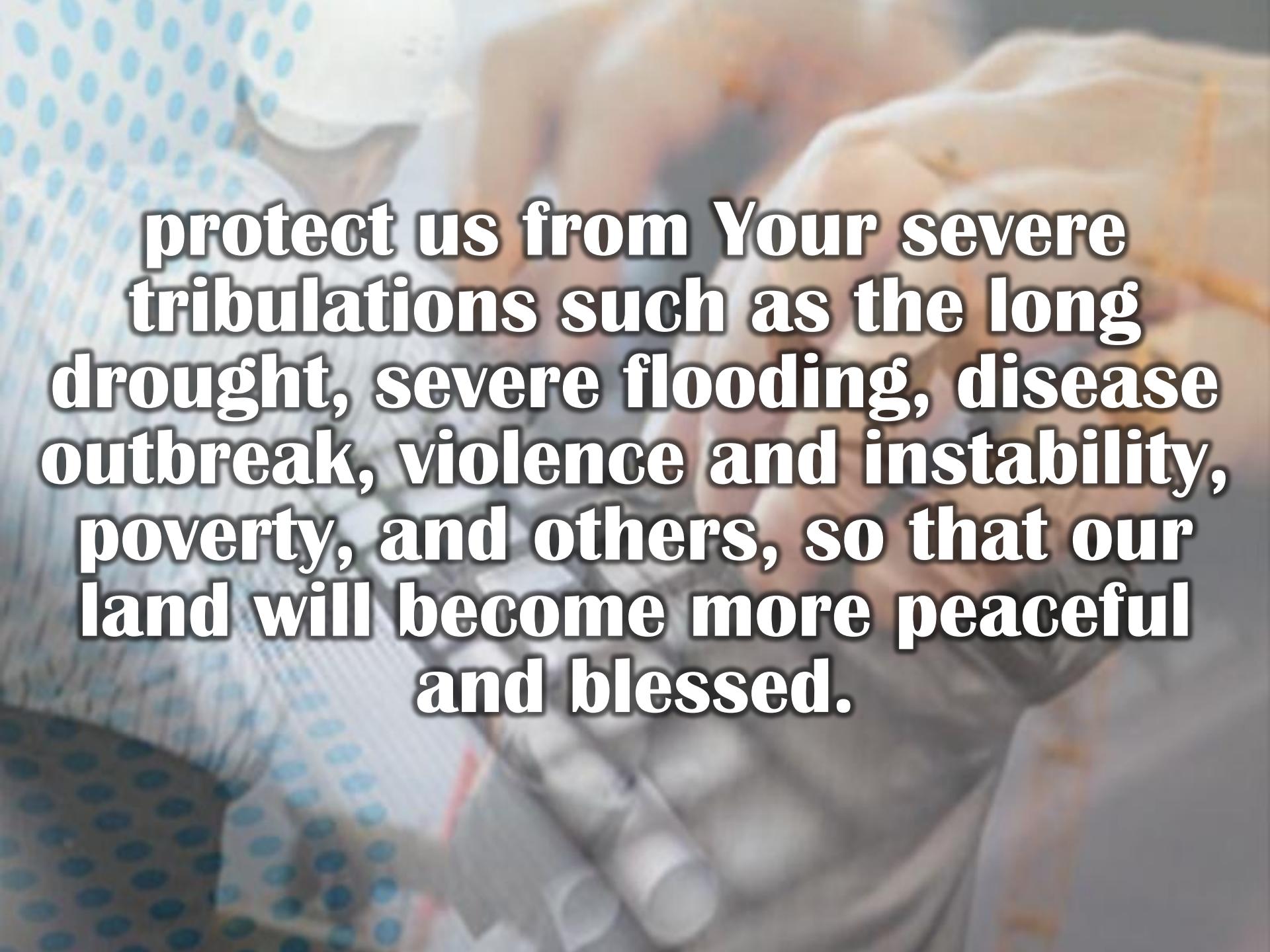
**“It is He who made the earth
tame for you - so walk among
its slopes and eat of His
provision - and to Him is the
resurrection.”**

(al-Mulk 67:15)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعْنَى وَإِيَّاکُمْ
بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَفَلَّ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ
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وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

**O Allah, You are the Almighty Lord,
we are grateful unto You for
having bestowed upon us Mercy
and Blessings, nourishing us to
strive to continue in strengthening
the Muslim nation especially the
state of Selangor, as an advanced,
progressive, peaceful, and
benevolent state.**

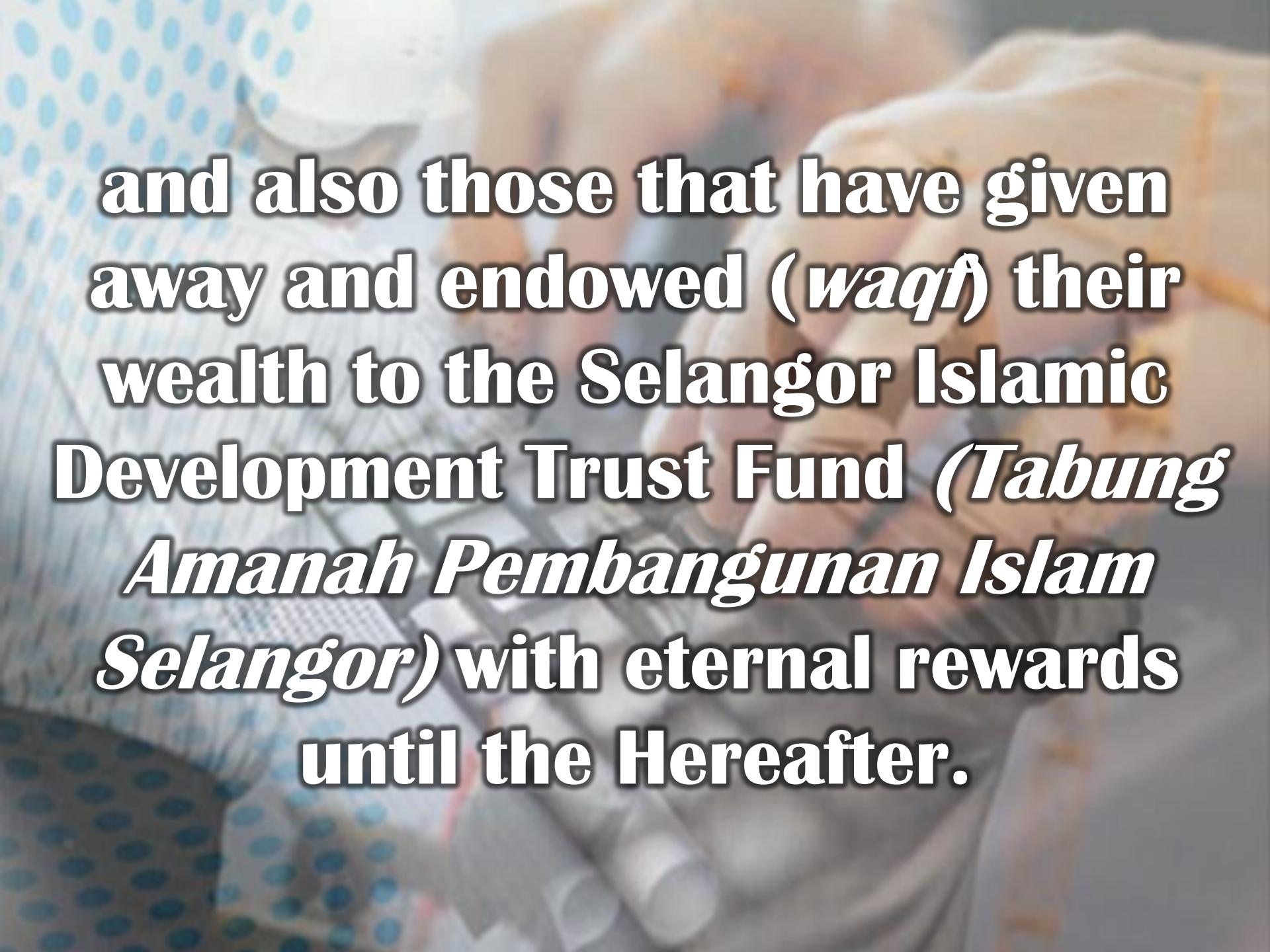
We beseech and beg You, Ya Allah,
to strengthen our *imaan*, increase
our good deeds, strengthen our
unity, increase our provision,
enrich us with beneficial
knowledge, nourish our soul with
beautiful *akhlaaq*, guide us to the
Path that is Pleasing to You,



protect us from Your severe tribulations such as the long drought, severe flooding, disease outbreak, violence and instability, poverty, and others, so that our land will become more peaceful and blessed.

O Allah, we implore upon you, keep us steadfast upon the methodology of *Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah*, and protect us from ‘aqeedah and practices that are misguided and deviated such as extreme Shee‘ism, Qaadiyani, and others.

**Oh Allah, we ask You to open up
the hearts of the Muslim *ummah*
especially in Selangor, to fulfill
their *zakaat* obligation as You had
decreed in al-Qur'an. Bless the
lives of those who have fulfilled
their *zakaat* obligation, loving and
caring for the poor and needy.**



and also those that have given away and endowed (*waqf*) their wealth to the Selangor Islamic Development Trust Fund (*Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor*) with eternal rewards until the Hereafter.

**Purify their wealth and soul so that
they will live according to that
which pleases You. Protect the
poor and needy from disbelief and
everlasting poverty. Allaahummaa
*ameen***



بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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