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# ATTAINING ALLAH'S PLEASURE THROUGH OUR OCCUPATIONS



Let us have the *taqwa* of Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wata'aala* by  
fulfilling all of His Commands  
and avoiding all of His  
prohibitions. Verily, we truly  
hope to attain *barakah* in our  
lives in this world

and His *Rahmah* and *Maghfirah*  
in the Hereafter.

Today's *khutbah* is intended to  
propel us in “*Attaining Allah's  
Pleasure Through Our  
Occupations.*”

Islam obligates upon the Muslim *ummah* to make effort and strive in attaining bounties and provisions that Allah had prepared on this earth, whether on land or in the sea. To work and strive

in earning livelihood is an obligation for it is the condition in attaining *rizq*, for the survival of human lives. Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala* mentions in al-Qur’ān:

**“And We have certainly  
established you upon the  
earth and made for you  
therein ways of livelihood.  
Little are you grateful.”**

(al-A‘raaf 7:10)

Working or doing good deeds is a form of ‘ibaadah if it is performed according to the ways commanded by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala*. In al-Qur’an, Allah expounds that faith and

action are the foundations in attaining great rewards in the Hereafter, aside from being rewarded in earning livelihood in this world. It is imperative for us to always strive to increase our *imaan*

and ‘*amal*, and efforts in earning our *rizq*. We cannot solidify our *imaan* by abandoning righteous deeds, and vice versa, increasing ‘*amal* while disregarding the importance of belief.

In the *hadeeth* of ibn ‘Umar  
*radiyAllaahu ‘anhu*,  
Rasulullah said:

“*Imaan* is not accepted  
without ‘*amal* (action), and  
there is no ‘*amal* without  
*imaan*.”

(at-Tabaraani: *da ‘eef*)

Islam is very firm in ensuring that one's *imaan* is always safeguarded even while seeking livelihood or sustenance. One should not be drowned in efforts of finding and attaining worldly

needs without thinking about the need for life in the Hereafter. Furthermore, Islam calls for mankind to always maintain good ties amongst each other, protecting the environment,

and responsible in executing work. Islam forbids mankind from causing destruction on earth that is filled with beauty, a gift from Allah to all creations. Selfish attitude such as greed, oppressing

others in maximizing gain, and  
destroying the environment  
regardless of reason are deemed  
as causing destruction that is  
vehemently prohibited by Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wata‘ala.*

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

“But seek, through that which  
Allah has given you, the home  
of the Hereafter; and [yet], do  
not forget

forget your share of the world.  
And do good as Allah has  
done good to you. And desire  
not corruption in the land.  
Indeed, Allah does not like  
corrupters.”

(al-Qasas 28:77)

Islam has outlined clear principles regarding work deemed as righteous deeds by the believers. Among them:

1. The intention and objective must be to worship Allah.

2. The work performed should not contradict the *Sharee'ah*.
3. The occupation should not inflict harm upon its doer, the lives of others, other creations, and the universe.

4. The work is done with full effort and diligence

5. The work does not impede or prevent from fulfilling the obligatory ‘ibaadah commanded by Allah.

Therefore, the worker that strive to attain good deeds, solely to gain the pleasure of Allah, should make sure to have the intention with utmost sincerity only for the sake of Allah.

Anything done that is not for the sake of Allah is rendered in vain, only gaining worldly reward. In the famous *hadeeth* of ‘Umar ibn al-Khattaab *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, Rasulullah *sallAllaahu ‘alayhi*

*wasallam* said:

“The reward of deeds depends upon the intentions and every person will get the reward according to what he has intended...”

(al-Bukhaari)

Aside from intention, the occupation must not go against *Shar‘i* rulings. Nowadays, many Muslims claim to work for the sake of Allah while in reality their work clearly contradicts the

*Sharee'ah*, working in places such as gambling outlets, nightclubs, brewery, liquor stores, hired as blackmailer or hit man or bouncer, workplace that is involved with *ribaa*,

massage parlors even if licensed, and many others. These occupations would hardly be ‘ibaadah to Allah for they clearly contradict Shar‘i rulings.

In a *hadeeth*, Rasulullah  
*sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam*  
said:

“The greatest losers on the  
Day of Judgment are those  
who receive wages

(income) from proceeds of unlawful occupation, which leads them to Hell.”

(at-Tirmidhi)

There are those out there diligently working with good intention. But in reality, they also are in loss due to the devil's deceptions while at work, by accepting bribery, abuse of power,

spreading calumnies among co-workers, fanning the flame of envy, and many other desppicable acts. Also not forgetting, those that fulfill their duty at work with excellence but fail in

safeguarding their Islamic duties that are far more important such as the five daily prayers, covering the ‘awrah, and observing the Islamic etiquettes for interactions between

opposite gender at the workplace. They dream of attaining great rewards from their deeds, but in reality, they were duped with delusions.

*Allah Subhaanahu Wata‘aala*  
mentions in al-Qur‘an:  
**“Whoever desires the life of  
this world and its adornments  
- We fully**

repay them for their deeds  
therein, and they therein  
will not be deprived.”

(Hood 11:15)

One thing for sure is that any work performed that is in accordance with the *Sharee'ah*, they will be rendered by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* as good deeds and greatly

rewarded as promised. On the contrary, anything done that goes against the *Sharee'ah* will only incur severe torment from Allah, as He promised. Hence, we will all be held responsible

in front of Allah and all of our  
deeds in this perishable life will  
be accounted for.

Therefore, let us strive to ensure  
that all of our deeds and  
occupation truly complies with

the *Sharee'ah*, and truly worthy  
of great rewards promised by  
Allah, earning His Forgiveness  
and Pleasure in the Hereafter.

“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)**

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي  
وَإِيَّاکُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ  
مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاقُتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ أَقُولُ  
قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ  
الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ  
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتَ 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.**

**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.**

**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***



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