Work for your Dunya as though you will live forever, and work for your hereafter as though you will die tomorrow!

Explained by Shaykh Salih Fawzan

**Question:** May Allah reward you with good, the questioner ask concerning the popular expression: Work for your worldly affairs as though you will live forever, while working for the next life as though you will die tomorrow?

**Shaykh Fawzan:** Yes, This is from wisdom. Work for your worldly affairs as though you will live forever, and work for your hereafter as though you will die tomorrow. Work for your Dunya according to what you need in it, so that you will not need the people, and humiliate yourself to the people. Do what will make your independent of the people, and do not be lazy.

And work for your hereafter as though you will die tomorrow; as ibn Umar رضي الله عنه said:

إِذَا أَمْسَيْتَ فَلَا تَنْتَظِرِ اَلصَّبَاحَ, وَإِذَا أَصْبَحْتَ فَلَا تَنْتَظِرِ اَلْمَسَاءَ

If you reach the evening do not anticipate the morning, and if you reach the morning do not anticipate the evening.

Do not delay action until a time that you may not reach. And you may reach it but you may not have the enthusiasm for the action; you may be afflicted with something. You may be afflicted with sickness, or laziness.

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