

Takrar

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Introduction



1.1 Intentions

This is a lengthy topic, and not one I can do justice to with my limited amount of knowledge and in the time I have to write this. Indeed, renewing intentions is a continuous and iterative exercise, and perhaps this sections should be similarly

continuously revised. For now, I will repeat what Mufti Azeem shared on the 8/17/21 Tuesday night tafseer.

While seeking and attaining knowledge, we should have several key intentions:

- To remove all bad desires
- We make du'a that the topic we're learning will provide solace to difficulties we are dealing with in our life
- We act on what we learn and teach it to others

1.2 Seeking knowledge

Knowledge without action
Is like the tree that doesn't bear fruit

is composed of two things: knowledge *and* action.

To attain , tarbiyya is extremely important. Imam Shafi'i narrates this poem about the advice of his teacher, Waki'i:

I complained to Waki' about my memory
He advised me to leave my sins
He advised me that it is because knowledge is a light
And the the light of Allah does not come to a sinner

Imam Malik says:

Knowledge and wisdom are light
that Allah uses to guide who he wills
and they are not answering a lot of questions

The purpose of seeking knowledge is not to be able to answer difficult questions people ask of us, or to argue against others. It is a light that we pray guides us to find nearness to Allah .

Part I

