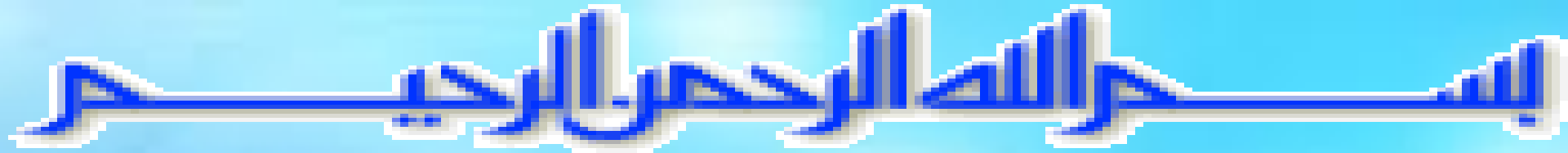




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STRIVING TO AVOID FROM ASKING OTHERS





In conjunction with this noble day of Friday, I remind myself and fellow congregation to altogether strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa*

Ta'aala by performing
all of His Commands
and avoiding all of His
prohibitions. May Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala
bless our lives with
ni'mah (bounties),

tawfeeq (aid), and
hidaayah (guidance)
that is continuous, and
that we attain salvation
in this world and the
Hereafter.

Today, I would like to invite fellow audience to ponder upon a *khutbah* titled

***“STRIVING TO
AVOID FROM
ASKING
OTHERS.”***



Before proceeding with the *khutbah*, I would like to remind respected audience upon the reminder of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم in giving full attention to the *khutbah* being delivered, refrain from

talking and pursuing
matters that are in vain.
This includes checking
the mobile phone while
the *khateeb* is
delivering the *khutbah*.

Indeed, Islam highly encourages its adherents to work and strive in earning livelihood. On the contrary, Islam prohibits Muslims from being lazy and only asks from others. This prohibition is

often mentioned in al-Qur'an and *ahaadeeth*, which forbids us from disgracing our honor by remaining lazy and only hoping for the sympathy and courtesy of others.

The Prophet ﷺ had reminded such matter in the *hadeeth* of Hakeem bin Hizaam *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, where he ﷺ said:

“The upper hand is better than the lower hand.

One should start giving first to his dependents. And the best object of charity is that which is given by a wealthy person (from the money which is left after his expenses). And whoever abstains

***from asking others for
some financial help,
Allah will give him and
save him from asking
others, Allah will make
him self-sufficient.”***

(al-Bukhaari)

Moreover, a person that is too lazy to earn a living and only asks from the courtesy of others will be resurrected in the Hereafter having no

flesh on his face. This was firmly mentioned in the *hadeeth* of ‘Abdullah ibn ‘Umar *radiyAllaahu ‘anhuma*, where the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

“A man keeps on asking others for something till he comes on the Day of Resurrection without any piece of flesh on his face.”

(al-Bukhaari)

Verily, Islam encourages us to strive and seek livelihood (*nafaqah*) through various means for as long as it does not violate the *shara'*. We are also required to embrace the attitude of

ta'afuf (safeguarding oneself from asking others), as Allah *Ta'aala* mentions in verse 273 of soorah al-Baqarah, which means:

“[Charity is] for the poor who have been restricted for the cause of Allah, unable to move about in the land. An ignorant [person] would think them self-sufficient because of their restraint, but you

***will know them by their
[characteristic] sign.***

***They do not ask people
persistently [or at all].***

***And whatever you spend
of good - indeed, Allah is
Knowing of it.”***

This verse was revealed to explain to us regarding the nobility of some of the Prophet's Companions whom were from amongst the poor, but they did not hope for the aid of others even

though they were in dire need. Such that those who do not know of the actual circumstances of these Companions would think that they are well off, for protecting their dignity by not asking others.

Verily, Allah has promised tremendous reward for His slaves that earnestly strive and work in providing sustenance to his family. This was mentioned in the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah

radiyAllaahu ‘anh, where
the Prophet ﷺ said:

***“Of the dinar you spend
as a contribution in
Allah’s path, or to set
free a slave, or as a
sadaqah given to a***

***needy, or to support
your family, the one
yielding the greatest
reward is that which
you spent on your
family.”***

(Muslim)

For the person that likes to ask from others while he is physically able, then it is *waajib* (obligatory) upon him to try his level best in seeking work.

Utilize all of the skills and strength possessed,

**as well as all
opportunities available,
so as to earn income in
sustaining oneself and
his dependents.
Remember! Allah will not
change the condition of
His slave until he strives**

**to change his condition
himself.**

**Indeed, the results
yielding from the work of
any skills possessed, that
is much better and
dignified from just being**

lazy and begging others.
This is based on the
hadeeth:

*“It is better for anyone of
you to take a rope (and
cut) and bring a bundle of
wood (from the forest)*

***over his back and sell it
and Allah will save his
face (from the Hell-Fire)
because of that, rather
than to ask the people
who may give him or
not.”***

(al-Bukhaari)

Regarding those that are lazy and purposely choose not to work, it is upon the society to provide them advice and guidance so that they will not remain lazy and only hoping for the sympathy of others.

Sayyidina ‘Umar ibn al-Khattaab *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* once advised and rebuked a group of people for having the misunderstanding upon the concept of *tawakkal* and purely relying upon

Allah without putting in the means. He said, *“Who are you people?”* They replied, *“We are the people of tawakkul.”* Sayyidina ‘Umar firmly stated, *“You are lying! The real people of*

tawakkul are those that would plant the seeds and then place reliance upon Allah. Do not be lazy from seeking sustenance and only supplicate, “O Allah, grant me provision” while knowing that

*the sky will not bring
down the rain of dinar
and dirham.”*

To end this *khutbah*, let
us internalize upon the
following advice:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have full certainty that Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has greater love for His slaves that earnestly strive in seeking *halaal* provision to provide for themselves and their families.

2. The Muslim *ummah* is prohibited from asking others without putting in any effort, while in actuality they are able to work.

3. The Muslim *ummah* must place greater priority upon the *nafaqah* of the family through earnest efforts that will earn great rewards from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

“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)



**THE SECOND
KHUTBAH**



Once again, I would like to remind all of us to always have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and realize that Islam teaches us to remain moderate in every actions and



deeds. As Muslims, we are to manifest noble *akhlaaq*, having utmost personality and attitude for Rasulullah ﷺ was sent to perfect *akhlaaq* and as mercy for the entire mankind and the worlds. Therefore, let us



**always increase our *salawaat*
and *salaam* upon our Prophet
Muhammad صلى الله
عليه وسلم . Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala
mentions:**



“Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace.” (al-Ahzaab 33:56)



O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us *rahmah* and *ni'mah*, that we are able to continue the effort in empowering the Muslim *ummah*, as an advanced state,



prosperous and providing welfare, under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic affairs in this state.



**Hence, we sincerely beseech
You, O Allah, strengthen our
imaan and creed according to
that of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-
Jamaa'ah*, accept our righteous
deeds, cultivate our soul with
good mannerisms, unite our**



hearts, bestow upon us *rizq* with blessings, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, protect us from disasters and save us from teachings that are outside the fold of Islam such as *Qadiyaani*, deviant teachings such as



***Shee'ah*, and other teachings deemed as deviating from Islamic teachings or contradicting the creed of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*. 0 Allah, open up our hearts in performing the five daily**



**prayers, fulfilling *zakaat*
through the Selangor *Zakaat*
Board, making *waqf* and *infaaq*
of our wealth to Selangor *Waqf*
Corporation and Islamic
Development Trust Fund of
Selangor.**



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