

Nurturing The Heart

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النفس تَبْكِي عَلَى الدُّنْيَا وَقَدْ عَلِمَتْ

The Soul Cries over this world and yet **acknowledges**,

أَنَّ السَّعَادَةَ فِيهَا تَرْكُ مَا فِيهَا

that the **happiness** within it is to abandon what is within it.

لَا دَارٌ لِلْمَرْءِ بَعْدَ الْمَوْتِ يَسْكُنُهَا

There is no house for the individual to live in **after death**,

إِلَّا الَّتِي كَانَ قَبْلَ الْمَوْتِ بَانِيَهَا

except for the one that **he built** before his death.

فَإِنْ بَنَاهَا بِخَيْرٍ طَابَ مَسْكَنُهُ

And if he built it with **goodness**, pleasing his settlement will become,

وَإِنْ بَنَاهَا بِشَرٍّ خَابَ بَانِيَهَا

And if he built it with **evil**, disappointed its builder will be.

Reflect over the following questions

1. When was the last time I did a good deed *only* for Allah?
2. Have I ever changed my worship due to who was watching?
3. What is more important to me: people's praise or Allah's pleasure?

2. Riyaa - Showing-Off

قُلْ إِن تَخْفُواْ مَا فِى صُدُورِكُمْ أَوْ تُبْدُوهُ يُعْلَمَهُ اللَّهُ ^{قُلْ} وَيَعْلَمُ مَا فِى السَّمَوَاتِ
وَمَا فِى الْأَرْضِ ^{قُلْ} وَاللَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ٢٩

Say, "Whether you conceal what is in your breasts or reveal it, Allāh knows it. And He knows that which is in the heavens and that which is on the earth. And Allāh is over all things competent.

Qur'an 3:29

2. Riyaa - Showing-Off

الرياء ضد الإخلاص

Riyaa is the opposite of Ikhlas - What is Ikhlas?

الرياء فمشتق من الرؤية وهو أن يعمل العمل ليراه الناس

To be seen by the people

السمعة مشتقة من السمع وهو: أن يعمل العمل ليسمعه الناس

To be heard by the people

It's foundation is doing actions of goodness and piety **so that people see them or hear of them**, in order to win their praise and admiration, to gain position and status amongst them and to obtain the goals and objectives of this world.

2. Riyaa - Showing-Off

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَا تُبْطِلُوا صَدَقَاتِكُمْ بِالْمَنِّ وَالْأَذَى كَالَّذِي يُنْفِقُ مَالَهُ رِئَاءَ
النَّاسِ وَلَا يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ

O you who have believed, do not invalidate your charities with reminders [of it] or injury as does one who spends his wealth [only] to be seen by the people and does not believe in Allāh and the Last Day.

Qur'an 2:264

2. Riyaa - Showing-Off

The Prophet, sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam, said:

"What I fear for you the most is the **Minor Shirk, that is ar-riya**. Allah will say on the Day of Judgement when He is rewarding the people for their actions: Go to those for whom you did Riya for in the world then see if you find the reward with them."

[Related by Ahmad (5/428, 429)]

The Prophet, sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam, said:

"Shall I not inform you of what I fear for you more than the Masih ad-Dajjal? It is the **hidden Shirk**. It is when a man stands up for prayer, then beautifies his prayer for another to look at."

[Related by Ibn Majah (2604)]

2. Riyaa - Showing-Off

Imam Ibn ul-Qayyim رحمه الله

If Allah wants well for a slave, He strips away from his heart the ability to see his own good deeds and speaking about them with his tongue, and preoccupies him with seeing his own sin, and it continues to remain in front of ".his eyes until he enters jannah

Tareeq Al-Hijratayn, 1/168-169

Whoever knows Allah will make his deeds sincere to“ Him. For Riya’ occurs when someone lacks knowledge of His Creator, when he does not glorify Allah as should be, when the inner self seeks people’s compliments and praise

Ibn Al-Jawzi - Discipling the Soul, pg 62

2. Riyaa - Showing-Off

Publicising one's good deeds
making false claims
Becoming a show-off after having been sincere
Abandoning deeds because of the people
Making worship noticeable in a subtle way
Displaying humility
Bringing attention to the faults of others
Speaking about matters in a way that alludes to the idea that one is engaged in them
Putting oneself on a pedestal
Refuting the people of knowledge
Seeking knowledge to acquire fame

Feudal Ibn 'iyod (May Allah be pleased with him) said
"Whoever is saddened by loneliness and feels tranquil
around the people, is not safe from Riyaa."

The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) taught to his companions: “Shirk among you will be more subtle than the footsteps of an ant, but I will teach you something which, if you do it, both minor and major shirk will be kept away from you. Say:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ أَنْ أُشْرِكَ بِكَ وَأَنَا أَعْلَمُ
وَأَسْتَغْفِرُكَ لِمَا لَا أَعْلَمُ

O Allah, I seek refuge in You lest I associate anything with You knowingly, and I seek Your forgiveness for what I know not.