



# IN *submission*

In an ayah of the Holy Quran, Allah ﷻ says:

تِلْكَ حُدُودُ اللَّهِ وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ يُدْخِلْهُ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا ذَلِكَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ

“These are the limits [set by] Allah, and whoever obeys Allah and His Messenger will be admitted by Him to gardens [in Paradise] under which rivers flow, abiding eternally therein; and that is the greatest success.”

[Surah An-Nisaa; 4:13]

What comes to your mind when you hear the word success? Is it fame or wealth? Is it power or is it hard work? Is it an achievement of goals or is it respect? Is it stability or is it a good career?

*Success* is a very powerful word — many of us run behind it but we **all** want to conquer it.

Each person has his own view on what success means and that concept of success is what prepares our minds to understand it. From an Islamic perspective, success has been characterised in the most perfect way. It distinguishes between success and ultimate success. Islamically, success has been defined as a beneficial profit wherein the achiever is able to reap rewards in this world, as well as the Hereafter. True success is the contentment of the heart and this lies in submission.

It is well known amongst us that the word 'Islaam' literally means submission and a 'Muslim' is one who submits himself to Allah ﷻ, but the concrete question here is, **what really is submission?**

Submission is to lose control and totally surrender yourself to Allah ﷻ and no one and nothing else besides Him. This means that you should be humbly submissive by totally abiding to the commands of Allah ﷻ and adhering to the Shariah that was revealed by his Rasool ﷺ, thereby falling in love with Allah ﷻ and His Rasool ﷺ.

Anas رضی اللہ عنہ relates an incident regarding the prohibition of alcohol. As the young boy in the house, he would frequently serve Abu Talha رضی اللہ عنہ (his step-father) and his guests. Once, as they were busy entertaining guests, a cry was heard:

أَلَا إِنَّ الْخُمْرَ قَدْ حُرِّمَتْ

Verily, alcohol has been deemed Haraam

Anas رضی اللہ عنہ states that Abu Talha رضی اللہ عنہ immediately instructed him to drain away all the stocks of alcohol. All those present dropped their goblets, breaking their utensils, before anybody could enter or exit the house. He further narrates that none of them thought it was necessary to make enquiries as to whether this prohibition had been announced by Nabi ﷺ himself, or it was merely a rumour. This scene was mirrored throughout the city of Madinah until floods of alcohol were flowing throughout the city. Such a vast amount of alcohol was drained that for a considerable amount of time, the stench of alcohol was present in the soil of Madinah.

The fact that the Sahaba Kiraam immediately adhered to the command without confirming shows their loyalty, steadfastness and total submission.

There are many other such incidents from the lives of the Sahaba Kiraam and our pious predecessors which depict their submission to the commandments of Allah ﷻ and His Rasool ﷺ.

## HOW DO WE BRING SUCCESS INTO OUR LIVES?

The following are a few ways in which we can bring success into our lives:

- Pray Salaah on time.
- Recite a portion of the Quran daily.
- Fill the heart with the remembrance of Allah and it will automatically submit to Him.
- Constantly seek forgiveness from Allah ﷻ .
- Steadfastness of the heart — take control of the heart and mind.
- Adopt the art of self-restraint and stay away from all the prohibitions.
- Make Dua.
- Lastly, remember consistency is the key. Success isn't always about greatness; it is about consistency.

Our choices and actions in this world determine our plight in the Hereafter. It is always said that in order to gain something in our life we have to sacrifice something. Success is just about the same and that sacrifice is this world. We need to learn to overcome our desires, to fight our nafs and not to easily succumb to the plots of Shaytaan. Yes, the road to success is not easy and it never will be easy. We will meet lots of difficulties, obstacles, hardships and trials along the way but with each one, we must be steadfast and we will emerge stronger, for success is a journey that continues even after the goal is achieved.

“Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice, and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do.”

May Allah ﷻ grant us the ability to completely obey Him and His Rasool ﷺ and may He lead us all towards the path of success. Aameen