

Pleasing ALLAH

"The greatest bliss is the good Pleasure of Allah: that is the supreme success."

[The Qur'an 9:72]

We can and must prepare ourselves to be worthy of receiving this gift.

One who seeks to please Allah must be truthful in all matters.

"Allah does not guide one who is a liar and a disbeliever." [39:3, 2:264]

Islam clarifies and guides to the Truth.

The Prophet (pbuh) said:

"Truthfulness leads to righteousness, and righteousness leads to Heaven."

[Bukhari, Muslim, Abu Dawood, Tirmithi]

The seekers of Allah's pleasure must at all times be grateful as they are promised "abundance" for being grateful. [14:7]

And have you seen the water that you drink?

Is it you who brought it down from the clouds, or is it We who bring it down?

If We willed, We could make it bitter. So why are you not grateful?

[The Qur'an 56:68-70]

The Prophet (pbuh) said:

"Allah is truly pleased with a servant eating a meal and thanking Him for it and having a drink and thanking Him for it." [Muslim]

Allah The Most Generous says that *"if you want to count the favours of Allah, you will never be able to count them."* [14:34]

Sari al-Saqati explained 'gratefulness' thus: *"It is to NOT USE Allah's favors for the purpose of disobeying Him."*

Satan who seduces mankind to disobey Allah will in the end deny responsibility on the Day of Judgment:

"I had no power over you. I just invited you (to do evil by making it appear good), and you accepted my invitation. Now! Do not blame me, but blame yourselves." [14:22]

The best protection against the evil whispers of Satan is to take refuge in Allah through constant remembrance of Him (*dhikrullah*).

"And had it not been for Allah's grace and mercy, none of you would have been purified of sins. Allah purifies whom He pleases. Allah is All Knowing and All Hearing." [24:21]

Let us be truthful, grateful and take refuge in Allah.

May He be pleased with us. Ameen

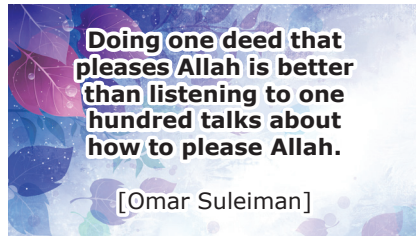
Allah knows best.

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With The Name of Allah,
The Intensely Merciful, The Eternally Merciful

Pleasing Allah



This life is temporary,
the Hereafter is everlasting.

The Believers supplicate to Allah
to grant them the best in this life
and the Hereafter. [2:201]

The Believers conduct themselves
in ways that please Allah and
hope for Paradise by His Mercy.

**Pleasing Allah is the only right measure
of all thought, speech and action.**

*"Surely, my prayer, my sacrifice, my life,
and my death are all for Allah,
the Lord of the Worlds."* [6:162]

The Believers begin all acts by saying,
Bismillah ("With The Name of Allah").

They also justify their actions as
fisabilillah ("in the Cause of Allah").

When they help others in need they are only
making known their intention to please Allah.

They do not satisfy the needs of others.
Allah is the sole Sustainer of all needs.

The Believers spend in charity out of what
Allah has provided for their sustenance. [2:3]

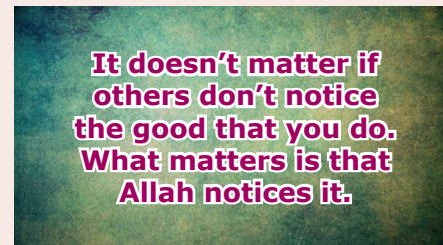
What passed from them to another person
was nothing more than handing over what
Allah had decreed for the other person.

And if others don't appreciate, it doesn't
matter. They didn't do it for them anyway.
It was to please Allah.

Truly generous persons feed the hungry
"Saying, 'We feed you for the sake of Allah
Alone, we seek from you neither reward
nor thanks.'" [76:9]

The Believers seek their reward from
their Creator and Lord, not from others.

Prophet Noah (pbuh) told his people:
*"I do not ask you any wealth for this work,
for none but Allah can reward me."* [11:29]



We do not know whether our deeds please
Allah because only He knows best. [17:25]

The Believers supplicate to Allah
to accept the "good" in their deeds,
forgive the "bad" in them.

The Prophet (pbuh) said: *"The reward for
deeds depends upon the intentions and
everyone will get the reward according to
what he has intended."* [Bukhari]

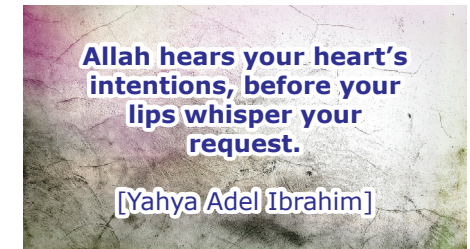
What intentions will Allah accept?

**"Allah is pure and good, and He accepts
only what is pure and good."** [Muslim]

Intentions are good when they conform to
what are permitted (*halāl*) and prohibited
(*harām*) in The Qur'an and the *Sunnah*.

They are pure when the aim is solely
to please Allah The Most High.

Purity of intention (*ikhlas un-niyyat*)
is a matter of the heart.



Only an intention from a heart purified of
all things other than Allah will please Allah.

One achieves purity by purging the heart
of the desire to please oneself and others.

Al Junayd compared the effort to purify the
heart to *"a war in which there is no peace."*

It is a war against the desire for fame,
power and glory, and the pulls of greed,
lust, jealousy and vengeance.

It is a war against the enemy *within* us.

Allah knows what is in our hearts. [3:29]

Allah grants success and guidance
to whom He chooses. [28:68]

Allah The Most High promises that:
*"Those who strive in Our cause,
We guide them to Our ways."* [29:69]

**Attaining purity of intention
is thus a gift of Allah.**