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Hadith #1

وعَنْ أَنَسٍ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: «يَتْبَعُ المَيِّتَ ثَلاثَةٌ: فَيَرْجِعُ اثْنانِ ويَبْقى مَعَهُ واحِدٌ يَتْبَعُهُ أَهْلُهُ ومالُهُ وعَمَلُهُ فَيَرْجِعُ أَهْلُهُ ومالُهُ ويَبْقى عمله». مُتَّفق عَلَيْهِ

Anas b. Malik reported Allah's Messenger saying: Three things follow the bier of a dead man. Two of them come back and one is left with him: the members of his family, wealth and his good deeds. The members of his family and wealth come back and the deeds alone are left with him.

- When we pass away, nothing goes with us except our deeds.
- The Prophet SAW tells us that on the day of Judgement, Allah SWT will say to us, "Oh son of Adam these are your actions which We have gathered here for you." Anyone that finds good in their actions thank Allah and those who find anything else can not blame anyone else but themselves.
- The poet says: "The grave is a place of actions"
- We want to be of those who when we leave, the Prophet SAW is pleased with us.

Hadith #2

وعَن مُطرّف عَنْ أَبِيهِ قَالَ: أَتَيْتُ النَّبِيَّ ﷺ وهُوَ يقْرَأ: (آلهاكم التكاثر) قَالَ: «يَقُولُ ابْنُ آدَمَ: مالِي مالِي». قالَ: «وهَلْ لَكَ يا ابْنَ آدَمَ إلّا ما أكَلْتَ فَأَفْنَيْتَ أَوْ لَبِسْتَ فَأَبْلَيْتَ أَوْ تصدَّقت فأمضيت؟ ؟». رَواهُ مُسلم

Mutarrif reported on the authority of his father: I came to Allah's Apostle as he was reciting:" Abundance diverts you". He said: The son of Adam claims: My wealth, my wealth. And he (the Holy Prophet) said: O son of Adam, is there anything as your belonging except that which you consumed, which you utilized, or which you wore and then it was worn out or you gave as charity and sent it forward?

 This hadith highlights for us the idea that nothing of the material things will matter after we leave this world.

Hadith #3

وعَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ قالَ: قالَ رَسُولُ اللّٰهِّ ﷺ: «لَيْسَ الغِنى عَنْ كَثْرَةِ العَرَضِ ولَكِنَّ وعَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ العَرَضِ ولَكِنَّ وَعَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةً العَرَضِ ولَكِنَّ النَّفس» مُتَّفق عَلَيْهِ.

Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet said, "Richness is not the abundance of wealth, rather it is self-sufficiency."

- Having things in this dunya is not a bad thing until it is being prioritized over akhira.
- Allah SWT is the One who provides happiness in life so He can not be neglected.
- Allah SWT reminds us in the Quran:

"Those who believe, and whose hearts find satisfaction in the remembrance of Allah: for without doubt in the remembrance of Allah do hearts find satisfaction. (13:28)

- True happiness is in the remembrance of Allah SWT.
- The Prophet SAW was so happy even though he lived the most simple life.

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- We see people on social media who live lavish lifestyles and appear to be happy, but they are not truly happy.
- As long as Allah SWT is happy with us, nothing else matters.
- Self worth can not measured by money and material things.
 - Imam Shafi'i said: I wear clothing that if you were to sell it for a penny or two, the penny would be worth more than my clothing, but in my clothing there is someone more valuable.
 - Value is in character and Iman, not physical attributes.
- Allah SWT is sufficient for us.
 - If we have everything but we do not have Allah SWT, it will never be enough.
 - Everything that we lose can have a substitute, but there is no substitute for Allah SWT.

Hadith #4

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللّٰهِ ﷺ: «من أخذ عَنِّي هَوُّلاءِ الكَلِماتِ فَيَعْمَلُ بِهِنَّ؟» قُلْتُ: أنا يا رَسُولَ الله فَأخذ بيَدي فَعَدَّ خَمْسًا فَقَالَ: «اتَّقِ المَحارِمَ تَكُنْ أَعْبَدَ النّاسِ وارْضَ بِما قَسَمَ اللّٰهُ لَكَ تَكُنْ أَعْبَدَ النّاسِ وارْضَ بِما قَسَمَ اللّٰهُ لَكَ تَكُنْ أَعْفِرَ أَعْبَدَ النّاسِ وارْضَ بِما قَسَمَ اللّٰهُ لَكَ تَكُنْ أَعْنَى النّاسِ وأَحْسِنْ إلى جارِكَ تَكُنْ مُؤْمِنًا وأحِبَّ لِلنّاسِ ما تُحِبُّ لِنَوْسِكَ تَكُنْ مُشْلِمًا ولا تُكْثِرِ الضَّحِكَ فَإِنَّ كَثْرَةَ الضَّحِكَ تُمِيتُ القَلْبَ». وَوَاهُ أَحْمَدُ والتَّرْمِذِيُّ وقالَ: هَذا حَدِيثٌ غَرِيبٌ

Abu Hurairah reported that the Messenger of Allah said: "Who will take these statements from me, so that he may act upon them, or teach one who will act upon them?" So Abu Hurairah said: "I said: 'I shall O Messenger of Allah!' So he took my hand and enumerated five (things), he said: "Be on guard against the unlawful and you shall be the most worshiping among the people, be satisfied with what Allah has alloted for you and you shall be the richest of the people, be kind to your neighbor and you shall be a believer, love for the people what you love for yourself and you shall be a Muslim. And do not laugh too much, for indeed increased laughter kills the heart."

- This hadith shows us that knowledge is a gift which must be committed to by the person learning it.
 - The Prophet SAW did not simply begin telling them but he asked them who is ready to receive this knowledge.

- The waste of knowledge is to teach people who do not show importance to it.
- The Prophet SAW gave Abu Hurayrah five advices.
- The first was to stay away from that which is unlawful and you will be the most righteous.
 - Scholars agreed that the one who refrains from sin is more righteous than the one does an abundance of good deeds without refraining from sin.
 - Nothing brings a person closer to Allah SWT than preventing oneself from doing sins.
 - Fasting brings a person closer to Allah SWT because we are refraining from so many things which are impermissible (backbiting, bad character, etc.)
- The second is to be pleased with what Allah SWT gave you and you will be the most content.
 - The Prophet SAW said: If the son of Adam had one valley of gold, he would want another valley.
 - By understanding that our wealth is not ours, but it is for the ummah, we can find true contentment.
- The third is to be good to your neighbor and you will be a true believer.
 - Being good to a non-Muslim neighbor is the best form of dawah.
 - The companions would say that the Prophet SAW spoke to them about being good to their neighbors so much that they thought their inheritance would go to their neighbors.
- The fourth is to love for others what you love for yourself and you will be a true Muslim.
- The fifth is not to laugh to much because it kills the heart.
 - There is a balance when it comes to laughing and being serious.
 - It is important for us to smile and have lighthearted moments but not in abundance.

Hadith #5

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ قالَ: قالَ رَسُولُ اللّٰهِّ ﷺ: «إنَّ اللّٰهَّ يَقُولُ: ابْنَ آدَمَ تَفْرَّغْ لِعِبادَتِي أَمْلَأُ صَدْرَكَ غِنِّى وأَسِدَّ فَقْرَكَ وإنْ لا تَفْعَلْ مَلَأْتُ يَدَكَ شُغُلًا ولَمْ أَسُدَّ فقرك». رَواهُ أَحْمد وابْن ماجَه

Abu Hurairah narrated that the Messenger of Allah said: "Indeed Allah, Most High said: 'O son of Adam! Devote yourself to My worship, I will fill your chest with riches and alleviate your poverty. And if you do not do so, then I will fill your hands with problems and not alleviate your poverty."

- Allah SWT is telling us to take out time for Him and our problems will be solved.
- Many times we may think that by decreasing our time for Allah SWT we will have more time to deal with our problems, but our problems will never get solved if we take away time from Him.
- Allah SWT loves us, so when we take out time for Him, He gives us even more.
 - It is out of Allah's mercy that He provided us with acts of worship which will only benefit us more when we do them.
 - Even though it is our obligation to worship Allah SWT, He rewards us more and thanks us for our good acts due to His mercy.