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Hadith #1

عَنْ جَابِرٍ قَالَ ذُكِرَ رَجُلٌ عِنْدَ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ بِعِبَادَةٍ
وَاجْتِهَادٍ وَذُكِرَ عِنْدَهُ آخَرُ بِرِعَاةٍ فَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
" لَا تَعْدِلُ بِالرِّعَةِ " يَغْنِي الْوَرَعَ

It was narrated from Jabir, that a man was mentioned in the presence of the Prophet for his worship and striving in it, and another man was mentioned for his cautious piety. So, the Prophet said:
"Nothing is equal to cautious piety."

- It is better to live a life of taqwa than to do a lot of good, but also commit a lot of sins. However, we should never stop doing the good that we are doing.
- This hadith encourages us because the purpose of our worship should be to build this consciousness of Allah.
- Allah SWT stated in the Quran:

وَلَا تَكُونُوا كَالَّتِي نَقَضَتْ غَزْلَهَا مِنْ بَعْدِ قُوَّةٍ

And do not be like her who unravels her yarn, breaking it into pieces, after she has spun it strongly (Surah Nahl, Ayah 92)

- Don't be like the person that does so much good, but then destroys their good with a single action.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَبْطِلُوا صَدَقَاتِكُمْ بِالْمَنِّ وَالْأَذَى

O you who believe! Do not nullify your charitable deeds with reminders and hurtful words (Surah Baqarah, Ayah 264)

- If you are going to give someone, don't remind them of your favor because that could completely invalidate your good deed.

قَوْلٌ مَّعْرُوفٌ وَمَغْفِرَةٌ خَيْرٌ مِنْ صَدَقَةٍ يَتْبَعُهَا أَذَى

Kind words and forgiveness are better than charity followed by insults.
(Surah Baqarah, Ayah 263)

- Don't remind people and try to make them feel indebted to you for something you did for them.
 - The person who worships Allah abundantly, but is involved in haram is not equal to the person who worships Allah less, but does not involve themselves in haram doings.
- The Prophet SAW said: اتَّقِ الْمَحَارِمَ تَكُنْ أَعْبَدَ النَّاسِ - Be on guard against the unlawful and you shall be the most worshiping among the people.
- وَرَعَ (wara') vs. تَقْوَى (taqwah)
 - تَقْوَى is to stay away from things that are impermissible
 - وَرَعَ is to stay away from things that are doubtful
- Ahnaf bin Qays was once sitting and came across the ayah in Surah Al-Anbiyaa:

لَقَدْ أَنْزَلْنَا إِلَيْكُمْ كِتَابًا فِيهِ ذِكْرُكُمْ أَفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ

We have sent down to you a Book, containing your message. Do you not understand?" (Surah Al-Anbiyaa, Ayah 10)

- So, he opened the Quran and wanted to see where he could find himself in the Quran. He came across the ayah in Surah Ath-Thariyaat:

كَانُوا قَلِيلًا مِنَ اللَّيْلِ مَا يَهْجَعُونَ (17) وَبِالْأَسْحَارِ هُمْ يَسْتَغْفِرُونَ (18)

They used to sleep a little at night (Surah Al-Thariyaat, Ayah 17)
And at dawn, they would pray for pardon (Surah Al-Thariyaat, Ayah 18)

- Then, he went to the ayah in Surah As-Sajdah:

تَتَجَافَى جُنُوبُهُمْ عَنِ الْمَضَاجِعِ يَدْعُونَ رَبَّهُمْ خَوْفًا وَطَمَعًا
وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنْفِقُونَ

Their sides shun their beds, as they pray to their Lord, out of reverence and hope; and from Our provisions to them, they give.

(Surah As-Sajdah, Ayah 16)

- Again, he continued to another ayah and came across ayah 134 in Surah Ali-Imran:

الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ فِي السَّرَّاءِ وَالضَّرَّاءِ وَالْكَاطِمِينَ الْغَيْظَ وَالْعَافِينَ عَنِ
النَّاسِ وَاللَّهُ يُحِبُّ الْمُحْسِنِينَ

Those who give in prosperity and adversity, and those who restrain anger, and those who forgive people. God loves the doers of good.

- He went on to ayah 9 in Surah Al-Hashr:

وَالَّذِينَ تَبَوَّءُوا الدَّارَ وَالْإِيمَانَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ يُحِبُّونَ مَنْ هَاجَرَ إِلَيْهِمْ وَلَا
يَجِدُونَ فِي صُدُورِهِمْ حَاجَةً مِمَّا أُوتُوا وَيُؤْتِرُونَ عَلَىٰ أَنْفُسِهِمْ وَلَوْ كَانَ بِهِمْ
خَصَاصَةٌ وَمَنْ يُوَقِّ شُحَّ نَفْسِهِ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ

And those who, before them, had settled in the homeland, and had accepted faith. They love those who emigrated to them, and find no hesitation in their hearts in helping them. They give them priority over themselves, even if they themselves are needy. Whoever is protected from his natural greed—it is they who are the successful.

- Then, he went to ayah 37 Surah Ash-Shura:

وَالَّذِينَ يَجْتَنِبُونَ كَبَائِرَ الْإِثْمِ وَالْفَوَاحِشَ وَإِذَا مَا غَضِبُوا هُمْ يَغْفِرُونَ

And those who avoid major sins and indecencies; and if they become angry, they forgive.

- After reading all of these ayat, he decided that he was not a part of any of these groups. So, he stopped and said, “O Allah, I don’t see myself in these verses.” Then, he decided to look at the verses that describe the people on the opposite side of goodness.
- He came across the ayah 35 and 36 in Surah Saffaat:

إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا إِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ (35) وَيَقُولُونَ إِنَّا لَتَارِكُو
آلِهَتِنَا لِشَاعِرٍ مَجْنُونٍ (36)

When it was said to them, "There is no god except God," they grew arrogant. (Surah Saffat, Ayah 35)

And said, "Are we to abandon our gods for a mad poet?" (Ayah 36)

- Then, ayah 45 in Sura Az-Zumar:

وَإِذَا ذُكِرَ اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ اشْمَأَزَّتْ قُلُوبُ الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْآخِرَةِ

When God alone is mentioned, the hearts of those who do not believe in the Hereafter shrink with resentment.

- Then, ayahs 43-47 in Surah Al-Muddathir:

قَالُوا لَمْ نَكُ مِنَ الْمُصَلِّينَ (43) وَلَمْ نَكُ نُطْعِمِ الْمِسْكِينَ (44)
وَكُنَّا نَخُوضُ مَعَ الْخَائِضِينَ (45) وَكُنَّا نَكْذِبُ يَوْمَ الدِّينِ (46)
حَتَّىٰ آتَانَا الْيَقِينَ (47)

They will say, 'We were not of those who prayed. (43) Nor did we feed the destitute. (44) And we used to indulge with those who indulge. (45) And we used to indulge with those who indulge. (46) And we used to indulge with those who indulge.' (47)

- Then, Ahnaf stopped and said, "O Allah, I take refuge and protection from being amongst these people." He didn't find himself to be among the righteous nor the wretched. So, he continued and came across ayah 102 in Surah At-Tawbah:

وَآخِرُونَ اعْتَرَفُوا بِذُنُوبِهِمْ خَلَطُوا عَمَلًا صَالِحًا وَآخَرَ سَيِّئًا عَسَى اللَّهُ أَنْ
يَتُوبَ عَلَيْهِمْ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ

Others have confessed their sins, having mixed good deeds with bad deeds. Perhaps God will redeem them. God is Forgiving and Merciful

- He found himself to be from among these people.
- The essence of our worship is to build endurance and ability to stay away from things that are unlawful.

Hadith #2

عَنْ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ اغْتَنِمْ خَمْسًا قَبْلَ خَمْسٍ شَبَابَكَ قَبْلَ هَرَمِكَ وَصِحَّتَكَ قَبْلَ سَقَمِكَ وَغِنَاكَ قَبْلَ فَقْرِكَ وَفَرَاغَكَ قَبْلَ شُغْلِكَ وَحَيَاتَكَ قَبْلَ مَوْتِكَ

Ibn Abbas reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "Take advantage of five before five: your youth before your old age, your health before your illness, your riches before your poverty, your free time before your work, and your life before your death."

- One of the people who will be under the shade of Allah on the Day of Judgement is the young person who spent their time in the masjid.
- People who are successful are successful in every moment they have
- In another hadith of the Prophet SAW, he SAW said:

عَنْ مُعَاذِ بْنِ جَبَلٍ قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ لَا تَزُولُ قَدَمًا عَبْدٍ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ حَتَّى يُسْأَلَ عَنْ أَرْبَعِ خِصَالٍ عَنْ عُمُرِهِ فِيمَا أَفْتَاهُ وَعَنْ شَبَابِهِ فِيمَا أَبْلَاهُ وَعَنْ مَالِهِ مِنْ أَيْنَ اكْتَسَبَهُ وَفِيمَا أَنْفَقَهُ وَعَنْ عِلْمِهِ مَاذَا عَمِلَ فِيهِ

Mu'adh ibn Jabal reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "The feet of a servant will not move on the Day of Resurrection until he is asked about four matters: his lifetime and how he used it, his youth and how he exhausted it, his wealth and how he earned it and spent it, and his knowledge and how he acted upon it."

- Imam Shafii said that one of the best things he heard from the Sufis was that the nature of the soul is that if you not keep it occupied and engaged, then it will engage you and make you do haram.
 - The other thing he heard from them was:
الوقت كالسيف إن لم تقطعه قطعك - Time is like a sword. If you do not cut it, it will cut you.
- Pious people are constantly going from one good thing to another, with no time wasted.

- The Prophet SAW said: الشَّبَابُ شُعْبَةٌ مِنَ الْجُنُونِ - The age of youth is a time when it can have badness.
 - So, we need to be the most careful of what we are doing and how we are spending our time during this age.
- Health is a huge blessing from Allah. You can do so much when you are healthy, so we need to take advantage of it.
- The poet said:

إِنَّ الْمُلُوكَ إِذَا شَابَتْ عِبِيدُهُمْ فِي رِقْمِهِمْ عَتَقُوا أَبْرَارَ

Indeed, the masters, when their servants become old in their servitude, they set them free.

وَأَنْتَ يَا خَالِقِي ... أَوْلَىٰ بِذَا كَرَمًا قَدْ شَبْتُ فِي الرَّقِّ فَاعْتَقِنِي مِنَ النَّارِ

And you, my Creator, I have become old in my servitude, so free me from the fire.

Hadith #3

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " بَادِرُوا بِالْأَعْمَالِ سَبْعًا هَلْ تَنْظُرُونَ إِلَّا فَقْرًا مُنْسِيًّا أَوْ غِنًى مُطْغِيًّا أَوْ مَرَضًا مُفْسِدًا أَوْ هَرَمًا مُفْنِدًا أَوْ مَوْتًا مُجْهَرًا أَوْ الدَّجَالَ فَالدَّجَالُ فَشَرُّ غَائِبٍ يُنْتَظَرُ أَوْ السَّاعَةَ فَالسَّاعَةُ أَذْهَىٰ وَأَمَرُّ

Abu Hurairah RA narrated that the Messenger of Allah SAW said: "Race to do works against seven. Are you waiting but for overwhelming poverty, or distracting richness, or debilitating illness, or babbling senility, or sudden death, or the Dajjal, so that hidden evil is what is awaited, or the Hour? The Hour is more calamitous and more bitter."

- What are you waiting for to do good deeds?

Hadith #4

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ أَلَا إِنَّ الدُّنْيَا مَلْعُونَةٌ مَلْعُونٌ مَا فِيهَا إِلَّا ذِكْرُ اللَّهِ وَمَا وَالَاهُ وَعَالِمٌ أَوْ مُتَعَلِّمٌ

Abu Huraira reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "Lo! Indeed, the world is cursed and everything in it, except for the remembrance of Allah and what facilitates it, the scholar or the student."

- Our hearts should not get so overwhelmed with matters of this dunya
- To overexert ourselves for the dunya is cursed and not worth it.
 - However, any aspect of it which is earned or attained for Allah and His religion is not cursed and worth it.