

LET YOUR WORK TO BE WORSHIP

As for officials and clerks:

Their actual worship is to:

- Satisfy people's matters, ease their interests and facilitate their needs.
- They should stop taking gratuities (gift or bribe), unfortunately, they only do their work when they take this and think that it is legal (Halal).
- We see nowadays when someone go to any office to finish any matter, he finds the official went to prepare for noon prayer half an hour before it, although Allah made its time extended from noon to before the afternoon prayer, but the messenger of Allah (May the blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) says about the need of a believer:

"Whoever walked to satisfy a brother's need, Allah made seventy five thousand angels supplicate for him, he walks in mercy until he finishes, if he finishes, Allah grants him the favor of a pilgrimage and an Omrah."¹

In another narration he says:

"Whoever walked to satisfy a brother's need, either it is done or not, I will be at his scales, if his favor scale outweighed or I'll intercede for him."

Which is worthier here: To benefit a Muslim or to pray and simulate in front of people? The greatest worship here is to fulfill Muslims' needs. This doesn't mean that I am calling for leaving acts of worship, but I'm calling for understanding worship. Look at the understanding of our ancestors in satisfying Muslims' needs, Abdullah Ibn Ab'bas was sitting at the mosque of the messenger of Allah during the last ten days of Ramadan, if someone is doing Ietekaf, he shouldn't go out of the mosque unless there is an urgent matter, a man came and said: "O Ibn Ab'bas, could you do

¹ Al-Khara'ety by Abdullah Ibn Amr and Abi-Horayra, Jamea Al-Ahadeeth Wal-Maraseel.

me a favor?" He said: "What?" He said: "I want you to do so and so for me." He said: "Ok come on." And he went out with him. The man said: "O Ibn Ab'bas, did you forget that you are doing Ietekaf?" He said: "I know, but I heard the prophet saying: Whoever walked to satisfy the need of a brother, either it is done or not, is better than staying in this mosque for sixty years."²

Should I leave the need of a Muslim and sit in mosques to cook, eat and recite Koran, what will they read in Koran? Allah says:

"(Believers are) Merciful among themselves." 48-29

Where is mercy according to those who do Ietekaf and are extravagant in doing acts of worship but at the same time they suspend the interests of people and made people hate the religion of Allah by their misunderstanding of actual worship? Where is their mercy in Ramadan and after Ramadan all over the year? This is Koran, satisfying Muslims' needs is more useful for a Muslim in his degree and favor from Allah than Nawafel (non-obligatory acts of worship) after performing duties.

² Another narration by Ibn Ab'bas, the prophet (May the blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said: Whoever walked to satisfy his brother's need, is better than staying in a mosque for ten years, whoever stayed in a mosque for one day for God's sake, Allah will make three trenches between him and the hell, each one exceeds the length of the universe." Narrated by At'Tabarany in Al-Awsat by good reference.