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Another responsibility of the people is to have good thoughts about the twelfth Imam (ajtf). A true believer must always perform good deeds which will earn the pleasure of the Imam and this cannot be achieved except through obedience to the commandments he has given us and through possessing taqwa of Allah.

In reality, the followers of each of the A`immah (as) wanted the best for their Imam and obeyed them in all matters and tried to always follow their orders. Therefore, the true beauty of a person is that he does those things which are the best for his Imam and refrains from anything which would hurt or annoy him.

Imam Muhammad b. 'Ali al-Baqir (as) has stated that the Messenger of Allah said:

مَا نَظَرَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ إِلَى وَلِيِّ لَهُ يُجَاهِدُ نَفْسَهُ بِالطَّاعَةِ لِإِمَامِهِ وَ النَّصِيحَةِ إِلَّا كَانَ مَعَنَا فِي الرَّفِيقِ الْأَعْلَى

“Almighty Allah never looks at a servant and finds him working hard in obedience and compliance with his Imam, but that He includes him with us in the most exalted rank. “[1](#)

Imam Ja'far b. Muhammad as-Sadiq (as) has stated that:

كُونُوا لَنَا زِينًا وَ لَا تَكُونُوا عَلَيْنَا شَيْنًا

“Be a beauty for us (the Ahlul Bayt) and do not be a source of embarrassment for us.”[2](#)

[1](#). al-Kafi, vol. 1, pg. 404, sec. 'That which the Prophet commanded,' no. 3

[2](#). Biharul Anwar, vol. 68, pg. 151, sec. 19, no. 6

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