

The Religious Rules

O, you the flowering bud in the orchard of life! Your deeds must, from now on follow a specific law that makes them as God wants. This law is the religious rules. Islam divides these religious rules into five parts: duties, forbiddances, desirable deeds, detested deeds, and permitted deeds. The only way to win in the hereafter is to follow these rules in this world.

So, my dear! You have become responsible to measure your deeds according to these rules. For this, you are considered "religiously responsible". Let us read in the following chart about their major titles:

The good deed is the advising companion.

Imam Ali ibn Abi Taleb (God's peace bestowed upon him)

- **Duties:** They are the deeds that you must perform and that you must not abandon, such as the daily prayers, veiling, honesty, etc.
- **Forbiddances:** They are the deeds that you must not perform and that you must abandon, such as singing, disobeying the parents, lying, etc.
- **Desirable Deeds:** They are the deeds that you are rewarded if you perform them and that you can abandon, such as saluting people, giving alms, supplication, etc.
- **Detested Deeds:** They are the deeds that you are not rewarded if you abandon them and that you can perform, such as talking in the mosque in something rather than glorifying God, sleeping between dawn and sunrise, etc.
- **Permitted Deeds:** They are the deeds that you are neither rewarded nor punished if you perform or abandon them, such as walking, eating, drinking, etc.

“See you not how Allah sets forth a parable? A goodly word as a good tree, whose root is firmly fixed, and its branches reach to the sky * Giving its fruits all the time...” [Surah Al-Ibrahim, 14:24-25]

The most important points that you are religiously responsible for are:

1. Imitation
2. Guardianship and Disavowal
3. Not Committing Sins
4. Performing the Duties

“Allah burdens not a person beyond his scope. He gets reward for that (good) which he has earned, and he is punished for that (evil) which he has earned...” [Surah Al-Baqarah, 2:286]

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