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39. What role does the struggle/jihad in the path to Allah SWT have in building the Islamic community?

The tip of a shovel, due to the striking of the earth and along with the wear and tear it gets as a result, remains white, shiny and sharp, but the upper parts while bulky, is black and rusty.

Likewise, a nation strives in the path of Allah SWT and sends its youth to wars defending its doctrine and nation, and although it appears on the surface that the youth are perishing and the nation is exhausting its youth, from the standpoint of the international community and position of conscious awareness, that heart of the nation is white and unaccepting of loss... as opposed to a colonized nation in fear that appears on the outside to have more of the comforts of the world, but its inside is black and rusted.

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