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Preface

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In The Name of Allah, The Beneficent, The Merciful

(i) ***Revile not them*** (***the idols***) ***whom they invoke other than Allah, lest. they maliciously revile Allah without knowledge.*** (***6: 109***)

(ii) ***There is no compulsion in religion.*** (***2:256***)

(iii) ***Obey Allah and obey the Messenger and beware, but if ye turn back then know ye all that nothing incumbent upon Our Messenger but to proclaim.*** (***5:92***)

(iv) ***Call to the way of thy Lord by reasoning and pleasant exhortation; and argue with them in a descent manner.*** (***16: 25***)

(v) ***And hold ye fast by the cord of Allah all together and be not divided*** (***among yourselves***). (***3: 103***)

(vi) ***Verily: I am Allah there is no god but Me, therefore submit to Me and offer prayers to mention Me.*** (***20: 14***)

(vii) ***Recite from the Book revealed to thee and offer prayer. Prayer restrains from filth and evil. And remembrance of ALLAH is the greatest*** (***thing in life***) ***without doubt and Allah knows what you do.*** (***29:45***)

(viii) ***O my Son: Offer prayers and enjoin the good and forbid the evil and be patient whatever befalleth thee: for this is firmness in the conduct of affairs.*** (***31: 17***)

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Abu Dharr Al Ghifari relates:

The Holy Prophet (S) said: Oh Abu Dharr, a slanderer will not enter Paradise, I asked: who is a slanderer? The Prophet (S) replied: "He is a backbiter. O Abu Dharr, a backbiter cannot be safe from chastisement of The Almighty Allah, in the next world."

Let the slanderers and backbiters take a serious note of their fate as envisaged in the above quotation related by Abu Dharr. None can doubt the authenticity of the above Hadith, for it has been related by Abu Dharr who was regarded "Truthful" by the Prophet (S) himself.

Backbiting is a vicious vice; it is the sole cause of unwarranted enmity, hatred, dissension and disunity in a family, an institution, a community, etc. The backbiter in the heat of his maligned and malicious activity goes on sowing the seeds of discord, contempt and discontent in the minds of every person he meets, by speaking ill about one with others. Little does he realize that these seeds will develop deep roots and will cause collective and colossal damage to all including himself.

Remember that God will not pardon this sin of backbiting until the one who is hurt forgives him, and until he recompenses for the damage caused by him.

This nasty habit of backbiting and slandering must be shunned at the earliest and at all costs.

See what the Quran says about backbiting:

"O you who believe! Avoid most of suspicion, for surely suspicion in some cases is a sin, and do not spy nor let some of you backbite others. Does one of you like to eat the flesh of his dead brother? But you abhor it: and be careful of (your duty to) Allah, surely Allah is oft-returning (to mercy), Merciful". **(*49:12*)**

The booklet “Backbiting”, it is hoped, will go a long way in eradicating the epidemic evil of backbiting prevalent in the modern times and consequently bring peace and amity to mankind.

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