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Responsibility 79: Pleasing Other True Believers

Another responsibility is to please and cheer up the true believers, friends and Shi'a of the Imam as this actually makes the Imam happy!

We can please another believer through various ways, including: removing any difficulties from his life; helping him in his problems or worries; fulfilling his needs; helping one in the treatment of his sickness; and supplicating for the believer and showing respect and honour to him. One can also help his friends and close relatives such as his immediate family members, and children through material gifts.

Helping a true believer can be done through various means; however in all of them, if the person helps someone else purely for the pleasure of Imam al-Hujjah (ajtf) then without doubt, one has succeeded in attaining the pleasure of another believer and the happiness of the Imam of the Time!

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

لاَ يَرى أَحَدُكُمْ إِذَا أَدْخَلَ عَلى مُؤْمِنٍ سُرُوراً أَنَّهُ عَلَيْهِ أَدْخَلَهُ فَقَطْ، بَلْ وَ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْنَا، بَلْ وَ اللّٰهِ عَلَى رَسُولِ اللّٰهِ

"None of you should think that if you bring happiness to a believer that happiness has been brought to that person alone. Rather, by Allah, it has also brought us (the Ahlul Bayt) happiness, rather, by Allah, it has even brought happiness to the Messenger of Allah!"[1]

1. al-Kafi, vol. 2, pg. 189, sec. 'Bringing Happiness to a True Believer,' no. 6

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