

In the name of Allah the most gracious the most merciful.

Peace and blessing be up on the most trustworthy messenger who was not sent but only to be the mercy for the entire world...

Dear brothers and sisters..ASAWW

Islam is the religion which takes both life in life and thereafter quite seriously, it doesn't focus on one side and ignore the other. Its neither focus on element of soul in the expense of body nor it focuses on body in the expense of soul in fact, it's a religion which focuses on both livelihood and consequence thereafter and sees both soul and body equally!

My dear guests, one of those important elements which Islam sees as extremely crucial is earning your wages or income legitimately , are your earning it lawfully ? And would it be in the way that Islam recommends and so has the dedicated ruling for? The holy book of Quran and the traditions of our most beloved prophet (peace and blessing be up on him) have both reiterated in lots of different places that Muslims must earn their wages lawfully.

Allah SWT tells us in Surat Al Baqarah verse 168, and 172,

Oh Mankind, eat from whatever is on earth (that is lawful) and good and do not follow the footsteps of the devil , he is to you a clear enemy...

Oh you who have believed, eat from the good things which we have provided for you and be grateful to Allah if it is indeed him that you worship.

The mother of believers Aysha (may Allah put his mercy up on her) narrates from the messenger (peace and blessing of Allah be up on him) who said, the best and lawful provision is the one which a man has earned it properly.... Authentic by Ibn Haban

For a very good reason, the lawful income, wage or wealth is really hard to obtain in contrast, the unlawful wealth is earned quite easily as we see it clearly now days where people become rich in the matter of days! This is for Allah SWT to categorize the clean and lawful earning to unlawful and filthy income. Hence to distinguish who is really after the blessing of Allah and who is careless about Allah and the day of resurrections!

Allah SWT has clearly stated in the holy book Quran that he will test all human beings with fears, hungers, childlessness, wealth and richness. He will also test us with being poor, suffer with illnesses, and so on just to see who can be patient with all of it after all?

It is a real examination to those who would care about Allah SWT and the day of judgment compare to those who are selling their faith cheaply for as little profit as they possibly can get hold of!

He SWT tells us in surat Al Ankabut verse 2

Do the people think that they will be left to say “ We believe “ and they will not be tried?

My dear brothers and sisters , its really important for all of us that we must try and earn lawfully, feed our families and children from a very clean provisions which is hardly earned and the wealth which we have worked tirelessly to maintain..... !

The prophet (Peace and blessing be up on him) said, It was revealed to me that a soul would not depart from this life until it had completed all its subsistence and provisions. Fear Allah, and beautify the demand to fulfill the profession you possess and, do not slowdown your livelihood or earn your wealth by disobeying Allah SWT... Narrated by Imam Hakm

Reasons for increasing your provisions are on following keys:

- 1) Key oneRepent to Allah SWT..If the man repents to Allah SWT , he will most definitely has his provisions increased so repent to Allah and he will insha Allah meet your expectations..... **Allah SWT tells us in surat Noh verse 10-12**
Ask forgiveness of your Lord indeed he is ever perpetual forgiver...10...He will send rains from the sky up on you in continuing showers...11...He gives you an increase in wealth and children, provide you gardens and provide for you rivers.....
- 2) Key two.....Giving to charities for the sake of Allah SWT and avoid being greedy.... Anyone who is easing someone's life, Allah SWT will ease him in both life and thereafter. Anyone who is helping someone in hardship, Allah SWT will help them in difficulties they are faced with in life and thereafter. Look after people in life and be merciful to them -Allah SWT will certainly puts you in ease and shower his mercy up on you. **As he SWT tells us in surat Sabah verse 39 "Whatever thing you spend (in his cause) He will compensate it and he is the best of providers"** He SWT also tells us in surat Al Baqarah verse 261
" The example of those who spend their wealth for the sake of Allah is like a seed (of grain) which grows seven spikes: in each spike is a hundred grains . And Allah Multiplies (his reward) for whom he wills. And Allah is all encompassing and knowing.!
- 3) Key three...Keep in contact with one another...As our prophet (peace and blessing be up on him) said, if you are adamant about having your wealth increased and forget where it comes from, lets keep in contact with people who you care about and are coming a cross to in life. Authentic by sheyhan
- 4) Key fourFearing Allah SWT as he said in sura At Talaq verse 2 and 3...Whoever fears Allah, he will make for him a way out and will provide for him from where he does not expect.....
- 5) Key fiveReliance of Allah SWT means you accept anything comes from Allah and your not in doubt....As Allah SWT tells us in surat At Talaq verse 3
Whoever relies up on Allah then he is sufficient for him . Indeed, Allah will accomplish his purpose. Allah has already set for everything a (decreed) extent.

The beloved prophet (peace and blessing be up on him) said, If you only trusted Allah the right to entrust you to your livelihood like the birds gets fed when it leaves with empty stomach -you will be rewarded.

- 6) Key six.... The full time worship of Allah SWT is to leave the competition of the world and be satisfied with what you have as little is enough. Dedicate the rest of your time to worship Allah SWT and calling to Islam as you can see in this tradition which our messenger narrates from Allah SWT "Oh Son of Adam dedicate your time to worship Allah and relax because your poverty will be covered by Allah SWT...However, if you have not done that no matter how hand full you are with jobs , it will not even cover your poverty! Authentic by Albani

May Allah help us to dedicated all our lives to worship him, May Allah keep us from earning unlawful incomes and shower his mercy up on us in life and hereafter. Ameen