

## THEME 10 - RUSHING TO DO GOOD

### الْمُبَادَرَةُ إِلَى الْخَيْرَاتِ

#### Learning objectives:

- To be quick in doing good deeds.
- To understand that if you delay a good deed you may miss it or not get the opportunity of doing it.
- To recognise a good opportunity and take benefit from it.

#### In this theme, you will learn:

Hurrying to do something good or being quick in carrying out a good deed is rewarding. Particularly when healthy and still young. A true believer should perform good deeds without any delay since anything can happen in the next minute.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: ﴿فَاسْتَبِقُوا الْخَيْرَاتِ﴾ [البقرة: 148]. وَقَالَ تَعَالَى:  
﴿وَسَارِعُوا إِلَى مَغْفِرَةٍ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ وَجَنَّةٍ عَرْضُهَا السَّمَاوَاتُ وَالْأَرْضُ أُعِدَّتْ  
لِلْمُتَّقِينَ﴾ [آل عمران: 133].

Allah ﷻ says: “So compete in doing good works” (2:148). “Rush towards your Lord’s forgiveness and towards Paradise, which is as wide as the Heavens and the Earth, prepared for those who are mindful of Allah” (3:133).

[1] عن أبي هريرة: أن رسول الله قال: «بادِرُوا بِالْأَعْمَالِ فَتَنَّا كَقَطْعِ اللَّيْلِ الْمُظْلِمِ، يُصْبِحُ الرَّجُلُ مُؤْمِنًا وَيُمْسِي كَافِرًا، وَيُمْسِي مُؤْمِنًا وَيُصْبِحُ كَافِرًا، يَبِيعُ دِينَهُ بَعْرَضٍ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا» رواه مسلم.

1. Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه reported: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, “Be prompt in doing good deeds before the time of corruption, which will be like the dark night. A man is a believer in the morning and a disbeliever in the evening, or he is a believer in the evening and a disbeliever in the morning and will sell his faith for worldly gains.”

[2] عن عُقْبَةَ بْنِ الْحَارِثِ قَالَ: صَلَّىتُ وِرَاءَ النَّبِيِّ بِالْمَدِينَةِ الْعَصْرَ، فَسَلَّمْتُ ثُمَّ قَامَ مُسْرِعًا، فَتَخَطَّى رِقَابَ النَّاسِ إِلَى بَعْضِ حُجَرِ نِسَائِهِ، فَفَرَعَ النَّاسُ مِنْ سُرْعَتِهِ، فَخَرَجَ عَلَيْهِمْ، فَرَأَى أَنَّهُمْ قَدْ عَجِبُوا مِنْ سُرْعَتِهِ، قَالَ: « ذَكَرْتُ شَيْئًا مِنْ تَبَرِّ عِنْدَنَا فَكَرِهْتُ أَنْ يَحْبِسَنِي فَأَمَرْتُ بِقِسْمَتِهِ» رواه البخاري.

2. ‘Uqbah bin Al-Harith رضي الله عنه said: Once I performed the ‘Asr prayer in Madinah behind the Prophet ﷺ. He ﷺ quickly got up after finishing the prayer, and rushed through the rows and went to one of the rooms of his wives. People were surprised at his haste, and when he came out and saw their astonishment he said, I recalled a gold coin, which was meant for charity that was left in the room; I did not want to keep it any longer, so I instructed it should be distributed.”

[3] عن أبي هريرة، قَالَ: جَاءَ رَجُلٌ إِلَى النَّبِيِّ فَقَالَ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، أَيُّ الصَّدَقَةِ أَكْبَرُ أَجْرًا؟ قَالَ: «أَنْ تَصَدَّقَ وَأَنْتَ صَحِيحٌ شَحِيحٌ، تَخْشَى الْفَقْرَ وَتَأْمُلُ الْغِنَى، وَلَا تُمَهِّلُ حَتَّى إِذَا بَلَغَتِ الْحُلُقُومَ قُلْتَ لِفُلَانٍ كَذَا وَلِفُلَانٍ كَذَا، وَقَدْ كَانَ لِفُلَانٍ» مُتَّفَقٌ عَلَيْهِ.

3. Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه said: A man came to the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم and said, “Messenger of Allah, which charity carries the most reward?” He صلى الله عليه وسلم said, “charity given when you are healthy, in need, afraid of poverty and hoping to become rich. And you must not delay giving charity such that you are about to die and then you will say: ‘This is for so-and-so and this is for so-and-so.’ Indeed! It is already in possession of your heirs.”

[4] عن أبي هريرة: أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، قَالَ: «بَادِرُوا بِالْأَعْمَالِ سَبْعًا، هَلْ تَنْتَظِرُونَ إِلَّا فَقْرًا مُنْسِيًّا، أَوْ غِنًى مُطْغِيًّا، أَوْ مَرَضًا مُفْسِدًا، أَوْ هَرَمًا مُفْنِدًا، أَوْ مَوْتًا مُجْهَرًا، أَوْ الدَّجَالَ فَشَرُّ غَائِبٍ يُنْتَظَرُ، أَوْ السَّاعَةَ فَالسَّاعَةُ أَدْهَى وَأَمْرٌ» رواه الترمذي.

4. Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه reported: The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, “Be quick to do good works before misfortune befalls you; poverty which will make you forget devotion; wealth that will corrupt you, disease that will disable you, dementia that will make you unstable, sudden death, the appearance of the Dajjal, or the hour (Day of Judgement), and the hour will be most grievous and bitter.”

COMMENTARY: This hadith imparts a profound lesson about the urgency and importance of engaging in good deeds and righteous actions in this life. It highlights the transient nature of worldly conditions and the potential challenges that can hinder one's ability to fulfil their religious obligations.

**Activities:**

- Set a daily timetable and time needed for each activity. Ensure to finish on time. Make a note and award yourself points for tasks completed on time.
- Design a leaflet to outline the different types of good deeds.
- Role play: discuss and act in groups examples of good deeds.

**In this theme you have learnt:**

- Be prompt in doing good deeds before difficulty.
- Good deeds are best done when: healthy, wealthy and young.
- Knowing that you can do something good and helping others at it
- If you see someone upset rush to help them
- Do not take health, wealth, position and life for granted.