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Sincerity for Allâh in Worship (Worksheet)

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All worship-whether it be hidden (concealed), like love for Allâh, fear of Him, hope in Him, trusting in Him, love of that which Allah loves from actions and individuals, and honoring that which Allâh has honored be it apparent like establishing the visible legislations of the prayer, charity, fasting, and the pilgrimage, whether it have a connection to the pure rights of Allâh or connected to the rights of the creation; like obedience to parents, keeping family ties, benevolence towards neighbors, companions, and the like, whether it be physical, monetary, or a combination of the two- all of that must possess sincerity for Allâh and imitation of Allâh's Messenger (*sall-Allahu alaihi wasallam*). Consequently, for whomever Allâh joins these two fundamentals together is successful and happy, and whomever losses out on these two affairs or one of them loses a clear loss. And whoever was (sincere) sometimes and sometimes not is deserving of good, reward, and praise according to the amount of his sincerity and imitation (following the way of the Prophet (*sall-Allahu alaihi wasallam*) be it a little, a lot, strong, or weak. Consequently, there is nothing more beneficial for the servant than the one who places sincerity and this imitation in front of him in everything that comes and goes and in everything that he says or does until sincerity is one of his qualities and imitation (of the Prophet (*sall-Allahu alaihi wasallam*) is one of his characteristics, and every intention and goal which is contradictory to sincerity vanishes from his heart and he leaves every innovation in belief and action, preferring imitation of the Prophet (*sall-Allahu alaihi wasallam*) over it. For indeed, the one who believes in the Messenger (*sall-Allahu alaihi wasallam*) in everything which he said, then he has freed himself from having innovated in beliefs and the one who confines himself to what the Messenger (*sall-Allahu alaihi wasallam*) has ordered him with from the acts of worship and does not prohibit what Allâh has allowed from the good things, then he has been saved from innovated actions.

Review Questions

1- Which two fundamentals does the *mu`alif* (author) Shaikh 'Abdur-Rahmaan bin Naasir As-Sa'dee (rahimahullaah) mention as requirements for one to be successful and happy?

2- Can you list some examples the shaikh (rahimahullaah) mentioned as acts of worship that are *concealed*?

3- What is sincerity? _____

4- What is the opposite of sincerity? _____

5- What is the Sunnah as it relates to the Sharee'ah? _____

6- What is the opposite of Sunnah? _____

7- Is everyone's sincerity to Allaah and implementation of the Sunnah the same?

8- Mention an example of bid'ah in belief, and then mention an example of bid'ah in actions. [Bid'ah is defined as a belief, statement or action invented or introduced after the death of the Prophet (salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam) by which a person seeks nearness to Allaah ('azza wa jall) without proof from the Qur`an, authentic Sunnah, or the actions of the Salaf-us-Saleh. Aoodhoobillaah!]
