

End of holidays, return to education/world/work – We must tread extremely carefully. A startling & powerful imagery given by our Prophet ﷺ to warn us about **TWO** things that **DESTROY** our Deen & Akhirah.

Imagine two hungry, ferocious wolves let loose amongst a flock of unprotected, defenceless flock of sheep. Destroying more than they can eat. Imagine the merciless attack, damage & massacre.

**(Tirmidhi)** مَا ذُئْبَانِ جَائِعَانِ أُرْسِلَا فِي غَنَمٍ بِأَفْسَادَ لَهَا مِنْ حِرْصِ الْمَرْءِ عَلَى الْمَالِ وَالشَّرَفِ لِدِينِهِ

Imagine now a man's eagerness for his wealth and his desire to be famous as being **MORE** destructive to his Deen than those 2 wolves.

We all have these 2 wolves inside us. These animalistic desires, if let unchecked, loose, will cause utter havoc, chaos & destroy our Deen.

## Desire for Wealth - Desire Power/Fame/Limelight – الحرص على المال والجاه

إِيَّاكُمْ وَالشُّحَّ فَإِنَّمَا هَلَكَ مَنْ كَانَ قَبْلَكُمْ بِالشُّحِّ أَمْرَهُمْ بِالْبُخْلِ فَبِخَلُوا وَأَمْرَهُمْ بِالْقَطِيعَةِ فَقَطَعُوا  
وَحَمَلَهُمْ عَلَى أَنْ سَفَكُوا دِمَاءَهُمْ، وَاسْتَحَلُّوا مَحَارِمَهُمْ. (A. Mufrad) – وَأَمْرَهُمْ بِالْفُجُورِ فَفَجَرُوا (Dawud)

**LOVE OF MAAL:** وَتُحِبُّونَ الْمَالَ حُبًّا جَمًّا (89:20)

Insaan has an immense burning desire for money. Ingrained in all of us. When we allow that love to overpower us, it will lead to disaster.

Being consumed by wealth & it's acquisition makes us neglectful of the people around us & Akhirah. Instead of 40 hours, you do 80, make more, spend more, live more. Wealth is a temporary pleasure. Don't spend life on temporary pleasures, as it will be at the expense of the permanent.

No matter how fancy the car, home, food, clothes, phones; it's never everlasting in comparison to the Akhirah.

Only the good deeds & charity that you spend forth from your Halal wealth is of permanence & pleasure.

الْمَالُ وَالْبَنُونَ زِينَةُ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَالْبَاقِيَاتُ الصَّالِحَاتُ خَيْرٌ عِنْدَ رَبِّكَ ثَوَابًا وَخَيْرٌ أَمَلًا (18:46)

When we prioritise & pursue wealth – we justify any means to obtain that wealth - via illegal, unethical, Haram means. We cheat, lie, fraud, embezzle, omit, earn & sell Haram – nothing matters.

Primary Cause - our Du'aa being rejected by Allah ﷻ - **HARAM WEALTH.**

Eating, Drinking, Wearing – HARAM – any flesh nourished by Haram has no right to enter Jannah. **إِنَّ اللَّهَ طَيِّبٌ لَا يَقْبَلُ إِلَّا طَيِّبًا (Muslim)**

Love of haram wealth is the main causes of destruction.

**LOVE OF JAA'H:** Power - Fame - Limelight. The desire to be known & accepted by people. Obtaining positions of power, so people know you and talk about you. Social Media, Community, Families, Society...

The Khulafah were hesitant, why aren't we? They knew the Amanah!

When a person desires to have power, fame, control. It leads to major disasters – your ego becomes more important than the cause you are entrusted with or truth or justice.

تِلْكَ الدَّارُ الْآخِرَةُ نَجْعَلُهَا لِلَّذِينَ لَا يُرِيدُونَ عُلُوًّا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِسَادًا وَالْعَاقِبَةُ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ (28:83)

We all play politics: offices, families, Masajid. Shaytan ignites our egos & makes us crave praise, power & limelight. When that becomes your goal; ratings, likes, votes, followers; not Khidmah, then stop & chain the wolf.

Look at Kings, Politicians, Leaders, intoxicated with power and seizing power. Ready to speak bad about others, betray, unjust, take rights, expose faults, do sins; all to keep your ego and prestige and fame = ZULM.

The Prophet ﷺ summarised two animalistic tendencies that live within us all. **المحرص على المال والجاه**. He compared us to these senseless beasts.

However, mere desire is not haram or sinful in itself. Both desires if channelled & controlled correctly are permissible.

The Prophet ﷺ said to Amr ibn Aas رضي عنه. **نعم المال الصالح لرجل صالح** - how good is pure good wealth for the righteous person.

When the Prophet ﷺ would send a delegation he would send someone well known with a reputation, he used the fame for good.

## **WEALTH & FAME – FINE LINE BETWEEN TWO – BE EXTREMELY CAUTIOUS**

**Earn Halal & Tayyib, don't be consumed, obtain it correctly & sufficiently.**

**Wealth is a means to a greater goal, it's not the end goal.**

**Live a comfortable life but invest in Hereafter.**

**Use any Honour, Prestige, Fame to benefit people fulfil your Amanah.**

**Don't be consumed by it, don't actively seek it and move away when it stokes your ego.**

**Don't let these **TWO WOLVES – TWO DESIRES** Destroy your Deen**

**Utilise them Carefully & Minimally**