

## **Soliciting the right and deterring the wrong**

In the name of Allah Most Gracious Most Merciful

The messenger Mohammad (PPBU) was the first to command or solicit the right and forbid or deter the wrong to his nation. He also ordered his followers to do the same. He was reported saying: “He of you who sees wrong, let him make it right by action. If he can not, let him make it right by words. If he can not, let him make it right by his heart. And that is the weakest of the believers”

In his wisdom, he make right and wrong differ. The right has those who adopt it and the wrong has those who adopt it. They continuously compete. Some times those get the advantage and some times the others do. But, one thing the people of the right never give up is soliciting the right and deterring the wrong.

Allah says “Those believing men and believing women, support each other, they solicit right and deter against wrong”. Allah also says: “Hypocrite men and hypocrite women they are of the same, they solicit the wrong and deter the right” Surat Tawbah Aya 68. Allah made a difference between believers and hypocrites which is soliciting the right and deterring the wrong.

Allah says “They are not equals. Some of the people of the book a nation in a straight path, reciting the verses of Allah during the night when they are kneeling, believing in Allah, the day after, soliciting the right and deterring the wrong, actively do good. They are the righteous ones” Sadaqa Allah al-3azeem. For Allah did not declare them righteous just by believing in Allah and in the day after. It is only when Allah added the condition of soliciting the right and deterring the wrong that he stated they are righteous.

Dear brothers, soliciting the right, and its highest level is preaching for Allah, and deterring the wrong are both obligations upon each

Muslim based on the ability. They are part of a Muslim's features or characters.

Some tend to remember Allah saying: "Yea people, Take care of your selves. It would not cause you any harm if one goes stray if you remained on the straight path". Some use this Ayah to leave alone reciting the right and deterring the wrong. Abu-Bakr was reported saying: "people, you read this Ayah and apply in the wrong situation. And I heard the messenger PPBU say: If people see a wrong and they do not change it, Allah would almost places upon them some of it as punishment"

A Muslim should start with himself first to solicit the right and deter the wrong. Oneself is ought to be the first to target. That was the messenger's companions, the scholars and the righteous after them. Allah says: "do you order people with kindness and doing good and forget about yourselves while you recite the Book. Are you out of your minds?"

Allah also says: "You believers, why do you preach what you do not do? What a great dislike to Allah that you say what you do not do"

The messenger PPBU said: "In the day after, a man is flung into the hell fire. People get round him and ask him, didn't you use to solicit right and deter wrong? The man would say, indeed, I used to solicit right and never do it, and deter you from wrong and I used to do the wrong". He is being hard upon for disobeying what he preached people with.