

12 ways of remaining loyal to Allah

1. Have allegiance, loyalty to Allah (swt) exclusively

Say (O Muhammad SAW): "Shall I take as a Wali (helper, protector, etc.) any other than Allah, the Creator of the heavens and the earth? And it is He Who feeds but is not fed." Say: "Verily, I am commanded to be the first of those who submit themselves to Allah (as Muslims)." And be not you (O Muhammad SAW) of the Mushrikeen [polytheists, pagans, idolaters and disbelievers in the Oneness of Allah].

[EMQ Al-An'am, 6 : 14]

Therefore, there is no allegiance to Queen, King, President, or any tribe or family.

"Verily, my Wali (Protector, Supporter, and Helper, etc.) is Allah Who has revealed the Book (the Quran), and He protects (supports and helps) the righteous.

[EMQ Al-Ararat, 7 : 196]

We should love, have (have muwalaat) and allegiance to Allah (swt), and if we do so Allah will have muwalaat with us. We love the Anbiyah because Allah tells us to love them. We love those whom he tells us to love, the believers, Mujahideen hate the Kafireen etc.

2. Maintain the ritual acts to Allah exclusively

Say (O Muhammad SAW): "Verily, my Salat (prayer), my sacrifice, my living, and my dying are for Allah, the Lord of the 'Alamin (mankind, jinns and all that exists).

[EMQ Al-An'am, 6 : 162]

We should not innovate anything in the Deen, even if it appears to be 'good'. The only object we kiss is the black stone, not the Kaba, books, graves or even the Quran! And even when the Sahabah used to kiss the black stone, Umar bin Khattab said: **'By Allah I know you are a stone and cannot benefit or harm, you don't hear or see. Just because RasoolAllah kissed you, I kiss you.'**

3. Keep focusing on the source of your Deen (i.e. follow revelation, wahie)

Do not follow hawaa', rational desires, philosophy or any theories - just wahie (revelation).

So fear Allah and adjust all matters of difference among you, and obey Allah and His Messenger (Muhammad SAW), if you are believers.

[EMQ Al-Anfal, 8 : 1]

O you who believe! Obey Allah and obey the Messenger (Muhammad SAW), and those of you (Muslims) who are in authority.

[EMQ An-Nisa', 4 : 59]

Ibn Abbas commented on this verse and said: The ulil Amr (those in authority) means al-Ulema (the scholars of truth) wal 'umaraa (and the ruler that implements Islam).

4. At-Tahaakum – Arbitrate to Allah (swt) exclusively

Not to any man made law or man or woman. If you want to do any action, ask before you do it.

But no, by your Lord, they can have no Faith, until they make you (O Muhammad SAW) judge in all disputes between them, and find in themselves no resistance against your decisions, and accept (them) with full submission.

[EMQ An-Nisa', 4 : 65]

This verse was revealed in response to two men who went to RasoolAllah for judgement after having a dispute. The messenger of Allah gave them the Islamic verdict but one of the men did not want to accept the hukm shar'ee (divine rule). They therefore agreed to seek an alternative verdict from Abu Bakr; but he told them that he could not help them and for them to accept the hukm. Again they both disagreed and then went to Umar bin Khattab. After telling him their story he left the room and came back with a sword and struck the one of the men's neck, and was killed. The other was severely wounded as he managed to get away. When RasoolAllah later came to hear about this he couldn't believe what Umar bin Khattab had done, but then Allah sent down his verse:

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[EMQ An-Nisa', 4 : 65].

Allah had informed them the two men were not believers and the action of Umar bin Khattab was absolutely correct.

Today people refer to man-made law for every action that they do, which is completely opposite to what Muslims have been ordered to do. It is apostasy to arbitrate to other than the Shariah and an unforgivable crime.

Allah says: ***The right of legislation is for none but Allah.***

[EMQ Yusuf, 12 : 40]

There is a principle in Islam: **Whatever differs with Islam is Kufr and what reconciles with Islam is Kufr.** This is because it reconciles hence the source is not from the Shariah.

Allah says: **Do not obey the Kafir and the Munafiq.**

[EMQ Al-Ahzab, 33 : 1]

And: **[Say (O Muhammad SAW)] "Shall I seek a judge other than Allah while it is He Who has sent down unto you the Book (The Quran), explained in detail." Those unto whom We gave the Scripture [the Taurat (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel)] know that it is revealed from your Lord in truth. So be not you of those who doubt.**

[EMQ Al-An'am, 6 : 114]

And: **Have you seen those (hypocrites) who claim that they believe in that which has been sent down to you, and that which was sent down before you, and they wish to go for judgement (in their disputes) to the Taghout (false judges, etc.) while they have been ordered to reject them. But Shaytan (Satan) wishes to lead them far astray.**

[EMQ An-Nisa', 4 : 60]

5. Maintain your identity (attribute yourself to Hizb-Ullaah)

Always remember that you are attributed to camp of Eemaan, Islam, the Muslims, Hezbollah, Ahl us-Sunnah wal Jama'ah and Ahl-ut-Tawheed; and keep away from secularists, MCB, MAB, ISB the Young Muslim organisations etc.

6. Give up all Kufr, shirk, Taghout, allegiance to other than Allah

Refer to articles related to Tawheed

7. Love Allah and the Auliya of Allah (those who are loyal to Allah)

Love Allah, his messenger (saw), the Muwahideen, the Muslimeen, Ulema etc. The Auliya ullaah are selected people i.e. we favour the Mujahideen and Sheikh Usama etc.

It is narrated by Aisha (ra), in At-Tabarani that she said: **'One man came to RasoolAllah and said: 'you are dearer to me than myself, my family, my wealth and dearer to me more than my children. When I'm at home I always remember you, and when I remember my and your death I know you will be in the highest level, and IF I enter Jannah I am worried if I'll ever see you (due to different levels). ' Jibreel went to RasoolAllah and said to him: 'Tell this man whoever obeys Allah and his messenger they are with those who Allah is please with...martyrs, Siddiq etc.'** And the verse was revealed: **And whoso**

obeys Allah and the Messenger (Muhammad SAW), then they will be in the company of those on whom Allah has bestowed His Grace, of the Prophets, the Siddiqun (those followers of the Prophets who were first and foremost to believe in them, like Abu Bakr As-Siddiq radhiallahu'anhu), the martyrs, and the righteous. And how excellent these companions are!

[EMQ An-Nisa', 4 : 69]

8. Be patient and handle all the tests and calamities

Even if you feel insecure, it is worth it for the sake of Allah. What made the Sahabah stand firm is the fear of Allah's punishment and the wish to meet him.

Allah will not leave the believers in the state in which you are now, until He distinguishes the wicked from the good. Nor will Allah disclose to you the secrets of the Ghaib (unseen), but Allah chooses of His Messengers whom He pleases. So believe in Allah and His Messengers. And if you believe and fear Allah, then for you there is a great reward.

[EMQ Al-Imran, 3 : 179]

Allah will always test us with anything: wife, family, cars, by Muslims, health, wealth, Kuffar etc.

You shall certainly be tried and tested in your wealth and properties and in your personal selves, and you shall certainly hear much that will grieve you from those who received the Scripture before you (Jews and Christians) and from those who ascribe partners to Allah, but if you persevere patiently, and become Al-Muttaqun (the pious - see V.2:2) then verily, that will be a determining factor in all affairs, and that is from the great matters, [which you must hold on with all your efforts].

[EMQ Al-Imran, 3 : 186]

The messenger Muhammad (saw) said: ***'A time came to me when I felt a fear that no man has been terrified the way they terrified me, I was harmed in a way nobody has ever faced. I and Bilal faced 30 days and nights with no food or water except a small amount that Bilal hid under his upper arm.'*** This was during the time where Muslims were being severely tested in Makkah during the time of the boycott.

9. Make Hijrah for the sake of Allah

The messenger (saw) and his companions carried this great Deen for us via Hijrah. This Hijrah is a mechanism and duty to keep your loyalty to Allah, and there are 3 types:

1. Hijrah to Daar ul-Islam – where Islam is dominant (nowhere today)
2. Hijrah for security reasons e.g. Muslims who emigrated from Makkah to Abyssinia (in order to carry Dawah)
3. Hijrah to establish the Deen – i.e. to travel to Pakistan, Ireland etc. to carry Dawah

Ibn Taymiyyah said: ***'It is not allowed to live between Mushriks unless you are calling to Allah's Deen or doing the duties.'***

10. Reject any alliance or support to the Kuffar

When you start mixing with the Kuffar your Deen will become weaker and weaker. If you do not carry Dawah to them they will carry Dawah to you. Don't buy from them as much as you can, do not work for them and their companies. Try not to deal with them as much as possible.

You cannot love the enemies of Allah: ***O you who believe! Take not for Auliya' (protectors or helpers or friends) disbelievers instead of believers. Do you wish to offer Allah a manifest proof against yourselves?***

[EMQ An-Nisa', 4 : 144]

And: ***O you who believe! Take not the Jews and the Christians as Auliya' (friends, protectors, helpers, etc.), they are but Auliya' to one another. And if any amongst you takes them as Auliya', then surely he is one of them. Verily, Allah guides not those people who are the Zalimun (polytheists and wrongdoers and unjust).***

[EMQ Al-Maidah, 5 : 51]

And: ***Give to the hypocrites the tidings that there is for them a painful torment.***

Those who take disbelievers for Auliya' (protectors or helpers or friends) instead of believers, do they seek honour, power and glory with them? Verily, then to Allah belongs all honour, power and glory.

[EMQ An-Nisa', 4 : 138 -139]

Imam Shaafi'ee said: ***'the one who says that the Kuffar are better than a Muslim is a Kafir.'*** To make them equal is not allowed, yet alone to say they are better.

Ahmed bin Hanbal, Ibn Taymiyyah, Sheikh Muhammad bin Abdul Wahab all said: ***'whoever doubts the Jews and Christians are Kafir or says that their Deen is better than our Deen they become Kafir.'***

11. Keep away from the disbelievers

Even though it is allowed to marry the Jews and Christians, if she shows any animosity towards Islam and Muslims he should not marry her or kick her out immediately.

Abu Ubaidah (a Sahabi) came face to face with his father, who was Mushrik in battle of Badr. He saw his father many times but

turned his face and ignored him. He then said 'I feel like a Munafiq' (for ignoring his father) and killed him. RasoolAllah (saw) said that Abu Ubaidah is the trustee of the Ummah.

You (O Muhammad SAW) will not find any people who believe in Allah and the Last Day, making friendship with those who oppose Allah and His Messenger (Muhammad SAW), even though they were their fathers, or their sons, or their brothers, or their kindred (people). For such He has written Faith in their hearts, and strengthened them with Ruh (proofs, light and true guidance) from Himself. And We will admit them to Gardens (Paradise) under which rivers flow, to dwell therein (forever). Allah is pleased with them, and they with Him. They are the Party of Allah. Verily, it is the Party of Allah that will be the successful.

[EMQ Al-Mujadilah, 58 : 22]

Thumaamah, a great Sahabi, used to hate RasoolAllah, his face, name, Deen and anything to do with him. Yet Allah struck hidayah in his heart and embraced Islam. He once entered the Masjid and testified the Shahadah in front of RasoolAllah but wanted to testify something to RasoolAllah: 'Oh Muhammad! By Allah there was no face on this earth that I hated more than yours. Wallahi, now your face is the most dearest to me. There was no Deen I hated more than yours, and now it is the most dearest to me. By Allah! There is no country I hated more than your country, now it is the most dearest....and I want to do Umrah, tell me can I go?' He said: 'go and don't worry.' The Mushriks met him Thumaamah on the way to Umrah and said: 'have you become an extremist and left the Deen of your fathers? Thumaamah said: I did not leave Kufr to Kufr; I embraced the Deen of Muhammad. By Allah you will never get one atom's weight of wheat from my country until RasoolAllah gives permission.' (Bukhari)

Thumaamah had just embraced Islam but loved the believers and hated the disbelievers.

12. Maintain your wala' (alliance)

Seek not to die but a Muslim. Fear from nifaq, bid'a, shirk and Kufr. Have Talazum (moulding) between the inner and outer actions and ask Allah to support you and the believers.