

One of the most important obligations of Islam is hisbah (enjoining good and forbidding evil). As a matter of fact, Allah has made hisbah a characteristic which differentiates between the believers and the hypocrites. Allah says about the hypocrites:

"The hypocrite men and the hypocrite women, they are all alike. They enjoin what is evil, forbid what is just" {Surah Bara'ah 9:67}

Allah said about the believers:

"The true believers, both men and women, are protectors of one another. They enjoin what is just and forbid what is evil" {Surah Bara'ah 9:71}

Hisbah is also the characteristic of this Ummah of Muhammad (salawatu Rabbih wa salamuhu alayhe). Allah Azza wa Jall says:

"You are the best nation which has ever been raised for the guidance of mankind. You enjoin good, forbid evil, and believe in Allah." {Surah Alee-Imran 3:110}

The Prophet (sallallahu alayhe wa sallam) also said:

"Whoever from you sees an evil, he should change it with his hand; if he is not able, then with his tongue; and if he is not able, then with his heart. And that is the weakest of faith." {Saheeh Muslim. No. 49}

The Prophet (sallallahu alayhe wa sallam) warned us against not forbidding evil and said:

"When people see an evil and they do not change it, they are soon to all suffer a punishment from Allah." {Ibn Majah no. 4005, and Abu Dawood no. 4338 - Narrated by Abu Bakr as-Siddiq with an authentic chain of narration.}

And Allah Subhanah wa Ta'ala warned us from following the way of the disbelievers from bani-Israel (Children of Israel) when they saw evil but they didn't change it:

"Those who disbelieved from among the Children of Israel were cursed by the tongue of Dawood (David) and Isa (Jesus) the son of Maryam (Mary): because they disobeyed and committed excesses. They would not forbid one another from committing iniquities; evil indeed were their deeds." {Surah Al-Maeda 5:78-79}

And the texts regarding hisbah are numerous. Bilal bin Sa'eed said:

"If an act of disobedience is kept secret, it will harm only its doer, but if it is committed openly and not changed, it will harm everyone." {In Pursuit of Allah's Pleasure, page 96}

There are some guidelines to follow when doing hisbah, e.g. being gentle and using good manners.

'Call people to the Way of your Rabb with wisdom and best advice, and reason with them, if you have to, in the most courteous manner: for your Rabb knows best who strays from His Way and He knows best who is rightly guided." {Surah An-Nahl 16:125}

It is also obligatory to KNOW what you are calling to and to have knowledge about it. Allah Tabaaraka wa Ta'ala says:

"Tell them plainly: "This is my way. I invite you to Allah with [I]sure knowledge (baseerah)[/I] which I and my followers possess. Glory be to Allah, and I am not one of the mushrikin." {Surah Yusuf 12:108}

The Permanent Committe was asked:

Question: May Masjids that have a lot of innovations in them be boycotted?

Answer: The Muslim should strive to remove these innovation as much as he is able. If it is not possible to remove them, then he should abandon them and pray in the Masjid where there are no innovations. Aid and success are from Allah. May Allah send blessings and peace upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and his Companions.

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Therefore, if you cannot change this evil, whats the point bieng with them akhee? Insha'Allah read my next post about the the jews who violated the Sabbath, and how the people were divided into 3 groups, and what thier outcome was.

Abu Said al-Khudri reported that the Messenger of Allah (sallallahu alayhe wa salam) said: "The best possession of a Muslim will be a herd of sheep with which he retires to the top of a mountain or places where rain is expected to fall (pastures) so as to safeguard with his faith from tribulations." {Bukhari, Riyad us-Saliheen, page 526}

And also, The Messenger of Allâh [sall Allâhu 'alayhi wa sallam] said: "Whoever pleases Allâh by angering the people, Allâh will suffice him, but whoever angers Allâh by pleasing the people, Allâh will leave him to the people." [al-Silsilah al-Saheehah #2311]

Wallahu Tabaaraka wa Ta'ala A'llam