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فَمَنْ كَانَ يَرْجُوا لِقَاءَ رَبِّهِ فَلْيَعْمَلْ عَمَلًا صَالِحًا وَلَا يُشْرِكْ بِعِبَادَةِ رَبِّهِ أَحَدًا

**"So whoever hopes for the Meeting with his Lord,
let him work righteousness and associate none
as a partner in the worship of his Lord."**

The Noble Qur.aan - Soorah al-Kahf, Aayah 110

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We often complain about our commitments preventing us from learning or teaching. However, we should remember the commitments of our Prophet ﷺ as the leader of the ummah. Yet he still found time to teach the people, help his wife cook, go out to race his wife, lead the Ummah...etc.

And after this, the great Imaams such as Abu Haneefah, Maalik, ash-Shaafi'ee, Ahmad, Ibn Taymiyyah, Ibn al-Qayyim and many others - they were all born in a state of ignorance, they were not born scholars - as Allaah عزوجل says ¹:

{And Allaah has brought you out from the wombs of your mothers while you know nothing}

Yet, by the guidance and success of Allaah, it was their conviction to serve the religion of Allaah, and importantly – *how* they used their time that they managed to achieve so much in their lifetime.

Looking at the example of Shaykh ibn 'Uthaymeen رحمه الله - then we note how he would divide his night into three: The first third would be for sleeping, the second third would be for writing responses to people's questions (fataawa) and checking the compilations his students had made from his recordings - to be published into books such as his "ash-sharh al-mumti", and the final third was for standing in prayer.

Regarding the Shaykh, Abu Khaalid 'Abdul-Kareem al-Miqrin narrated ²:

"One night, while we were recording the radio programme "Noor'alad-Darb", the Shaykh appeared as if he was overcome by sleep, and from that which is known about the Shaykh is that he has much patience, tolerance and endurance towards anything within which there is benefit for the ummah. As such, he fought off his sleep and we continued with the recording.

Later he stopped and asked for an extension cable to the microphone so he could continue answering the questions whilst standing. So I gave him a small microphone [which he was able to attach to his clothing] with

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1 The Noble Qur.aan - soorah an-Nahl, aayah 78

2 Jewels of Guidance – v1, p160

an extension cable. The Shaykh then continued answering the questions whilst walking to-and-fro within the room, in order to remain awake. He continued in this manner until we finished the [recording] session.

These are the attributes of the real scholars and the importance they attach to the affairs of the ummah, both with their knowledge and actions.”

Brothers and sisters, we all have a commitment to our brothers and sisters of the ummah who have not been blessed to have studied Islaam like we have, or are currently doing so; this commitment necessitates sacrifice for the Sake of Allaah.

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³ <https://quoteinvestigator.com/2018/07/08/plan/>