



Life Principles 2: Be Just! Or you will harm no one but yourself!

## **Description**



There is no doubt that the status of Justice in Islaam is tremendous. Allah will rectify our affairs when we establish it, and our affairs will be on the verge of ruin with injustice.

## Imaam Ibnul Qayyim Mentions:

â Allah has commanded with the establishment of Qist (Fairness and equity) and this is a reference to Justice. It is a command to establish it with regards to every individual, whether an enemy or an ally. The greatest thing one establishes justice in are the statements, opinions and positions one takes. Since this is connected to the command of Allah and that which He informs us of. Thus, establishing this justice is the duty of the successors of the messenger in this ummah, and the trustworthy ones from his followers. The title of being trustworthy is not deserved by the one who does not establish these things with pure justice and naseehah, to Allah and his book and his messenger towards his servants, these are the inheritors of the prophets in truth! Not the one who makes his companions, his way and his position, the standard and measure of the truth and its scales, showing enmity to those who oppose it and allegiance to those who agree with it, purely based on agreement or disagreement (with him). Where is this compared to the



establishment of Qist that Allah has made compulsory upon every individual and it (Justice) in this regard, is of the greatest compulsion and mandatory natureâ (Ar Risaalah At Tabookiyah: P34)

#### The Heavens and the Earth were Established upon Justice.

In a similar vein Shaikhul Islaam mentioned:

â  The affairs of people in this world are set right with justice, even if that involves
various types of sin, more than they are set right with injustice in rights, even if no sin is
involved. This is why it is said: $\hat{a} \square$ Allah upholds a just state, even if it is disbelieving, but
He does not uphold an oppressive state, even if it is Muslim.â $ \square $ It is also said: â $ \square $ The
world endures with justice and disbelief, but it does not endure with injustice and Islam.â
$\square$ The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: $\hat{a}\square$ No sin is punished more swiftly in this
world than oppression and severing family ties. $\hat{a}_{\coprod}$ Thus, the oppressor is brought down
in this world, even if he is forgiven and shown mercy in the Hereafter. This is because
justice is the foundation of everything. If the affairs of the world are established with
justice, they will thrive, even if their ruler has no share in the Hereafter. But if they are not
established with justice, they will not thrive, even if their ruler has faith that will be
rewarded in the Hereafter.â∏

# Due to the establishment of this justice, the prophet prohibited the testimony of certain individuals:

On the authority of Abdullah ibn Amr (may Allah be pleased with them both), he said: The Messenger of Allah ( $\ddot{\imath} \cdot \dot{\varrho}$ ) said:

 $\hat{a}_{\square}$  The testimony of a treacherous man or woman is not accepted, nor that of one who harbours enmity against his brother, nor the testimony of someone who is dependent) on the household (such as a servant or someone paid for services). $\hat{a}_{\square}$ 

Narrated by Ahmad (2/204, 225-226) and Abu Dawud (3600)  $\hat{a}_{\square}$  classified as Hasan (sound) by Al-Albani in *Al-Irwaâ* $_{\square}$  (8/284).

Each of these individuals cannot be witnesses due to there being a factor affecting the just nature of their testimony. His animosity, enmity and desire for vengeance, will cause him to lie, fabricate, exaggerate affairs that may have some basis, build ideas upon conjecture and work tirelessly on character assassination.

### The Salaf and Justice





provisions, he would provide for them.â Aisha then said, â What he did to Muhammad ibn Abi Bakr, my brother, does not prevent me from telling you what I heard the Messenger of Allah i-0 say in this house of mine:
$\hat{a} \square$ O Allah! Whoever takes charge of any of the affairs of my Ummah and is hard on them, be hard on him. And whoever takes charge of any of the affairs of my Ummah and is kind to them, be kind to him.' $\hat{a} \square$
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Imam al-Shafiâ i, may Allah have mercy on him:
$\hat{a}_{\square}$ The worst provision for the journey to the hereafter is oppressive transgression against the servants (of Allah). $\hat{a}_{\square}$ [Al-Siyar (abridged), 2/849].
The Oppressive one harms no one but himself!
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Yahya al-Shaibani (may Allah have mercy on him) said:
â ☐ It is written in the Torah: â ☐ As you judge, so shall you be judged. And from the cup you pour out to others, you shall drinkâ ☐ and more. For the one who initiates [an action] will surely face an increase [in recompense].'â ☐ [Hilyat al-Awliya (Tahdhib), 2/276].

There is also the statement attributed to Damrah, who reported:



â ☐ Umar ibn Abd al-Aziz (may Allah have mercy on him) wrote to one of his governors: â ☐ To proceed: If your power over people tempts you to oppress them, then remember Allahâ ☐ s power over you, the fleeting nature of what you do to them, and the lasting consequences of what they will bring to you.â ☐ [Al-Siyar (Tahdhib), 2/589].
(Majmooâ∏ Ul Fataawaa 28/146)
Muhammad Ibn Kaâ  b Al Quradhi said: â  There are three characteristics which it someone possesses them they fall back upon him (Meaning, he is the one who will ultimately be affected by them);
1. Oppressive Transgression,
2. Breaking a pact and agreement and
3. evil plotting and scheming
Then he read (Three verses establishing the proof of these three):
â  The evil plot does not encompass except the one who devises itâ  (Faatir : 43)
â ☐ O Mankind Indeed your oppressive transgressions are against yourselvesâ ☐ (Yunus: 23)
â ☐ Then whosoever breaks his pledge breaks it only to his own detrimentâ ☐ (Fath: 10)
May Allah make us from the upright and just, with the Muslim, the Non-Muslim, our families, our brothers, in our dealings and our daâ $ \square $ wah and all our affairs.
[1] Referring to Muâ∏ awiyah Ibn Khadeej, the governor set over Egypt by Muâ∏ awiyah ibn Abi Sufyaan who killed the previous governor her brother Muhammad Ibn Abi Bakr
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