

Trustworthiness

Trustworthiness to the good and to the bad is one of the Islamic duties and all Muslims are required to keep it carefully.

Allah the Most High said: ***“But if one of you trusts another, then he who is trusted should deliver his trust, and let him be careful (of his duty to) Allah, his Lord.”***

He also said: ***“Surely Allah commands you to make over trusts to their owners.”***

He also said: ***“Successful indeed are the believers... Those who are keepers of their trusts and their covenant.”***

He also said: ***“Surely Allah does not love the treacherous.”***

The Holy Prophet Muhammad (S) said: *“There is no belief for him who is not trustworthy.”*

He (S) also said: *“He who is unfaithful to a trust and does not deliver it to its owner until he passes away, his death is with a religion other than what I brought and Allah will meet him angrily.”*

He (S) also said: *“Don’t be unfaithful to anything that anybody deposits with you and trusts you with, ‘Surely Allah commands you to make over trusts to their owners.’¹”*

Imam ‘Ali (a.s.) the Commander of the Faithful said: *“A Muslim is not untrustworthy when trusted with something nor does he break a promise which he makes.”*

He (a.s.) also said: *“Keep away from untrustworthiness; for it is the worst sin and he who has it will be punished in hell.”*

He (a.s.) also said: *“Keep away from untrustworthiness, for it is an opposition to Islam.”*

He (a.s.) also said: *“O Kumail, we do not permit anyone to break trusts. He who quotes us otherwise, he is wrong and sinful, and he will be punished for his forging of lies. I swear that the Messenger of Allah told me at his death thrice: ‘Be trustworthy to the good and to the bad in small and large things even in*

needles and thread.”

Imam ‘Ali Zayn al-‘Abidin (a.s.) said: *“Keep on being trustworthy; I swear by Him who sent Muhammad (S) as a truthful Prophet, that if the man who killed my father (al-Husain) deposits his dagger with me, I will certainly make it over to him.”*

Imam Ja’far al-Sadiq (a.s.) said: *“Be pious and trustworthy to anyone who deposits a trust with you. Indeed, if the killer of Imam ‘Ali (a.s.) deposits anything with me, I will make it over to him.”*

He (a.s.) also said: *“Be trustworthy, even to the killer of Imam al-Husain (a.s.).”*

He (a.s.) also said: *“Keep en ‘being pious, trustworthy and truthful.”*

He (a.s.) also said: *“Three things must be regarded in any case: trustworthiness to the good and to the bad, keeping covenants for the good and the bad, and doing good to parents whether they are good or had.”*

1. The Qur’an 4:58.

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