

## LESSON 1.

### 1) FAITH (İMAN) 2) SINCERITY (İHLAS) 3) GIFT OF KINDNESS (İHSAN)

- 1) FAITH:**
- Means to believe, to entrust and to trust in, to ensure the safety of others and to be steadfast. People who have steadfast faith and loyalty to God are called believers (mu'min).
  - Faith is divided into two parts: insight faith and imitative faith.
  - "The terms or pillars of faith" explain us what are the things we have to put our devotion, piety and faith in.
  - "a person who acquires a real steadfast faith will be able to challenge the whole universe!" (Said Nursi)
- (ÇN / Işığın Görüldüğü Ufuk - Hususî Bir Açıdan İman)**  
**(Said Nursi, "Words", Word 2, Word 23.)**
- 2) SINCERITY:**
- Sincerity means genuineness; the quality of being free from pretence.
  - Sincerity means doing every thing and performing every task only for the sake of Allah's pleasure
  - "Always show sincerity in your deeds, as Allah accepts only sincere actions". (Hadis)
- (KZT 1 - İhlas)**  
**(Said Nursi, "Lem'alar", - 21 Lem'a)**
- 3) GIFT OF KINDNESS:**
- means offering kindness and grace. It also means to perform any task to the best of one's abilities.
  - to perform any act of worship with considerations of seeing Allah, or being at his sight.
  - "And do good as Allah has done good to you." (Surat-Al-Qasas, 77)
  - "Your good (ihsan), is worshiping Allah as if seeing him; Even if you do not see Him, He does!" (Hadis)
- (KZT 1 - İhsan)**

### Match the following words to the definitions:

Faith	Worshiping Allah to the best of one's abilities
The gift of kindness	Being sincere in everything we do
Sincerity	Believing, entrusting and trusting

**Fill in the following gaps:**

Our Prophet (sav) used to say: "Always have ..... in your deeds, as Allah accepts only sincere actions"; with these words warning us to focus all our actions on .....

In the frame of definitions, or in terms of theoretical explanation ..... – is derived from the phrasal root "emn ü eman", and it means believing, being trustworthy, entrusting someone else's safety. In other words, this word means able to be relied on, truthful, steady and trustworthy. Believing in Allah, witnessing and accepting His unity, consciously confessing His existence are just some other meanings that this word expresses.

..... , if explained with the words of our Prophet (s.a.w.) "is Your way of worshiping Allah, as if He is looking at you; even if you do not see Him, He does!"; means worshipping Allah as if being watched by Him. And people who have reached such mindset not only in the way they worship but also in their daily proceedings, act and live in the mindset of providing .....