

LESSON 5.

13) INNER İMPOTENCE (ACZ) 14) POVERTY (FAKR) 15) COMPASSION (ŞEFKAT)

- 13) INNER İMPOTENCE:** → Acknowledging and accepting that in terms of abilities we are impotent or incompetent.
→ Human beings are powerless to the extent that they lack capability to fulfil their own needs.
→ In their inner impotence, the human beings are to rely on the One who is powerful - Allah, the able and capable for everything. Because the One who can satisfy the needs of a human is only Allah! With modesty and humbleness we are to turn towards our servanthood and ask from Allah for our needs.
→ The human being is to confess and acknowledge his own impotence and helplessness. Because in the simplest acts like eating or drinking, even though they are attributed to our own abilities, we possess as little power or control, that is not worthy of mentioning. Because Allah is the one who at the very beginning gave the body that works as the perfect system to the human beings. Yes, this vertiginous system was first made by Him and given by Him. At the same time, this system works due to His power, His will, His providence, His grace and under His observance.
(KT 11 / Yaşatma İdeali - Enaniyet Çağında Acz u Fakr Yolu)
- 14) POVERTY:** → Acknowledging the truth that every object and every being truly belongs to its actual owner, possessor - Allah.
→ It is also defined as “being needy” . It means that the human being is in need of everything, from a particle to the sun.
→ The human being by his nature is created in need for everything in this universe. Thus, because of these needs, the human being is poor and needy.
→ This state of poverty is given to the human being, so that every time he is in need, he is able to find Allah, who is not in need of anything.
(KZT 1 - Fakr u Gına)
- 15) COMPASSION:** → Embracing every one and every thing because of Allah.
→ It is loving and caring about every one and every object unrequitedly; it is standing by the oppressed and aggrieved ones, taking up their problems, and with the compassion of a mother trembling about them.
→ Anyone who is gifted by carrying this feeling , willingly offers his helping hand to any one who is in need of love and compassion, without expecting anything in return; as long as he has enough strength he will hold up those who fell down; warm up those who feel cold; erase the fears and nightmares of those who are lonely and poor, and will stand by those who need someone to be there.
→ “the one who does not show respect to elders and compassion to the youngers are not from among us” .
→ Compassion holds such a power, that the hardest hearts melt with it, the most defaulted souls kneel, and the most dreadful enmities give up in front of it. If there is a potion that cures hatred and hostility, then it is the compassion; if there is an armor that can withstand aggression, anger and hostility, it is the compassion again.
→ Compassion, in general meaning, is sharing the pain close or distant around us. Finding cure to existing and preventing the possible troubles, filling its space with happiness and joy; however, in its true meaning, compassion is the award offered for the efforts to win eternal prosperity, and for the trembling hearts in these endeavors.
(KT 9 / Sükûnun Çıgıllıkları - Şefkat)

Common readings for all of the topics:

(26.Söz'ün Zeyli)

(KZT 2 - SEYR U SÜLÜKTE BİR BAŞKA ÇİZGİ)

Match the following words to the definitions:

Inner impotence	Feeling love and affection towards everyone and everything without expecting anything in return
Poverty	Being in need of everything from the particle to the whole sun
Compassion	Acknowledging and accepting that we do not have enough power for most of the things

Fill in the following gaps:

The issue of, the one that Bediüzzaman Said Nursi considered as the basis for his profession is very different from mere tiredness or despair. In this context, does not mean sloth or being tied up by; it is performing the responsibilities of a servanthood with all given might, along with acknowledging and confessing one's incapability and helplessness in front of Allah.

Although we find ourselves within , we are the servants of the Lord whose treasures are endless; even if we are the helpless, we got our strength from His power. Here we are surrounded with the feeling of gratefulness for His gifts. We have so much eagerness and enthusiasm, that wouldn't/will not let us mourn, every moment we are full of joy and hope; because we are swimming in the river of endless gifts and blessings, believing that we are flourished with His grace.

In case if some people do not show any signs of , it only shows that they were subject to some natural disorder and suffered some kind of deformation. They just lack the divine mercy, and as a consequence; because of their own misuse, they left the springs of in their souls to dry, they killed the feelings of love and clemency and turned into a ruthless tyrant. To the extent that these stonehearted people came to the state where as brutes, they do not have mercy for their own children. Some of these upset people; those who like blood, who are fed by blood, became so brutal that they are able to sacrifice fourty million lives for the sake of setting up a vane, disturbing system.