

LESSON 9.

25) CONSULTATION (İSTİŞARE)	26) OBEDIENCE (İTAAT)	27) DEVOTION (ADANMIŞLIK)
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25) CONSULTATION: → means consulting and discussing any issue with others, getting their opinion and acting according the mutual decision.

→ According to the Holy Koran, this is the most obvious sign and the most important characteristics of a community committed to Islam.

→ The Holy Koran mentions consultation, prayer and giving charity on the same line, and it states “They are such (people), who respond to the call of their Lord and perform their prayers properly, their deeds are done with consultation among themselves; and they share what is given to them as sustenance.”

→ The first condition for any beginning or job started by a person to reach the most beautiful results is consulting (meşveret); as well as the only way to possess the source of the power or strength that in times exceeds the power that one already has is still consultation.

→ “One who consults will never regret”, “One who consults will never be harmed”, “One who consults is always safe”, “There is no community that consulted before doing anything and did not reach beautiful results.” (Hadiths)

(Ruhumuzun Heykelini Dikerken - Şûrâ)

26) OBEDIENCE: → By definition: Obeying, complying, listening to, acting upon received orders.

→ The Holy Koran orders to obey the Great orders of the leading ones: “O, those who believed! Obey Allah, His Messenger, and those among you, who has the power to order.”

→ وَأُولِي الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ Means “The one who followed the enlightened way of the Messenger, found the leadership, so obey the onew who own the right to lead among you.”

→ Prescribed prayers teach us obedience. Because when the imam says “Bow!” we bow, and when he says “straighten up!”, we straighten up. The same way as the military soldiers learn discipline by education and training, the prescribed prayers, along with their basic goal, also discipline us. Especially we learn and get used to become obedient when we pray in jammaat (congregation).

(Prizma 2 - Meşveretin Tabîî Bir Neticesi: İtaat)

(AGT 4 - Ulu'l Emre İtaat)

27) DEVOTION: → Means staying without any expectations. In a different context - devotion is considered as something that creates a summit of sacrifice.

→ It means serving without such thoughts as: “What is the benefit or award that we will get at the end of this job?”

→ Not getting into any worldly expectations, in many cases even not getting into thoughts like entering Jannah (Paradise) and staying away from Jahannam (Hell) - spiritual expectations awaited from the Glory of the Most Truthful One.

→ As already stated in the authentic hadiths, the worshiping performed by the human beings is not enough and not possible to earn the right of entering Jannah (Paradise). A person is able to enter the Jannah only with the glory and mercy of the Allah Almighty.

(KT 11 / Yaşatma İdeali - Adanmışlık ve Beklentsiz Olma)

Match the following words to the definitions:

Consultation

Not expecting anything

Obedience

Discussinf every issue with the others

Devotion

Acting according the orders received

Fill in the following gaps:

The thought of and the spirit of sacrifice are surely the basis dynamics that sustain an ideology, provide for it and keep it strong. Surely this is the reason why the Holy Koran mentions ansar (native hosts) and muhajireen (emigrants) as an ideal generation; and almost everywhere they were mentioned, they are presented to our eyes as the ones who always say “yes”, always give and always stay in the summit of sacrifice, acting accordingly with their thoughts of

Yes indeed, for the sake of Allah, we should even the people, who with the interpretation of our Prophet: “Even if they are former slaves who have curly hair and are black as a ripe grape, listen and”, thus we will obey even those people.

Indeed, Allah’s messenger would every issue with his companions, taking their thoughts and points of view, leaving everything that he planned to the divine conscience, actually blocking his own feelings, emotions and tendencies; thus every decision he made was beneficially strengthened in terms of being well thought and ballanced. This way everyone was able to participate in every planned job spiritually and intellectually, making the projects performed and realised depending on robust and stable ground.