

RELY UPON ALLAAH

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In Saheeh Muslim there is a hadeeth which talks about the Messenger of Allaah (saw) once taking an oath from some companions, which included Abu Bakr, Abu Dhar and Thauban (radhiAllaahu 'anhum), that they would never ask for anything from anyone.

Imam Ahmad (rh) used to supplicate, "O Allaah, in the same way that you have kept my face from prostrating to other than You, protect me from asking of anyone other than You."

Ibn Rajab quotes Ibn al-Sumaak as saying, "Do not ask one who flees from your (requests) but, instead, ask the One who has ordered you to ask Him (Allaah)."

Taawood said to Ata, "Do not seek the response to your needs from one who closes the door in front of you and puts a barrier between you and him. Instead, you must turn to the One whose door is open until the Day of Judgement and who has ordered you to ask of Him and who has promised to respond to you."

Maimun ibn Mahran saw some people outside the door of one of the princes. He said, "The one who has a need from the ruler has a barrier in front of him. But the houses of the Most Merciful are open. So one of you should go to the mosque and pray two rak'at and ask of Him your needs."

The Messenger of Allaah (saw) said, **"By the One in Whose Hand is my soul, it is better for one of you to take a rope and gather wood and carry it on his back and sell it, rather than to ask a person for something and that person may or may not give him"** [Bukharee]

The Messenger (saw) said, **"O Qabeesa, begging is not permissible but for one of three (classes) of people: one who has incurred debt, for him begging is permissible until he pays that off, after which he must stop; a man whose property has been destroyed by a calamity which has smitten him, for him begging is permissible till he gets what will support life or will provide him reasonable subsistence; and a person who has been smitten by poverty, the genuineness of which is confirmed by three intelligent members of his people, for him begging is permissible until he gets what will support him, or will provide him subsistence. O qabeesa, besides these three, (every other reason) for begging is forbidden, and one who engages in such consumes that which is forbidden."**

[Muslim]

This aspect of trying to be self-reliant and refraining from begging is from the matters of Tawheed and a practical application of the prayer in al-Fatihah where we say, "You alone we worship and (from) You alone we seek help."

The Messenger of Allaah (saw) said, **"A strong believer is better and more beloved to Allah than a weak believer. However, there is goodness in every (believer). Be eager for (and strive after) what benefits you and seek help in Allaah. And do not be weak or lazy to do so."**

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The creatures are helpless before Allaah and He is in firm control over everything. If none can harm or bring benefit unless Allaah permits and grants such results, then it is completely futile and irrational to neglect strengthening and affirming Tawheed in our lives.