

1. Pleasurable

Another feature of a successful life is being pleasurable. Successful individuals and societies always see themselves in the presence of God. Whatever good or bad happens to them, they feel genuinely happy and derive pleasure from it, knowing that God is aware and that event has taken place in His presence. They believe that whatever the beloved (God) does is sweet, even if it might be painful from a worldly perspective.

"And say, 'Do [as you will], for Allah will see your deeds, and [so will] His Messenger and the believers. And you will be returned to the Knower of the unseen and the witnessed, and He will inform you of what you used to do.'" (Quran 9:105)

Successful individuals and societies see themselves as participants in a competition, being watched by their spectators and supporters. They know that if they make their efforts, their supporters will be pleased and happy with them, even if they do not achieve the desired results, because their sacrifice and endurance in facing hardships are witnessed.

From Fudayl ibn Yasar: He said, "I visited Imam Sadiq (peace be upon him) during his illness, which had made him so weak that only his head remained [noticeable]. He said to me, 'O Fudayl! I often say that there is nothing wrong for a man whom God has made aware of this matter to be on top of a mountain until death comes to him. O Fudayl ibn Yasar! People have taken to the right and left paths, but we and our followers are guided on the straight path. O Fudayl ibn Yasar! If a believer were to own what is between the east and the west, it would be good for him, and if he were to wake up with his limbs cut off, it would be good for him. O Fudayl ibn Yasar! God does not do anything to a believer except what is good for him. O Fudayl ibn Yasar! If the world were worth the wing of a mosquito to God, He would not give an enemy a drink of water from it. O Fudayl ibn Yasar! Whoever has one primary concern, God will take care of his concerns, but whoever has his concerns scattered in every valley, God will not care in which valley he perishes.'"

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