

In this world, the challenges and hardships people face to atone for their mistakes are meant to help them quickly repay their dues, so they can achieve success. This is because the world is a part of the journey toward success.

Imam Sadiq (peace be upon him) said: "The moments of sorrow for a believer are times of atonement." ¹

The sad moments in a believer's life are times when they are paying for their mistakes and sins in this world.

Do you have the opportunity to correct your mistakes in life?

Those who walk the path of success are like participants in a race, planning and striving to reach the top. Along the way, they may face injuries or setbacks, which are natural in the pursuit of rewards and high achievements. Enduring the pain and challenges is easier and more logical for those individuals and communities.

Have you noticed the race of your life?

4. The Virtue of Loneliness

Another characteristic of successful people is the virtue of loneliness. Individuals and communities that are on the path to success and progress tend to move ahead of others, which often leads to loneliness. ² Other people may lack the understanding or ability to keep up with them, similar to someone climbing ahead of others, who then feels isolated. However, this sense of loneliness is positive, as it leads to independence and strength of character. Successful individuals and communities are those who trust in all of God's plans for life and surrender themselves to them. They achieve certain success. Those who submit to God's plans are the chosen ones. The more successful a person is, the more they experience loneliness, as the successful one is always at the forefront, relying on God and fearing no obstacles or criticism. This trait is also shared by those who strive in the path of God, who do not fear the reproach of any critic.

Imam al-Baqir (peace be upon him) said: "Do you know who the successful believers are?" I replied, "You know best." He said: "The successful believers are those who submit, and the submitters are the chosen ones. A believer is a stranger, a believer is a stranger." Then he said: "Blessed are the strangers who strive in the path of God and do not fear the reproach of any critic."

[1- Al-Tamhees, p. 35, Hadith 29; 2 Al-Mahasin, vol. 1, p. 271, Hadith 366.\]

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