

## Delegation (Tafwid)

One of the ways in which God helps individuals and communities to succeed is through delegation. Successful individuals and communities entrust their entire lives to God. Delegation means entrusting or handing over matters, but it must be accompanied by planning and effort, not laziness and idleness. Those who are successful in life delegate everything to God. They plan and make efforts in their actions, but they know that the greatest influencing factor in life is God, and in the end, whatever God's will is, that will come to pass. They believe that God is fully aware of every aspect and detail of individuals' and communities' lives, which is why they are content with God's decrees.

Soon you will remember what I tell you, and I entrust my affair to Allah. Indeed Allah watches His servants.' (Ghafir, 44)

Then Allah saved him from their evil schemes, while a terrible punishment besieged Pharaoh's clan: (Ghafir, 45)

Entrust yourself and your life to God, and then venture into the dangers.

## 2. The Self

After God, the most influential factor in the success of individuals and communities is themselves. Each person, in any situation, has the power to choose between success and failure. Those who choose success have different plans and actions than those who choose failure and misery. Both individuals and communities have ways to influence their lives. The self's influence is significant, but it is still limited, as other factors also play a role in life. God sometimes intervenes in life to show the limitations of human influence. One clear example is that in this worldly life, God sometimes makes certain people wealthy despite not having great intelligence. This demonstrates that success cannot be achieved solely through intelligence and rational analysis; one must also utilize other influencing factors in life, especially God's influence.

Amir al-Mu'minin (peace be upon him) said:

\_"Sustenance is entrusted to foolishness." (1) (In the original text: "God has entrusted sustenance," but the wording in the text is taken from other sources.)

\_"Deprivation is entrusted to intellect, and trials are entrusted to patience."\_ (2) (3) (Bihar al-Anwar: 72:50, Hadith 62)\_