

Allah rewards us multiple times for our good deeds BS Foad, MD 2018

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: (When one of you improves his Islam, then every good deed that he does is written for him as ten good deeds, up to seven hundred times; and every bad deed is only written as one bad deed) Narrated in Bokhari & Muslim

(1) Good deeds are rewarded multiple times: “Whoever brings a good deed will be rewarded ten times its measure; and whoever brings a bad deed is only requited similar to it” Al-Ana’m (The Cattle) 6: 160. **We are rewarded according to the best of our deeds:** “If any do good, he will have better than it, and they will be secure from terror that Day” An-Naml (The Ants) 27: 89; “We will reward those who patiently persevere according to the best of their deeds” An-Nahl (The Bees) 16:96. **We are rewarded for our good deeds, both in this life as well as in the Hereafter:** “Whoever does good deeds, male or female, and has faith, We will let him live a good life, and We will reward them according to the best of their deeds” An-Nahl (The Bees) 16: 97. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said that just thinking of a good deed is rewarded, then the reward is multiplied when we do that good deed, but thinking of a bad deed is not written against us until we do that bad deed (Muslim).

(2) What are the good deeds that rewarded so much? 1-Fasting Ramadan (The deeds of man are motivated by the benefit he hopes to get, but fasting is done for My sake, and I give its reward) Bokhari & Muslim. **2-Charity motivated by good intentions:** “The parable of those who spend their money in the way of Allah is that of a grain that produced seven ears, in each ear is a hundred grain; and Allah multiplies (the reward) for whom He wills” Al-Baqara (The Cow) 2: 261. **3-Prayer done at the proper time:** Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: (The deed most beloved to Allah is prayer at the proper time) Bokhari. **4-Recitation the Qur’an:** Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: (Every letter in the book of Allah is rewarded one good deed) Termidhi & Hakim. **5-Being good and kind to our parents. 6-Helping another Muslim who is in distress:** Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said:(Whoever relieves the distress of a believer, Allah will relieve his distress on the Day of Judgment) Narrated by Ahmad & Muslim **7-Visiting a sick Muslim:** Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: (When one of you visits his sick Muslim brother, he walks cultivating the fruits of paradise till he sits down; when he sits down mercy will encompass him; if his visit was in the morning seventy thousand angels will pray for him till night time; and if his visit was at night, then seventy thousand angels will pray for him till morning) Ahmad. **8-Teaching the Qur’an and spreading useful knowledge:** Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: (The best amongst you is the person who learns the Qur’an and teaches it to others) Bokhari. **9-Setting a good example by our character & behavior and guiding others:** Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: (Whoever guides to something good, will get a reward similar to the person who does that good deed) Ahmad & Muslim. **10-Deeds done when the need is great are rewarded more:** “Not equal are those among you who spent and fought before the opening, for they are higher in degree, compared to those who spent and fought afterwards; Allah promised both a good reward, and Allah is well-aware of all that you do” Al-Hadeed (The Iron) 57: 10.

(3) Our good deeds are only accepted when we behave in a righteous way and are well-motivated:

When we give charity in such a way that offends those receiving our charity or to be recognized or praised, then our charity is not accepted: “O you who believe cancel not your charity with reminders of your generosity or by injury, like those who spend their wealth to be seen of men, but do not believe in Allah or in the Last Day” Al-Baqara (The Cow) 2: 264. If our goal is to set a precedent and encourage others to spend in the way of Allah, then our charity is accepted. Charity given by a wicked person is not accepted, because he has shown through his character and behavior, that he has no faith.

(4) Our good deeds wipe out our bad deeds:” Indeed the good deeds remove (wipe out) the bad deeds; this is a reminder for those who are mindful” Hud (Prophet Hud) 11: 114. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: (Be mindful of Allah at all times; and follow a bad deed with a good deed it wipes it out, and interact with others with morals and noble character) Abou Dawood & Termidhi. (The five daily prayers, and the Friday prayer till the next Friday prayer, and Ramadan to the next Ramadan atone for sins between them, as long as major sins are avoided) Ahmad