

Good deeds are multiplied and cancel out our bad deeds BS Foad, MD 2017

(1) Good deeds are rewarded multiple times: Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: **(When one of you improves his Islam, then every good deed is written (rewarded) for him ten times, up to seven hundred times; and every bad deed that he does is written only as one bad deed)** Bokhari & Muslim. In Another Hadeeth: (All the deeds that a person does are rewarded multiple times, a good deed is rewarded ten times up to seven hundred times or more as Allah wishes, except for fasting, because Allah says: **"Fasting is done for Me, and I give its reward"** Malik. Even **the intention of doing a good deed is rewarded**. If one intends to do a bad deed but does not do it is written for him as a good deed (Bokhari & Muslim). **"He who does a good deed shall have ten times as much to his credit; he that does evil shall only be recompensed according to his evil, no one is to be wronged."** Al-Ana'm (Cattle) 6: 160; **"If any does good his reward is better than his deed, but if any does evil the doers of evil are only punished to the extent of their deeds."** Al-Qasas (The Stories) 28: 84; **"If any do good he will have better than it, and they will be secure from terror that day; and if any do evil their faces will be thrown headlong in the fire: "Do you receive a reward other than that which you have earned by your deeds."** An-Naml (The Ants) 27: 89 & 90. There is no limit for the reward of fasting Ramadan. Allah says: "He leaves his food and desires for My sake" Bokhari. **Those who are wronged but do not exact revenge, rather forgive and make amends are rewarded by Allah**, and their reward has no limits: **"The recompense for an injury is an injury equal thereto (in degree); but if a person forgives and makes reconciliation his reward is due from Allah, for Allah loves not those who do wrong."** Ash-Shura 42:40

(2) Good deeds atone for 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; **"Those who patiently persevere seeking the good pleasure of their Lord; establish regular prayers; spend out of what We provided for their sustenance, secretly and openly; and turn off evil with good deeds: for such is the final attainment of the eternal home: gardens of perpetual bliss, they shall enter there."** Ar-Ra'd (Thunder) 13: 22 & 23; **The Qur'an orders us to counter evil with good deeds: "Goodness and evil are not equal; repel evil with what is better: then will be between whom and you was hatred become as it were your friend and intimate."** Fusselat (Explained in detail) 41: 34. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: (Be mindful of Allah at all times; follow a bad deed with a good deed, it will wipe it out; and treat others with morals and noble character) Abou Dawood & Termidhi. **What are the good deeds that can wipe out our bad deeds?** Rituals of worship, like prayer, charity and fasting increase our good deeds, and can wipe out our bad deeds: Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: (The five daily prayers, and the Friday prayer to the next Friday prayer, and (fasting) Ramadan to the next Ramadan will atone for the sins committed between them, as long as the major sins are avoided) Ahmad, Muslim & Termidhi. **Being good to our parents** especially in their old age, and being **good to our neighbors and Jihad** in the way of Allah, and **reaching out to help the poor & needy** and those who need our help is also rewarded by Allah. **Repentance and Taqwa** (righteousness) also atone for our bad deeds. **The best deeds are those done consistently, even if little** (Bokhari).

(3) Our fate on the Day of Judgment depends on the balance of our good deeds versus our bad deeds, and our faith. **"The balance that day will be true: those whose scales of good are heavy will prosper. Those whose scales are light will find their souls in perdition, for they wrongly treated Our signs."** Al-Araf 7: 8 & 9. **God's mercy allows us to enter heaven:** **"Your Lord ordained on Himself the rule of mercy: Indeed if any of you did evil in ignorance, and thereafter repented and amended his conduct, lo God is often-forgiving, most-merciful."** Al-Ana'm; (Cattle) 6: 54; Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) told us: (None of you his deeds alone allows him to enter paradise) Bokhari & Muslim; Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) told us **that deeds are dependent on intentions**, and that we get our reward according to our intentions. Those who are only concerned with this life and do not care to do good to please Allah will have no reward in the Hereafter: **"Those who desire the life of this world and its glitter to them We shall pay their deeds therein and not diminish their dues. But they will have nothing in the Hereafter but the Fire"** Hud 11: 15 & 16; **We are judged according to our faith and deeds:** **"Whoever expects to meet his Lord let him do deeds of righteousness, and admit no one as partner in the worship of his Lord."** Al-Kahf 18: 110. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: (Allah does not look at your faces or money, but looks at your hearts & deeds) Muslim.

