

## Core Curriculum

### 3 Foundations of Islam - Obligatory Acts

#### 3.13 Commanding the Good and Forbidding Evil in Islam

**Question:** What is Commanding the Good?

**Answer:** It is encouraging in ourselves and others what Allah has deemed as good in Islam, like prayer or fasting.

**Question:** What is Forbidding Evil?

**Answer:** It is discouraging ourselves and others from committing what Allah has deemed as evil, like lying or gossiping.

**Question:** Is Commanding the Good and Forbidding Evil obligatory?

**Answer:** Yes, as long as there is a possibility of an effect. There are some cases where it is obligatory in any case, please refer to your Marja'.

**Question:** If I see someone not praying, and I know me telling them to do it won't do any good, do I still have to Command what is Good?

**Answer:** If you are certain he or she won't change, it is not obligatory to do it in most cases.

**Question:** What is the difference between Jihad and Commanding the Good & Forbidding Evil?

**Answer:** The latter is the direction, the former is the effort or struggle.