

Core Curriculum

3 Foundations of Islam - Obligatory Acts

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

The 7th and 8th items of the Furū' al-Dīn are called Commanding the Good (Amr bi al-Ma'rūf) and Forbidding Evil (Nahī 'an al-Munkar).

Commanding the Good and Forbidding Evil are important social duties in Islam.

Through the Prophet Muhammad (s) and the Imāms of the Ahl al-Bayt (as), God has taught us what is good and what is bad. First we need to apply them to ourselves. Second, we need to apply them to others by educating them and encouraging them to do good and discouraging them from doing evil.

If you see someone not praying, try encouraging them to pray. If you see someone lying, try teaching them that lying is bad.

If the Ummah is healthy, we ourselves have a better chance at finding salvation. Think about it this way, will you or your kids be able to lead a healthy spiritual life in a sinful environment? It's very hard to do so!

Commanding the Good and Forbidding Evil only has value if it is done for the sake of Allah.