

الخطبة الأولى: الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغُورُهُ وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا، مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

All praises are due to Allah, we praise Him, we seek His forgiveness, and we seek refuge in Him from our bad deeds and our bad thoughts, whomever Allah guides, no one can misguide him, and whoever is misguided only Allah can guide him to the truth. And I testify that there is no deity worthy of worship in truth except Allah alone and I testify that Muhammad ibn Abdullah is his final servant and messenger.

أما بعد: عباد الله: خُلِقَ التَّعَافُلُ مِنْ أَحْسَنِ الْأَخْلَاقِ، وبهذا الخلق الكريم النبيل تَبَقَّى العِلاَقَاتِ وَتَنَمُّو المَحَبَّاتِ وَتَزْدَهْرُ، والتعافل هو: "تَكَفَّفُ العَقْلَةُ مَعَ العِلْمِ والإِدْرَاكِ لِمَا يَتَّعَافَلُ عنه تَكْرُماً وَتَرْفَعاً عن سَفَاسِيبِ الأُمُورِ"، فالمتعافلُ يَعْلَمُ عَرِّ هذا الخَطَأَ وَيَسْتَطِيعُ مُعَاقِبَةَ المُخْطِئِ وَلَكِنَّهُ يَتَّعَافَلُ عَنِ نَتِجَتِكَ لِيُبْقِيَ حَبْلَ المَوَدَّةِ

قال الإمام أحمد بن حنبل عن هذا الخلق العظيم: "تسعة أعشار حُسن الخُلُقِ في التَّعَافُلِ". وقال عنه سيد التابعين الحسن البصري: "ما زال التَّعَافُلُ مِنْ فِعْلِ الكِرَامِ". وقال ابن المبارك: المؤمن يطلبُ المعاذيرَ، والمنافق يطلبُ الزلات

Servants of Allah...Brothers and Sisters in faith...Today we are going to speak about a behavior that is used by the wise, a type of character and etiquette that true intellectuals try to adorn themselves with and practice regularly. Today we are going to talk about the etiquette of 'At Tagaful'. At Tagaful is an Arabic word that means to intentionally overlook something, or to intentionally ignore or intentionally not pay attention to something, that one has clear knowledge about, but they choose to act as though they didn't know about it, see it, or hear to maintain good relations with others. At Tagaful is from the finest of manners and etiquettes that one can adorn themselves with. Adorning oneself with

this etiquettes keeps friendships and relationships together, and increases the love and good relations between people. The one who practices At Tagaful knows and sees others make mistakes, and he has the ability to reprimand them, but he overlooks them and intentionally ignores them to keep good relations with others.

Imam Ahmed ibn Hanbal said: "That nine tenths of good manners and etiquettes is in At Tagaful". The great leader of the tabieen, Al Hasan Al Basree said: "At Tagaful is known to be from the lofty etiquettes of the noble and generous people." Abdullah ibn Al Mubarak said: "The believer looks for excuses for his brothers, but the hypocrite looks for mistakes."

عباد الله: التغافل الذي نقصده في هذه الخطبة ألا يُدَقِّقُ الإنسانُ في الحقوقِ الشَّخْصِيَّةِ، وليس أن نتغافلَ عن التقصير في حقوقِ الله، من صلواتٍ أو صيامٍ أو حجابٍ، فهذا لا يجوز فيه التغافل، ويجب الأمرُ بالمعروفِ برِّفْقٍ والنهي عن المنكر برِّفْقٍ، وندتكر: "كُلُّكُمْ رَاعٍ وَكُلُّكُمْ مَسْئُولٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّتِهِ". ومع الأسف إن الكثيرين يتغافلون في حقوق الله ولا يتغافلون عن حقوقهم

O servants of Allah...The type of At Tagaful that we intend here in this khutbah today is the overlooking, and intentionally ignoring mistakes that concern people and their personal lives. The types of things that do not have anything to do with Allah's rights over us. We should never overlook someone for not fulfilling their rights with Allah such as praying, fasting, wearing hijab, paying zakat or making hajj. These things we can never overlook, rather we should remind each other with gentleness, kindness and fine preaching.

وقد كان التغافلُ عن بعض الزلَّات، وترك الاستقصاء عند العتاب والتقويم - من هَدَى النبي ﷺ في التربية والإصلاح؛ فقد حدَّث أنه ﷺ أسرَّ إلى زوجته حفصة رضي الله عنها خبرًا واستكتمها إياه، لكنها أخبرت بذلك السرَّ عائشة رضي الله عنها، وأفشته لها، وأطلع الله تعالى نبيّه ﷺ على

إفشائها للسرّ، فما كان من النبي ﷺ إلا أن أعلمها ببعض الحديث الذي أفشته معاتبًا لها، وأمسك عن إخبارها ببقية ما حدّثت به عائشة.

At Tagaful-which means overlooking and intentionally ignoring other people's faults, mistakes and mishaps in their worldly affairs, along with not blaming and reproaching others is from the guidance of the Prophet Muhammad in teaching his family and his companions and bringing about reconciliation. It occurred during the lifetime of Allah's messenger that he confided to his wife Hafsa a secret that he didn't want anyone to know about. But she informed another one of the Prophet's wives- Aishiah-about the secret. Then Allah revealed to the Prophet Muhammad that Hafsa had told their secret to Aishiah. So when the Prophet knew that Hafsa had shared their secret, he only shared with her part of what he knew, and he didn't blame her, reproach her, or act ill or mean to her, rather he overlooked her mistake, and intentionally ignored it.

As Allah said in the Quran:

﴿ وَإِذْ أَسَرَّ النَّبِيُّ إِلَىٰ بَعْضِ أَزْوَاجِهِ حَدِيثًا فَلَمَّا نَبَّأَتْ بِهِ وَأَظْهَرَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ عَرَفَ بَعْضَهُ وَأَعْرَضَ عَنْ بَعْضٍ فَلَمَّا نَبَّأَهَا بِهِ قَالَتْ مَنَ أَنْبَأَكَ هَذَا قَالَ نَبَّأَنِيَ الْعَلِيمُ الْخَبِيرُ ﴾ [التحریم: 3]

“And [remember] when the Prophet confided to one of his wives a statement; and when she informed [another] of it and Allah showed it to him, he made known part of it and ignored a part. And when he informed her about it, she said, "Who told you this?" He said, "I was informed by the Knowing, the Acquainted”

قال المفسرون: ولم يخبرها النبي ﷺ بجميع ما حصل منها، تكرّمًا منه أن يستقصي في العتاب، وحياءً وحسن عشرة؛ فإنّ من عادة الفضلاء التغافل عن الزلات، والتقصير في اللوم والعتاب

The Scholars of Tafseer say: The Prophet didn't inform her of everything that Allah had told him about Hafsah exposing their secret out of his fine character and manners and not wanting to blame his wife and reproach her for her mistake.

وقد قيل في الحكمة:

إِذَا كُنْتَ فِي كُلِّ الْأُمُورِ مُعَاتِبًا

If you are someone who always blames other people for things,

خَلِيَّاكَ لَمْ تَلَقَ الَّذِي لَا تُعَاتِبُهُ

Any friend that you meet will never be free from your blame

فَعِشْ وَاحِدًا أَوْ صِلْ أَخَاكَ فَإِنَّهُ

Live alone without any friends or be forgiving and pardoning with them

مُقَارِفٌ ذَنْبٍ مَرَّةً وَمُجَانِبُهُ

Everyone commits sins sometimes, and they avoid sins at other times

إِذَا أَنْتَ لَمْ تَشْرَبْ مِرَارًا عَلَى الْقَدَى

If you've never drank from a vessel without specks of dust in it

ظَمِئْتَ وَأَيُّ النَّاسِ تَصْنُفُو مَشَارِبُهُ

Then you would always be thirsty, and whose drinking vessel would always be clean.

This means that every human being has shortcomings and mistakes, there is no one who is perfect, except Allah alone. As the Prophet

Muhammad said: كل بني آدم خطاء و خير الخطائين التوابون

We all have deficiencies and character faults, some of us lie, gossip, backbite, steal and even deceive others. If someone constantly blames and tries to pick out the petty faults and mistakes of other people, especially his friends and family members, then he will eventually end up living alone without any friends or family. He will taste the bitterness of loneliness, or he choose to live with friends and family while knowing that we all have mistakes and deficiencies, and try to overlook the shortcoming in worldly affairs.

يا عبدالله: التغافل عن بعض الأخطاء في حَقِّكَ الشخصي يُدِيمُ الألفَةَ وَيُبْقِي المَحَبَّةَ، التغافل يجب أن يكون بين المسلمين عُمومًا، بل حتى بين المسلم وجاره أو قَرِيبِهِ الكافر. أدبُ التَّغَاوُلِ هو من أدبِ السَّادَةِ، أمَّا السُّوقَةُ العَوَامُ فلا يعرفون مثل هذه الآداب، ولذلك نَرَاهُمْ لَدُنْهِ هَمَّتِهِمْ وخِسَّةِ أَطْبَاعِهِمْ يُحْصِنُونَ الصَّغِيرَةَ، ويجعلون من الحَبَّةِ قُبَّةً، وَمِنَ القُبَّةِ مَزَارَأَ، وهؤلاء وإن أظْهَرُوا في الإِخْصَاءِ على الآخرين فَنُونَ مُتَنَوِّعَةً من ضُرُوبِ الذِّكَاةِ وَالخِدَاعِ، ولكنه ذكاءٌ أشبه بإمارات أهل الحُمُقِ الذين تَسْتَفِزُّهُمُ الصَّغَائِرُ عند غيرهم، وأمثال هؤلاء لا يكونون من السادة في أقوامهم

Servants of Allah, At Tagaful-overlooking and intentionally ignoring other people's personal mistakes and mishaps keeps the love and affection between friends and loved ones. The Muslims must learn how to overlook each others personal mistakes and shortcomings, that are not related to Allah or His Messengers rights. At Tagaful, overlooking other people's faults is from the fine and noble etiquettes of the best of the best and the finest of behavior and manners that a Muslim can adorn him/herself with. As for the naïve, the ignorant and the heedless, then you find that they don't have this etiquette or behavior with others, nor do they try to learn it or practice it. This is because of their deficient intellects, their lack of concern for others and because of their sick souls

and non-Islamic mannerisms. You find them focusing and nit picking one every small mistake and mishap that other people make....they make mountains out of mole hills, they over-react, and blow things way out of proportion. They appear to be smart and intelligent by finding the faults of others and blaming them for them, but in all actuality they will never be the leaders of themselves nor the leaders of their people.

وقال بكر بن عبد الله: " إذا رأيتَ الرجلَ مُؤَكِّلاً بِعُيُوبِ النَّاسِ، نَاسِيًا لِعُيُوبِهِ - فاعلموا أنه قد مُكِرَ به "

Bakr ibn Abdullah, one of the righteous predecessors said: "If you see someone busying themselves with finding the mistakes of others, while forgetting and being heedless about his own mistakes and shortcomings, then know that the shaytaan has deceived him.

و في الحديث الذي رواه ابن حبان في صحيحه، وأبو نعيم في الحلية، وصححه الألباني ~~في صحيحه~~ عن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه قال قال رسول الله: "يبصر أحدكم القذى في عين أخيه، وينسى الجذع في عينه"

Abu Hurairah said: "One of you sees the speck of dirt in his brother's eye, but doesn't see the big log from a tree in his own eye."

May Allah busy us with rectifying our own souls and own shortcomings and being more pardoning with our loved ones and friends.

A great poet once said about At Tagaful, intentionally ignoring people's faults and mistakes in their everyday worldly affairs:

لَيْسَ الْغَيْبِيُّ بِسَيِّدٍ فِي قَوْمِهِ *** لَكِنَّ سَيِّدَ قَوْمِهِ الْمُتَغَابِي

The heedless individual is not the leader of his people, rather the leader of the people is one who acts as though he is heedless and doesn't know what's going on, but in all actually he really knows.

Servants of Allah....May Allah bestow His Mercy and Wisdom upon us and adorn us with the etiquettes and manners of at Tagaful, overlooking and intentionally ignoring other people's shortcomings and mishaps.

One thing which we must constantly remind ourselves is that none of us are free from mistakes, shortcomings and character deficiencies. That we should busy ourselves with rectifying our own deficiencies and shortcomings before we busy ourselves worrying about other people's faults.

Brothers and sisters in Islam...it is impossible for people to be free from mistakes. When we deal with our families and spouses we need to realize that just how we have deficiencies, our wives, children and relatives do as well. I'm sure that there doesn't pass by a week in our homes except that one of the two spouses feels annoyed, disturbed, or angry about some type of behavior, statement or action that either of the two did in the house.

It is not from the character of the Muslim to allow every small disagreement, argument, or mishap turn into a fight or into name calling, swearing and cursing at their spouses. Sometimes those with deficient intellects and understanding of the religion, allow verbal disagreements

with their spouses lead to physical altercations with punching and hitting, even over something so petty as to the food being too salty, or the food being cold, or the house not being cleaned, or the clothes not being washed, or because the wife talked back to the husband. And we seek refuge in Allah from such actions. So because of this it is upon both the husband and the wife to accept the other person the way they are, with the deficiencies in character traits that they have and to overlook, pardon and intentionally ignore things sometimes. Unfortunately some men scrutinize about everything and are so picky when it comes to dealing with their wives, and they always have a response to their wives, or always have to have the last word. They open the refrigerator and yell: Why aren't the things in the refrigerator arranged, why did you put the vegetables on top and the fruit on the bottom? Or they say: Why is the table dusty? Or why is the floor not vacuumed? Or I gave you 50 dollars, where did it go? What did you spend it on? And he makes their life miserable together!!

It is said that the generous and noble people do not scrutinize other people. Also there are women who scrutinize their husbands? Asking their husbands: What did you mean by that? Or who was that who called you on the phone? Who's this one who messaged you on your phone? Why did you come home late? Where were you? They make mountains out of molehills when dealing with their husbands sometimes.

Servants of Allah....today we are learning about the behavior of the righteous people, we are learning about At Tagaful. We need to learn how to intentionally ignore things sometimes, so as to keep good relations with others. We should not be heedless of what our spouses or

children or friends are doing, rather we should pay attention, but we need to learn what really deserves to be pointed out and what things could we pardon and overlook.

Of course if we see our children or spouses doing something that is prohibited in Islam, or they are negligent in fulfilling their religious obligations, then we would remind them with kindness, but as for the worldly affairs that have no relationship to the religion then we need to learn to intentionally ignore things sometimes.

The intelligent person, the leader, the manager, the boss of the company should not scrutinize everything big and everything small, and he doesn't let the people who he's responsible for and deals with on a daily basis know that he knows everything about them. Also the parents should not over-exaggerate if they see some mistakes or mishaps from their children. They should put everything in its proper perspective. Every household has its ups and downs, has its mistakes and shortcomings as well as its positive and good things as well. For example accidentally breaking a glass or a plate, or something in the house should not lead one to excessively punishing or spanking one's children.

Everyones household suffers from these types of problems and difficulties in raising children, so intentionally ignoring and pardoning sometimes will keep the problems and disputes at home at a minimal level, and keep everyone in line and keep the love and affection between members of the household.

"قال بعض الحكماء: "وجدت أكثر أمور الدنيا لا تجوز إلا بالتغافل"

Some of the wise people used to say: "I found that the majority of the affairs of this dunya would not run smoothly except with At Tagaful"

Second Khutbah

عباد الله: هاكم نماذج يسيرة من تَغَافُلِ أَهْلِ الصَّلَاحِ وَالذِّيانَةِ، اسمعوا لما ذكره ابنُ جُرَيجٍ عن عطاء بن أبي رباح قال: "إن الرجل ليحدثني بالحديث فأنصتُ له كأن لم أسمعُه قط وقد سمعته .قبل أن يولد ."

Servants of Allah, these are just some examples of how we can practice At Tagaful and how At Tagaful is from the etiquettes and manners of the rightoues and pious. It has been narrated about one of the great Tabi'een-Ataa ibn Abee Rabah who said: "A man will come to me and narrate a hadith to me, and I will listen attentively to him, as if I have never heard that narration before, and I actually heard it before he was born."

Ibn Abaas was mentioned to have said:

"قال ابن عباس رضي الله عنهما: "إن أمور التعايش في مكيا لثله الفطنة وثلثاه التغابي ."

One third of happy co-existence is intellect and two thirds is intentionally ignoring and overlooking and acting as though you don't know about something.

لِيَكُنْ شَعَارُكَ يَا عَبْدَ اللَّهِ: أَنَا أَعْرِفُ كُلَّ مَا يَدُورُ حَوْلِي لَكِنِّي أَتَغَافَلُ عَنْهُ!! وَتَذَكَّرُ دَائِمًا: أَنْ وَوَأَدَّكَ أَوْ زَوْجَتَكَ إِنْ أَحْفُوا عَنْكَ مَا تَكْرَهُ فِهَذَا مِنْ تَقْدِيرِهِمْ لَكَ.

So adorn yourselves with this great etiquette and behavior and let your slogan that you live by be: I'm aware of all that is happening around me, but I intentionally ignore many things to keep good relations with others.

And always remember that your wives, or children may hide things that you don't like, because they respect you and look up to you. Don't think that they are trying to hide or deceive you. May Allah adorn our hearts and souls with tawheed, and adorn our limbs with imitation of Allah's Messenger, and beautify our manners with At Tagaful-intentionally ignoring other people's shortcomings and mistakes so that we can maintain good relations with one another.

...إن الله وملائكته يصلون على النبي

من صلى علي صلاة صلى الله عليه بها عشرة