

Doing Good Things without Wasting

As we know, using everything in the proper way and not more than the necessary amount is very important in Islam and so wasting things through using them in an improper way or more than is necessary has been forbidden by our religion. Of course, we do not want to be wasteful, but sometimes out of carelessness or because of not knowing the proper way of using things, we may waste our money by spending it on buying what we do not really need or what is harmful for us. Also, it is a waste of time if we do nothing useful, while we can use every hour of our life for useful actions, like studying, exercising and helping our parents. Related to this you are going to read a story here written by Gholamreza Hedari Abhari.

Taha had turned on the water tap for making wuzu (ritual ablution) because he wanted to pray together with his father. He was using too much water, which as his mother thought, was waste of water. His mother who was watching him, came near and said kindly: “My dear son! Be careful not to waste the water.”

Taha asked, “Why mother, what have I done?” His mother replied, “You are wasting water because you can make the wuzu with less water. You should not let the water be wasted. I know you want the water for wuzu which is very good, but one should always take care not to waste anything even when one is doing something good. Once Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) saw a man doing wuzu. The man was using too much water, namely more than necessary. The Holy Prophet (PBUH) asked the man not to waste the water. The man asked the Holy Prophet (PBUH) whether there could be any wastefulness while one is doing wuzu and in answer the Holy Prophet said, “Yes there can be wastefulness in any action.”