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I begin with the Name of Allaah, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful.

The success of any reformer lies not only on how sincere and legitimate his reforms are but also on how ardently he desires to see people on the right path by deploying the right strategies. These two factors energize the message of any reformer such that the people identify the truth and the sincerity behind it.

It is incumbent upon us to understand that the aim is to help anyone that is confused about certain teachings of the Religion understand the truth. The aim is not to celebrate people's disobedience. The goal is to guide and not to misguide or send people away from the truth.

In every case of misguided thought, there are genuine people that do not know better. Hence, painstakingly take your time to elaborate on issues, listen to the doubts people entertain, then with wisdom and knowledge, be a touch bearer. We all want guidance.

I have realized that some people often react to certain messages when they feel that the messenger has not factored in their peculiar circumstances. Hence, it is good to approach issues with empathy even if the truth will be hurtful.

The Prophet SAW was more keen on guiding people through his messages and impeccable character, it was burdensome on him to see people on the path of misguidance. He ardently desired guidance for them and was patient in doing so. Because of sincerity of purpose, he succeeded.

The Prophet SAW's methodology is to educate people that have divergent views on what the truth is as against being confrontational. So when someone says, he wants to be permitted to commit Zina, he was educated out of that sinful thought in a logical and personalized manner. It proved very effective.

Gradually we will be there and the Ummah will gain back its glory days in shaa Allaah. We need patience, extensive education and sincerity of purpose to redirect our thoughts to the right direction of Qur'an and Sunnah.

Do not treat anyone that has different opinion from you as an enemy because he might be right. And if he is not right, your interactions with him during the intellectual engagement will enable him see the truth in your position. We all just want a better world in order to secure a good Hereafter.

If you push the Muslim that drinks alcohol away, who then will remind him constantly of the evil of alcohol consumption?

If you push the Muslim that has confused thoughts about gender rights away, who then will guide them to the truth of gender rights in Islam?

Some people with twisted opinion about the truth need to be accommodated and listened to in order to intelligently respond to their confusions. This cannot happen if the atmosphere is hostile.

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