

## WORKING SMART

Missed opportunities will surely be a source of great regret  
Not only in this very world, but also in the next  
    Man will say “ Oh woe to me! Why on earth was I  
    So careless in letting such good chances pass me by?”  
That will surely be the time when every deed will count  
And wealth, power, fame - such things, will be of no account  
    Except if men had used them in the service of their God  
    And to please Him alone, seeking closeness to their Lord  
So let's all learn the word '*Ibadah* and what its all about  
The acts of worship that in the Afterlife will really count  
    It's an all-encompassing term, more than the ritual acts  
    Everything that's done to please our God, '*Ibadah* is just that  
This includes giving people the rights we owe to them  
It's money, time, attention, even supplicating for them  
    Yes, time is that resource, once gone it can't come back  
    So wasting precious time in life will really make you sad.  
Use the time you have on earth- save up for Afterlife  
Prayer, *dhikr*, *sadaqa*, fast, there's so much you can find  
    Do work smart, investigate and get to know those times  
    In which the *Quran* and *Hadith* tell us rewards are multiplied,  
*Tahajjud* is a prayer at a time when people sleep  
It'll bring you close to God and just see how good you'll feel  
    Friday is the Lord of days, on it the world will end  
    Pray, supplicate and send *darud*, give it its due respect  
*Zilhajj* and *Muharram*'s first ten days are ideal for good deeds  
*Ramadan* and its last ten days, their excellence you can't beat  
    Shawwal's six fasts with Ramadan's like fasting all year round  
    13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> is like fasting all month round  
The nights of *Qadar* and *Mai'raj*, Mondays and Thursdays  
Don't miss these opportunities to get your sins erased  
    The *dhikrs* our Prophet (SAW) taught us, do constantly recite  
    It's another way of earning reward at every place and time  
The *du'as* for different occasions, on learning them be keen  
And just make saying *Bismillah*, a part of your routine  
    Think of all God's blessings, see how humbled you will feel  
    Constantly show gratitude through your heart, your tongue & deeds  
So many opportunities are there, don't let them just slip by  
It's all these things we miss out on, that'll really make us cry  
    And whatever knowledge you acquire, be sure to pass it on  
    If others act upon it, you'll benefit when you are gone  
The ways to earn God's goodwill are numerous you know

Be proactive - learn, plan and do and in this don't be slow.