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# SUFFICING WITH LIVE BROADCASTS AND LEAVING OFF SITTING IN THE CLASSES WITHIN THE MASJID

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**Question:** This brother asks if one can inform the students regarding the importance of being consistent in attending and not missing the class. Some of our brothers have said that there is no time except after Fajr prayer on Friday.

**Answer:** We say: This time is a trial for the students of knowledge, because in reality there is no excuse; and because it is easy, in reality. Knowledge is not attained by rest of the body, O brothers. We are in need of enduring difficulty regarding our sleep or rest in order that we can attain a portion of knowledge. Or (is it the case that) everyone wants the Shaykh to come to his house and teach him a private lesson?! This is difficult. Knowledge is not attained by rest of the body.

If you want to combine attaining knowledge with complacency, rest, and sleep you will never attain knowledge. It is a must that you exert your time; staying up at night and toiling during the day and striving until you acquire a portion of knowledge. Then, you must be consistent and supplicate to Allaah, the Glorified and High, with sincerity and attend these sittings (hoping that) it is accepted from us. Thus, the student of knowledge is diligent upon having consistency.

As for broadcasts (of the lessons, alone) they don't benefit the student of knowledge. The student of knowledge who listens abundantly to the broadcasts (leaving off sitting in the classes when he is able to attend) will not attain knowledge. He must make himself patient. He must go against his soul and compel it to acquire knowledge and attend the classes. I do not advise one to suffice with listening to the broadcast of the lessons; for this, in reality – although one can attain a portion of knowledge by that – it does not cultivate the student of knowledge. The student of knowledge strives, (leaving from) his home and attending (the classes). This is true cultivation. By him attending the lesson and listening; this is cultivation. He attains the virtues of those who attend the Masjid; from the angels surrounding them and mercy engulfing them. One cannot attain this while he is in his home. Moreover, when he listens to the broadcast and the live class (online etc.) he gets distracted and his mind is not completely there. At times he may be distracted by his food; at other times by his drink; at other times by his cellphone; so in reality he is not focused.

Perhaps some of those who have very specific circumstances are excused. As for the student of knowledge who has the ability to attend, it is not proper for him to be negligent. What is intended is not this class (only); it is all the classes of our brothers from the students of knowledge who exert efforts in that. May Allaah reward you with good.

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