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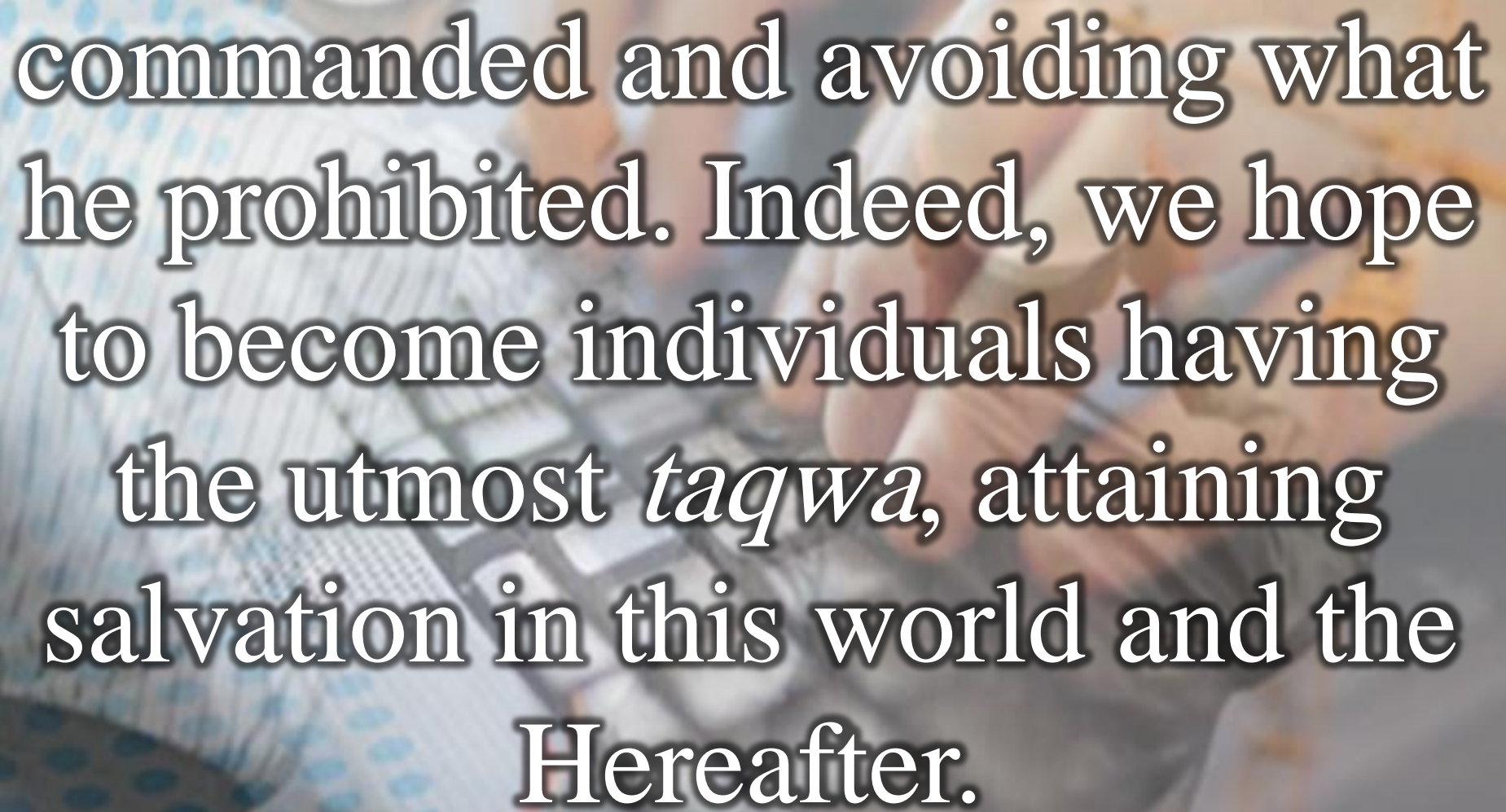
# HAVING TAQWA IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS



I remind myself first and foremost, and all of us, to strive our utmost in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* by fulfilling all of

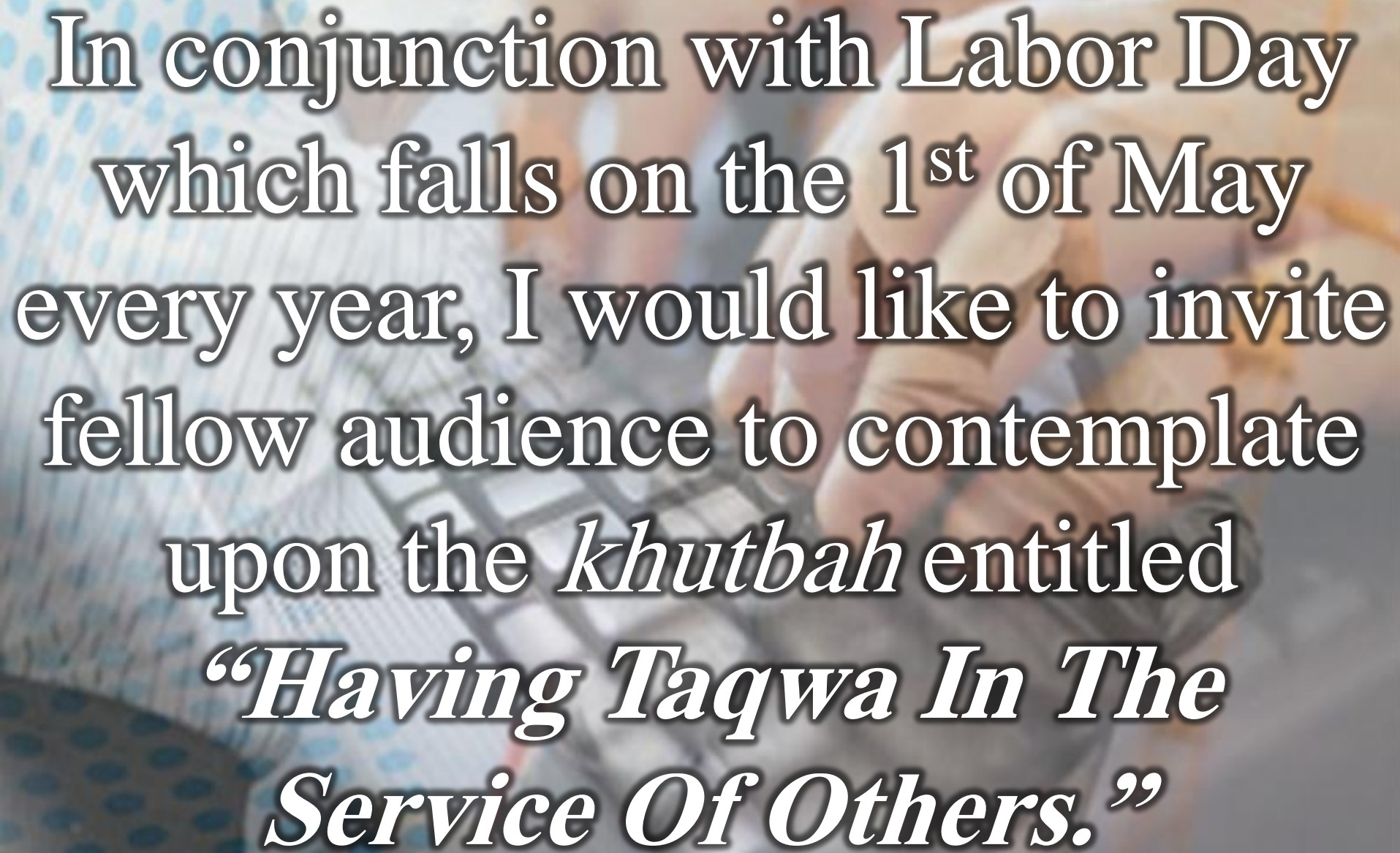


His Commands and abstaining  
from all of His prohibitions.  
Also, striving to adhere to the  
*sunnah* of our beloved  
Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi  
wasallam* by implementing what  
he

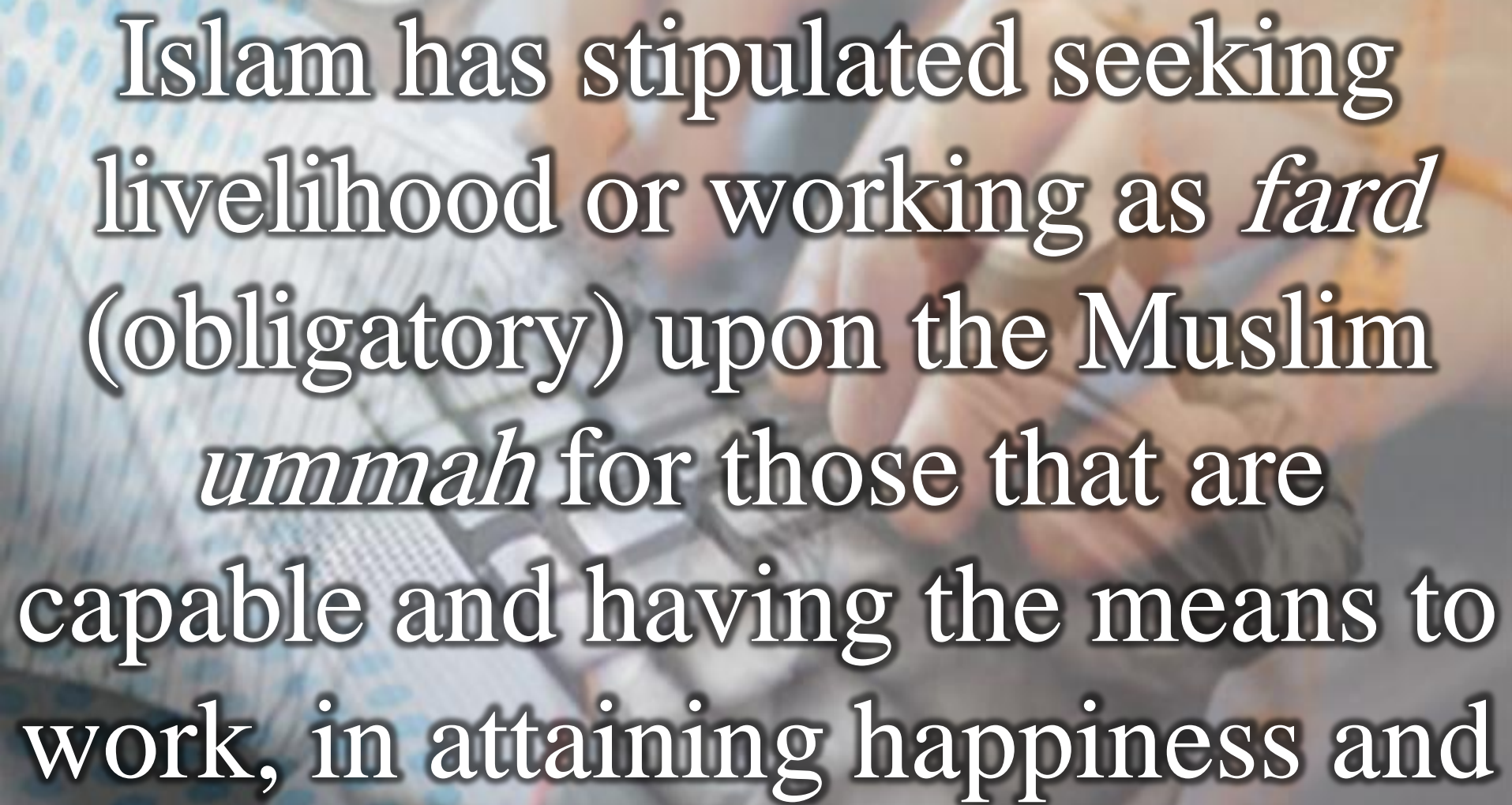


commanded and avoiding what  
he prohibited. Indeed, we hope  
to become individuals having  
the utmost *taqwa*, attaining  
salvation in this world and the  
Hereafter.





In conjunction with Labor Day  
which falls on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May  
every year, I would like to invite  
fellow audience to contemplate  
upon the *khutbah* entitled  
***“Having Taqwa In The  
Service Of Others.”***



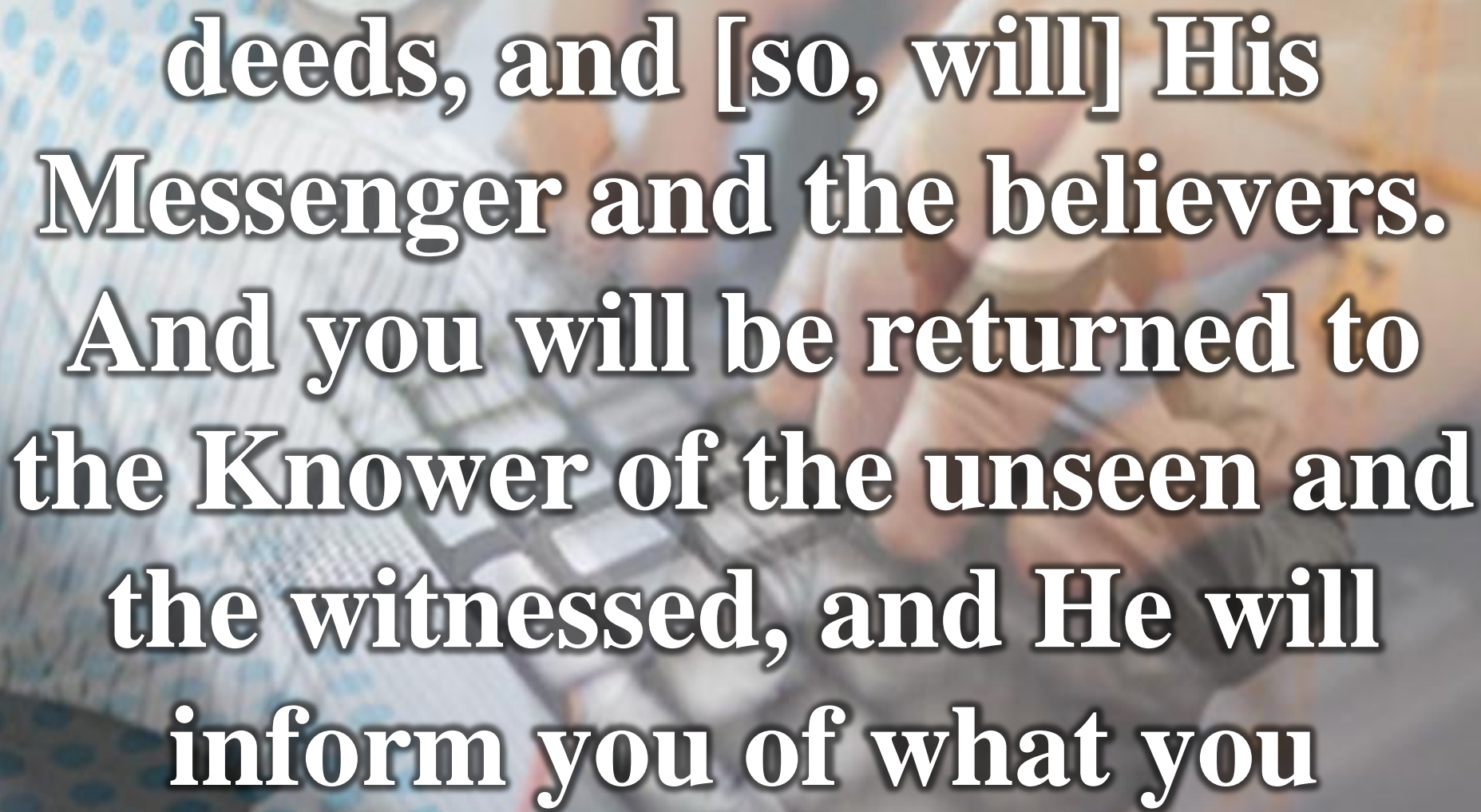
Islam has stipulated seeking livelihood or working as *fard* (obligatory) upon the Muslim *ummah* for those that are capable and having the means to work, in attaining happiness and



prosperity whether upon the individual or the society as a whole.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* mentions in al-Qur'an:

**“And say, “Do [as you will], for Allah will see your**

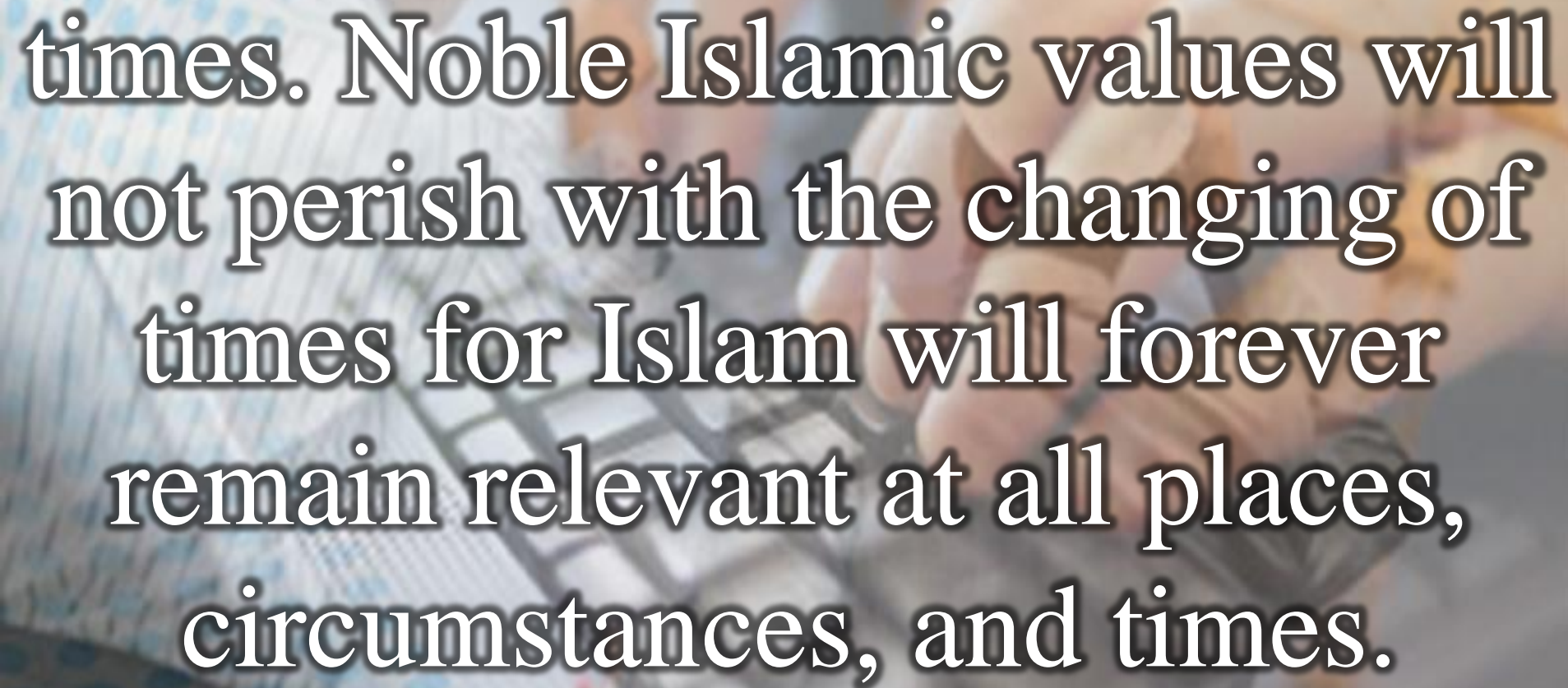


**deeds, and [so, will] His  
Messenger and the believers.  
And you will be returned to  
the Knower of the unseen and  
the witnessed, and He will  
inform you of what you**



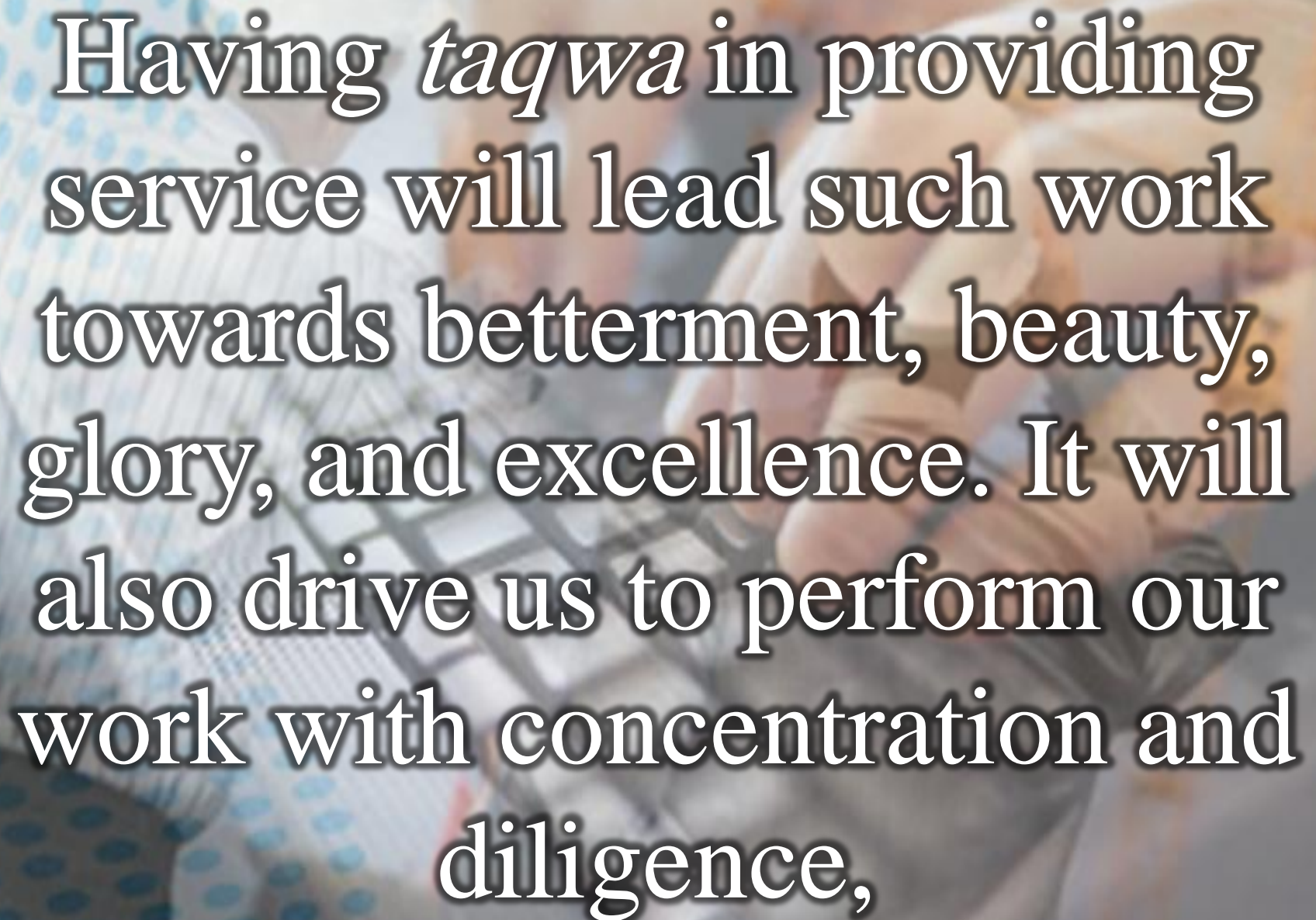
**used to do.””**  
**(at-Tawbah 9:105)**

Offering services while driven  
by *taqwa* and filled with noble  
Islamic values is the secret  
recipe for a great and solid  
achievement at all

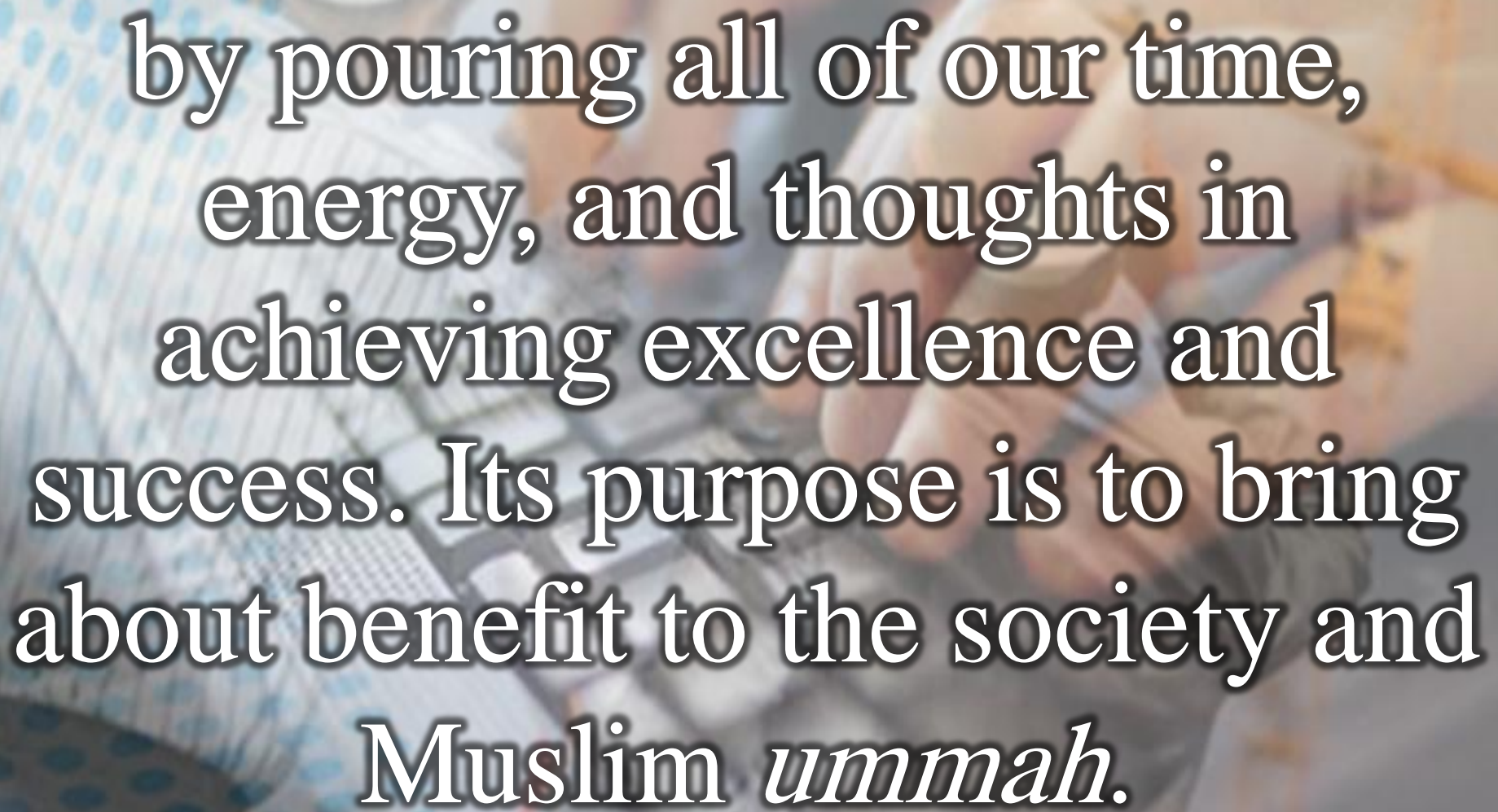
A group of people, including children and adults, are holding hands in a circle, symbolizing unity and community. The background is slightly blurred, focusing attention on the hands and the message.

times. Noble Islamic values will not perish with the changing of times for Islam will forever remain relevant at all places, circumstances, and times.





Having *taqwa* in providing service will lead such work towards betterment, beauty, glory, and excellence. It will also drive us to perform our work with concentration and diligence,



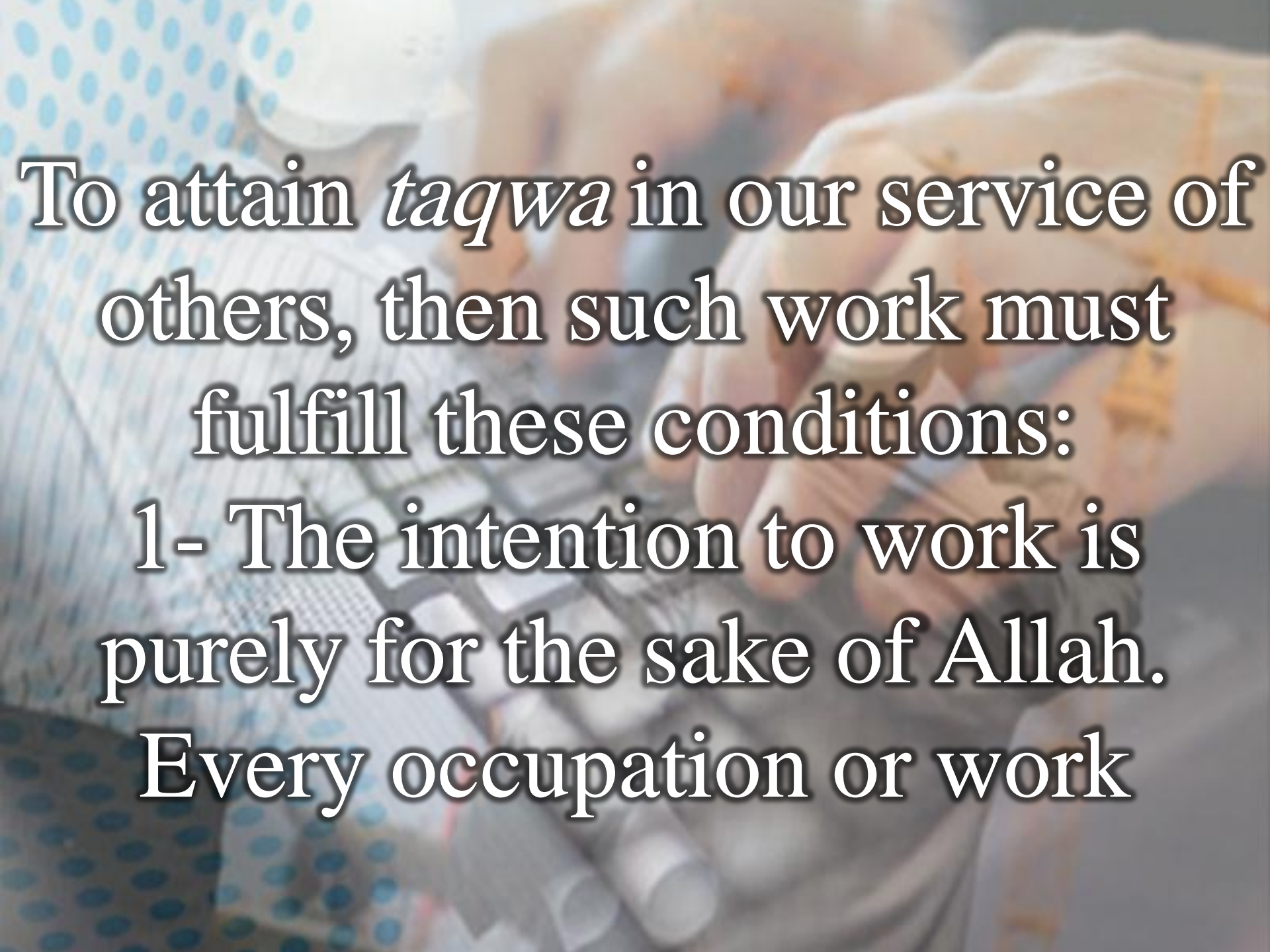
by pouring all of our time,  
energy, and thoughts in  
achieving excellence and  
success. Its purpose is to bring  
about benefit to the society and  
Muslim *ummah*.



In the *hadeeth* of ‘A’ishah  
*radiyAllaahu ‘anha*, Rasulullah  
*sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam*  
said:

**“Verily, Allah loves that if one  
does a job he perfects it.”**

(al-Bayhaqi: *hasan*)

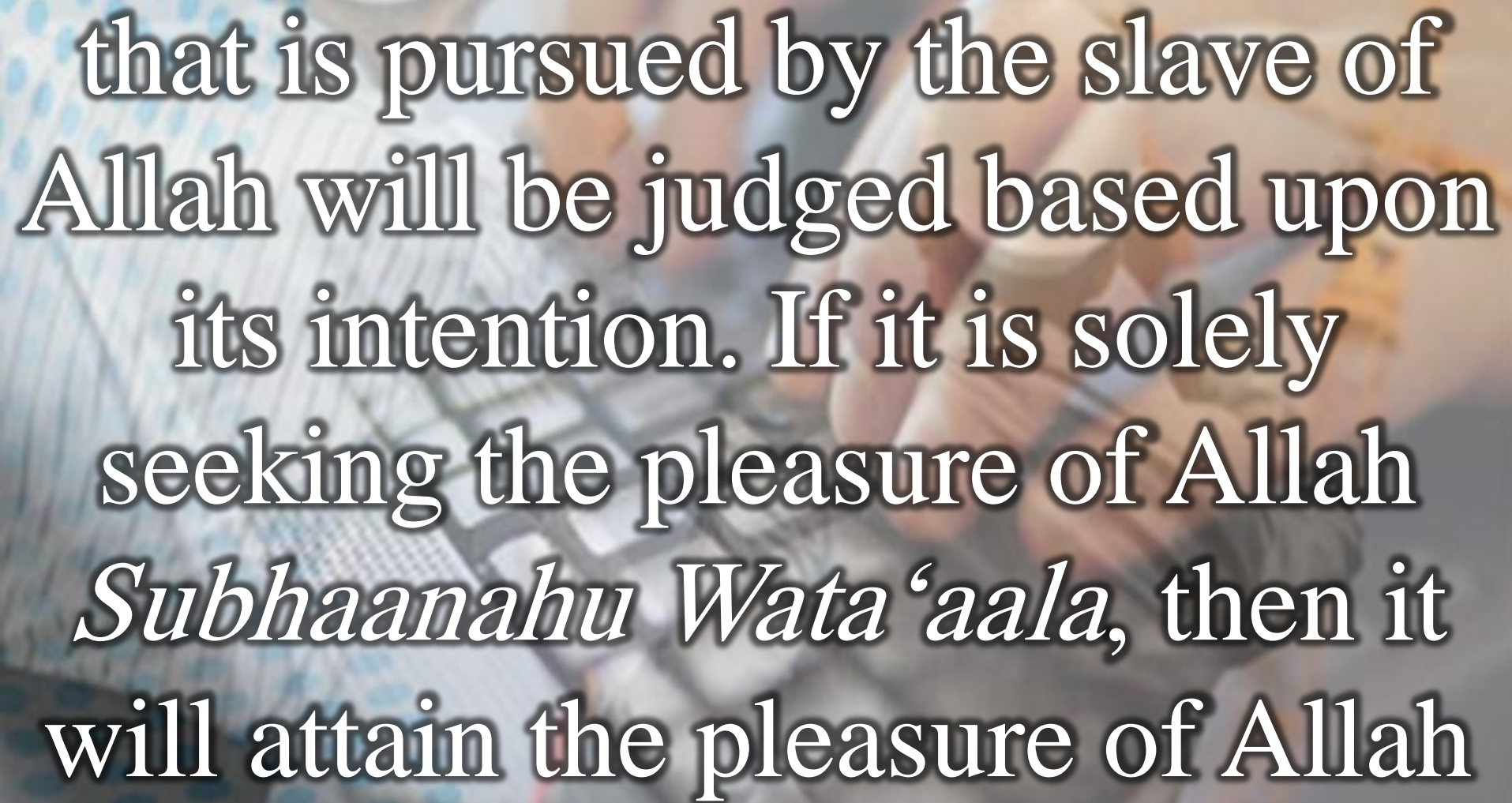


To attain *taqwa* in our service of others, then such work must fulfill these conditions:

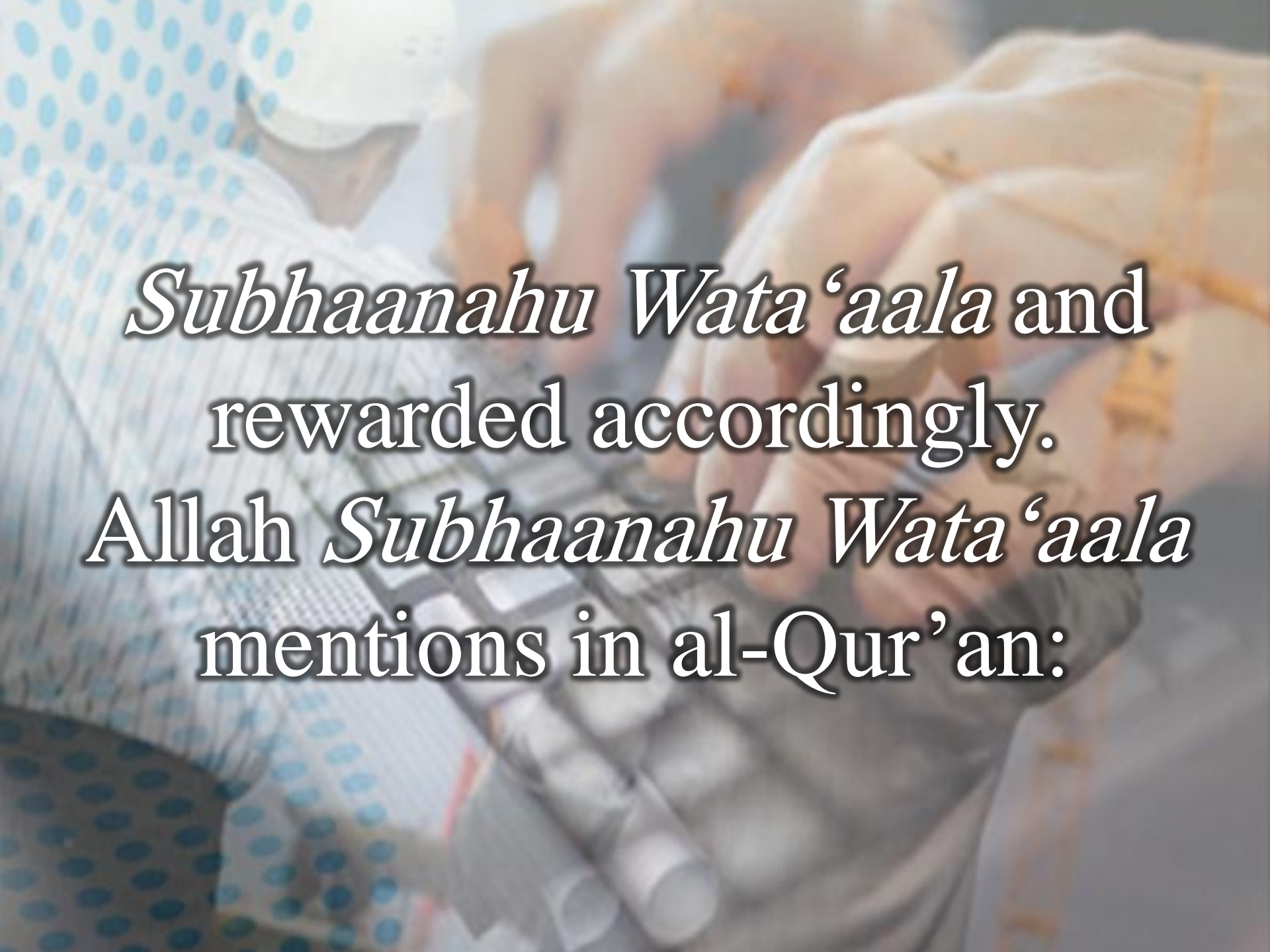
1- The intention to work is purely for the sake of Allah.

Every occupation or work



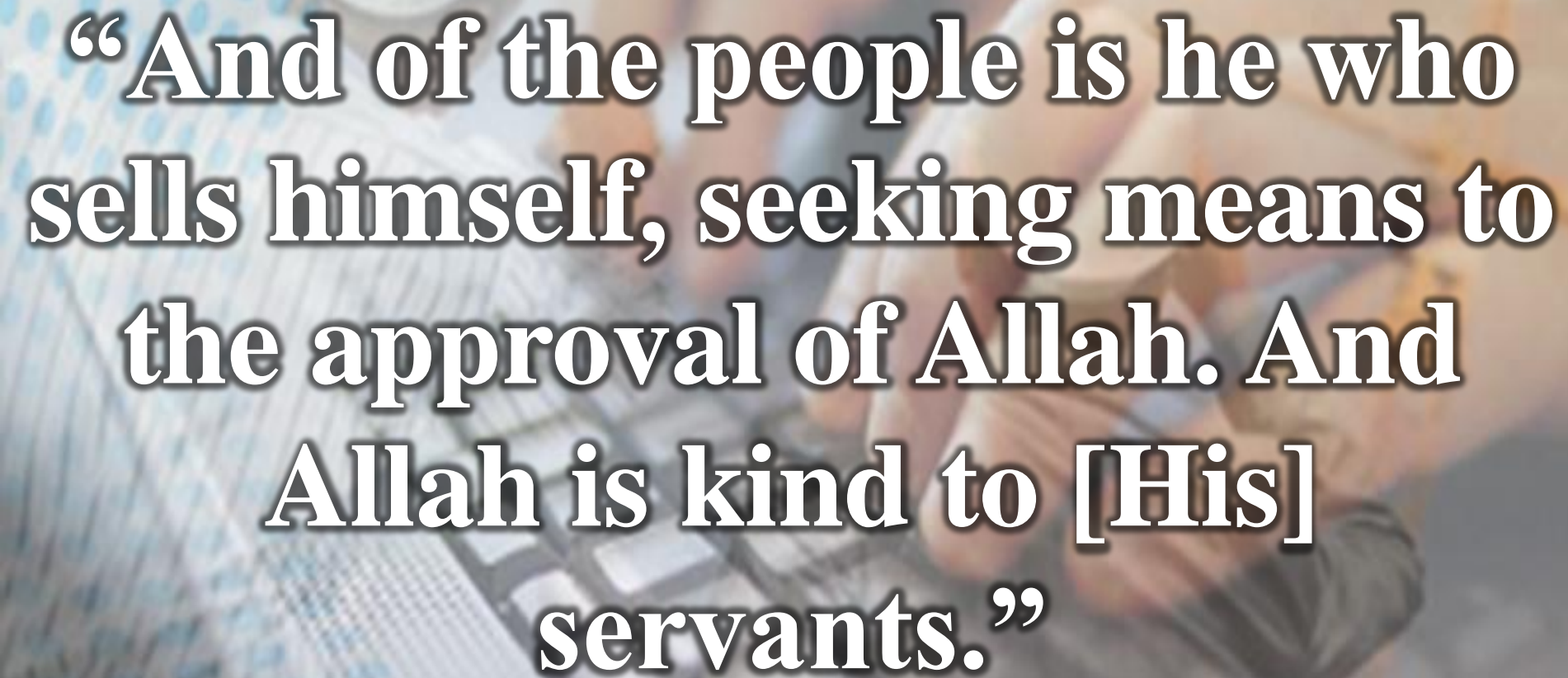
A person wearing a blue patterned shirt is writing on a document with a pen. The background is slightly blurred, showing the person's hands and the document they are writing on.

that is pursued by the slave of Allah will be judged based upon its intention. If it is solely seeking the pleasure of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*, then it will attain the pleasure of Allah



*Subhaanahu Wata‘aala* and  
rewarded accordingly.  
Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala*  
mentions in al-Qur’an:



A person wearing a blue patterned shirt is shown from the chest up, writing in a notebook. The background is a soft-focus image of the same person writing. The text is overlaid on the image in a large, white, bold font with a black outline.

**“And of the people is he who  
sells himself, seeking means to  
the approval of Allah. And  
Allah is kind to [His]  
servants.”**

**(al-Baqarah 2:207)**



## 2- Working with diligence in attaining excellence

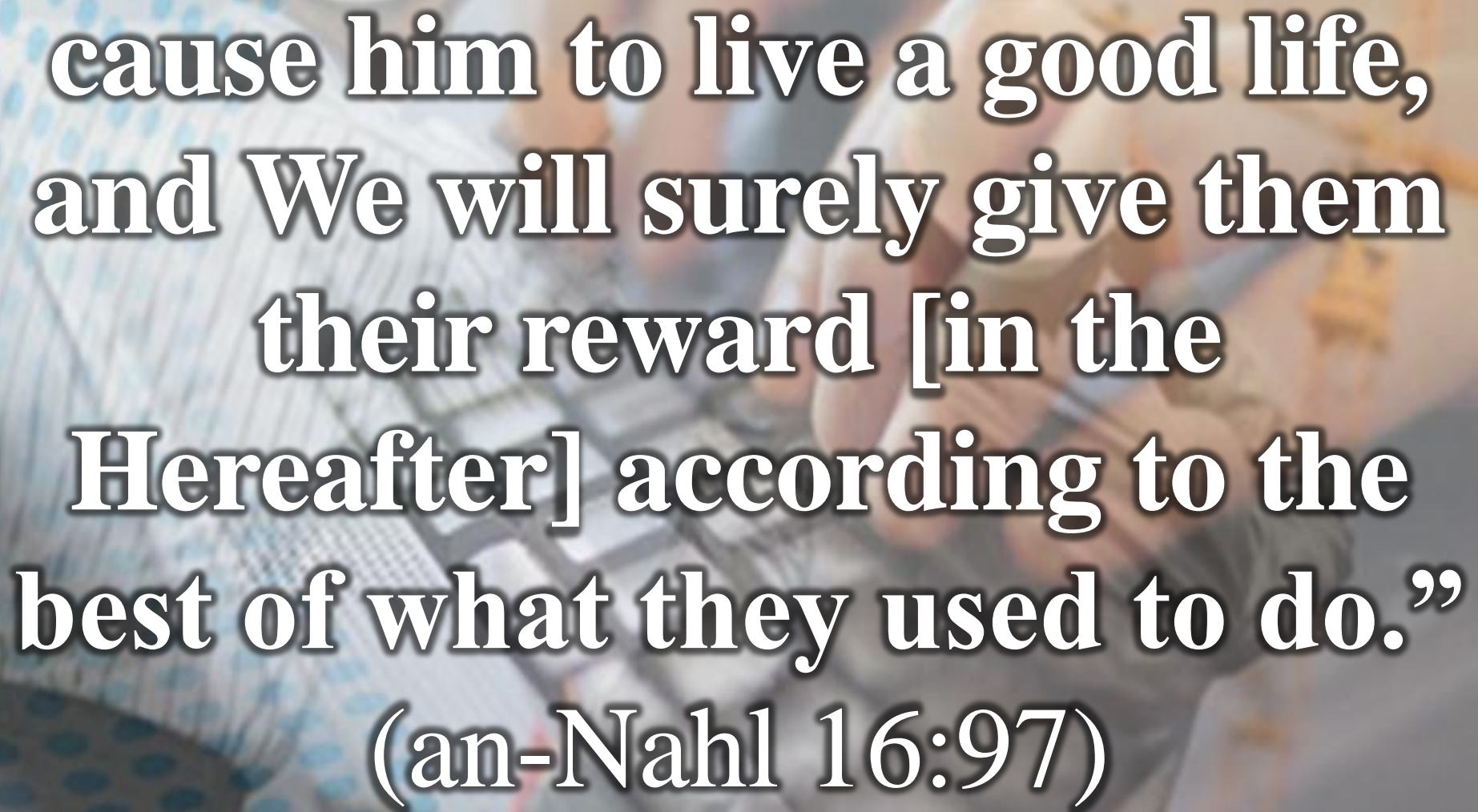
Working with diligence is a requirement in Islam that is directly related with the value of that *'ibaadah* itself.



Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*

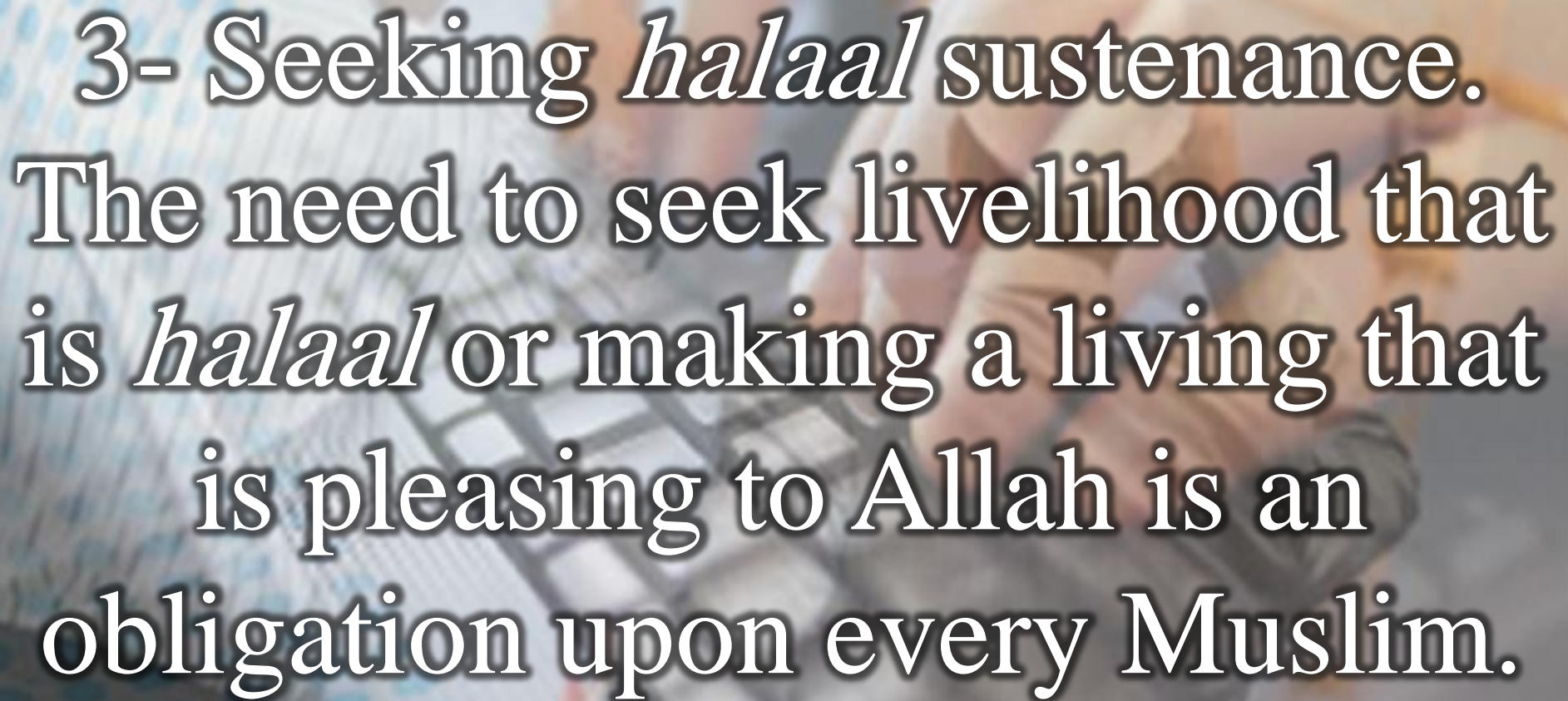
mentions in al-Qur'an:

**“Whoever does righteousness,  
whether male or female, while  
he is a believer - We will  
surely**

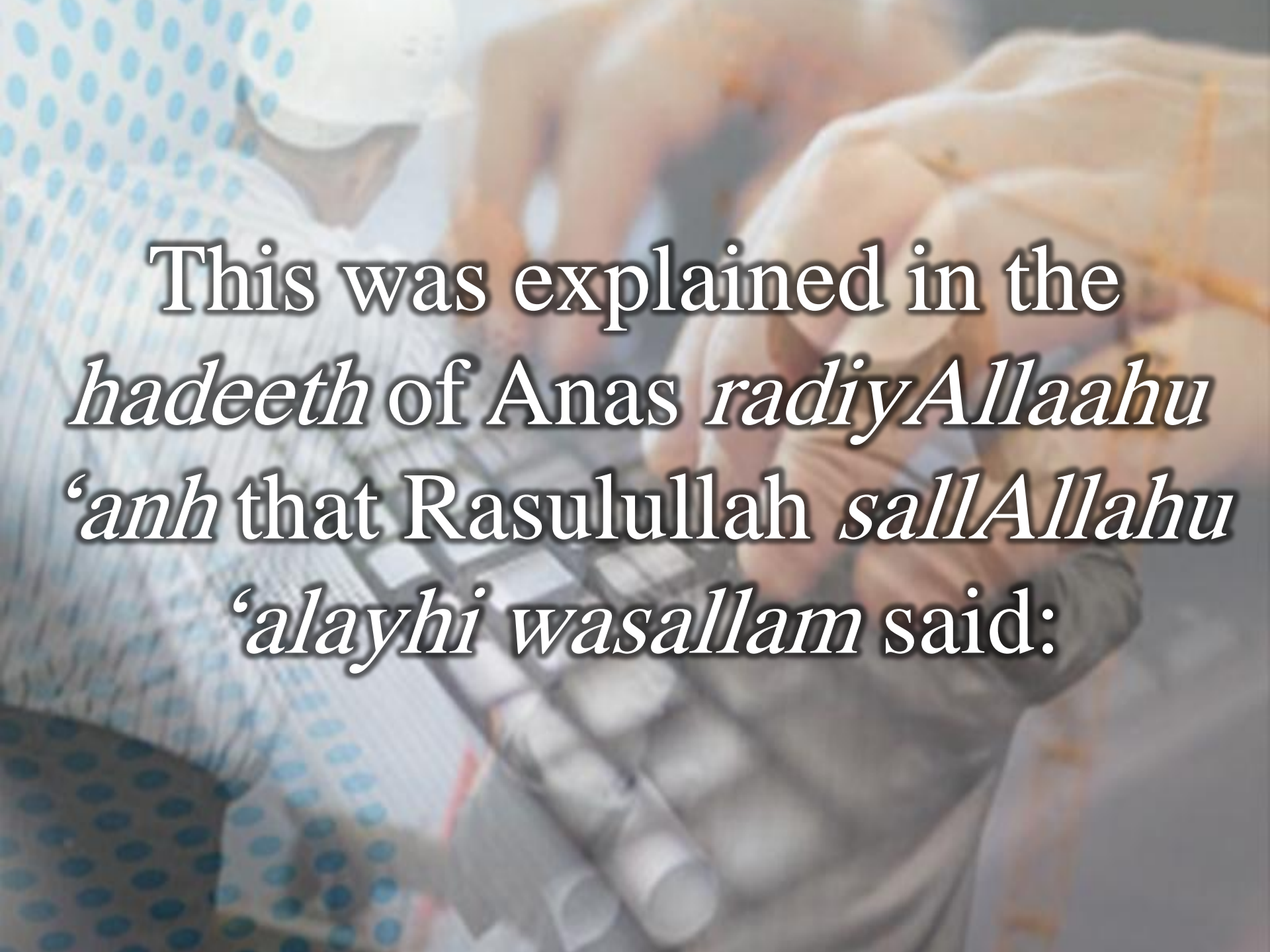


**cause him to live a good life,  
and We will surely give them  
their reward [in the  
Hereafter] according to the  
best of what they used to do.”  
(an-Nahl 16:97)**





3- Seeking *halaal* sustenance.  
The need to seek livelihood that  
is *halaal* or making a living that  
is pleasing to Allah is an  
obligation upon every Muslim.



This was explained in the *hadeeth* of Anas *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* that Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* said:





**“The seeking of *halaal* sustenance is an obligation upon the Muslim.”**

**(ad-Daylami: *da‘eef* with correct meaning)**

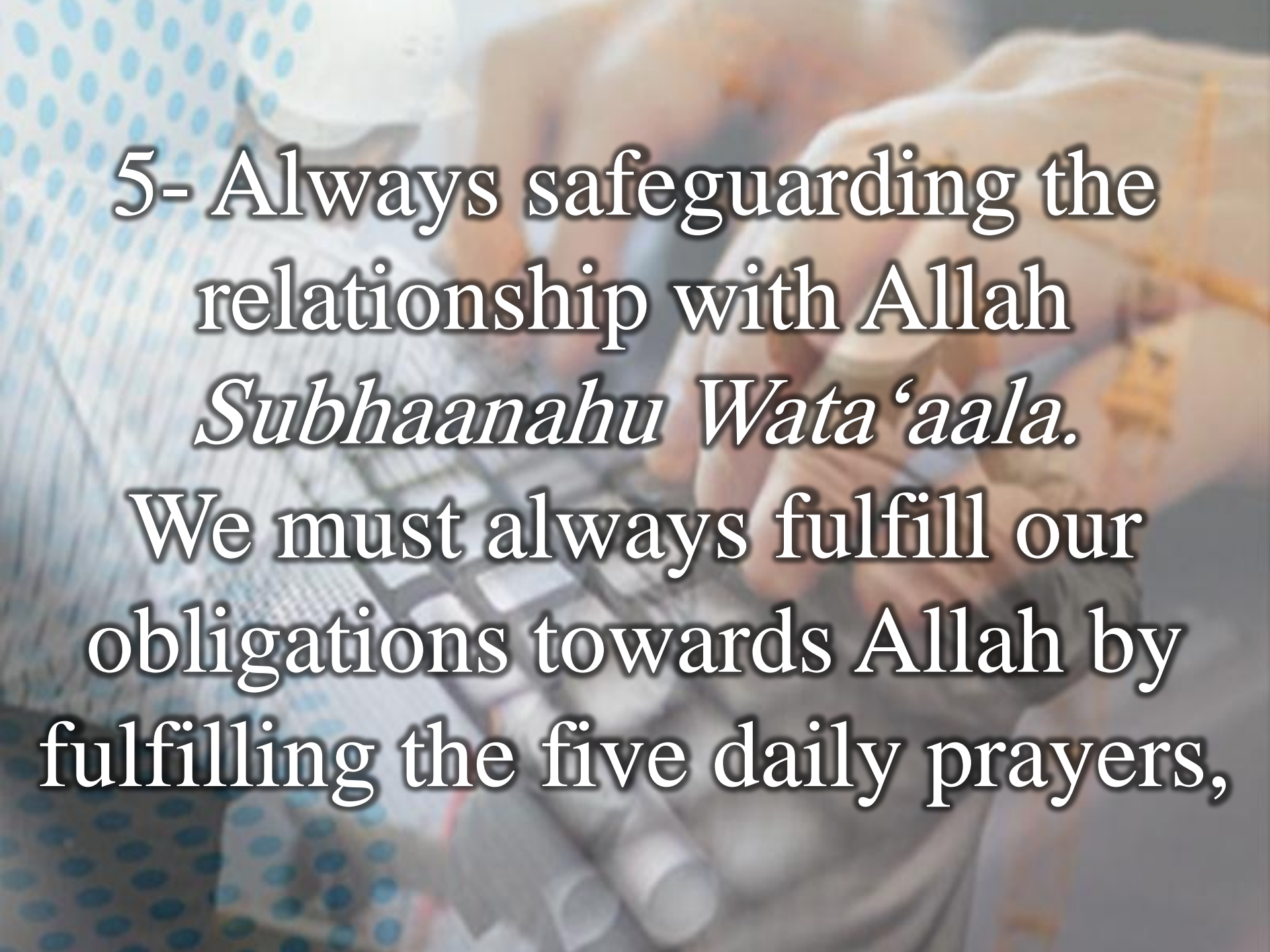
## 4- Instilling Islamic work values.

Every occupation or work accomplished must conform with the *Sharee'ah* of Islam. Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* mentions in al-Qur'an:



**“O you who have believed,  
enter into Islam completely  
[and perfectly] and do not  
follow the footsteps of Satan.  
Indeed, he is to you a clear  
enemy.”**

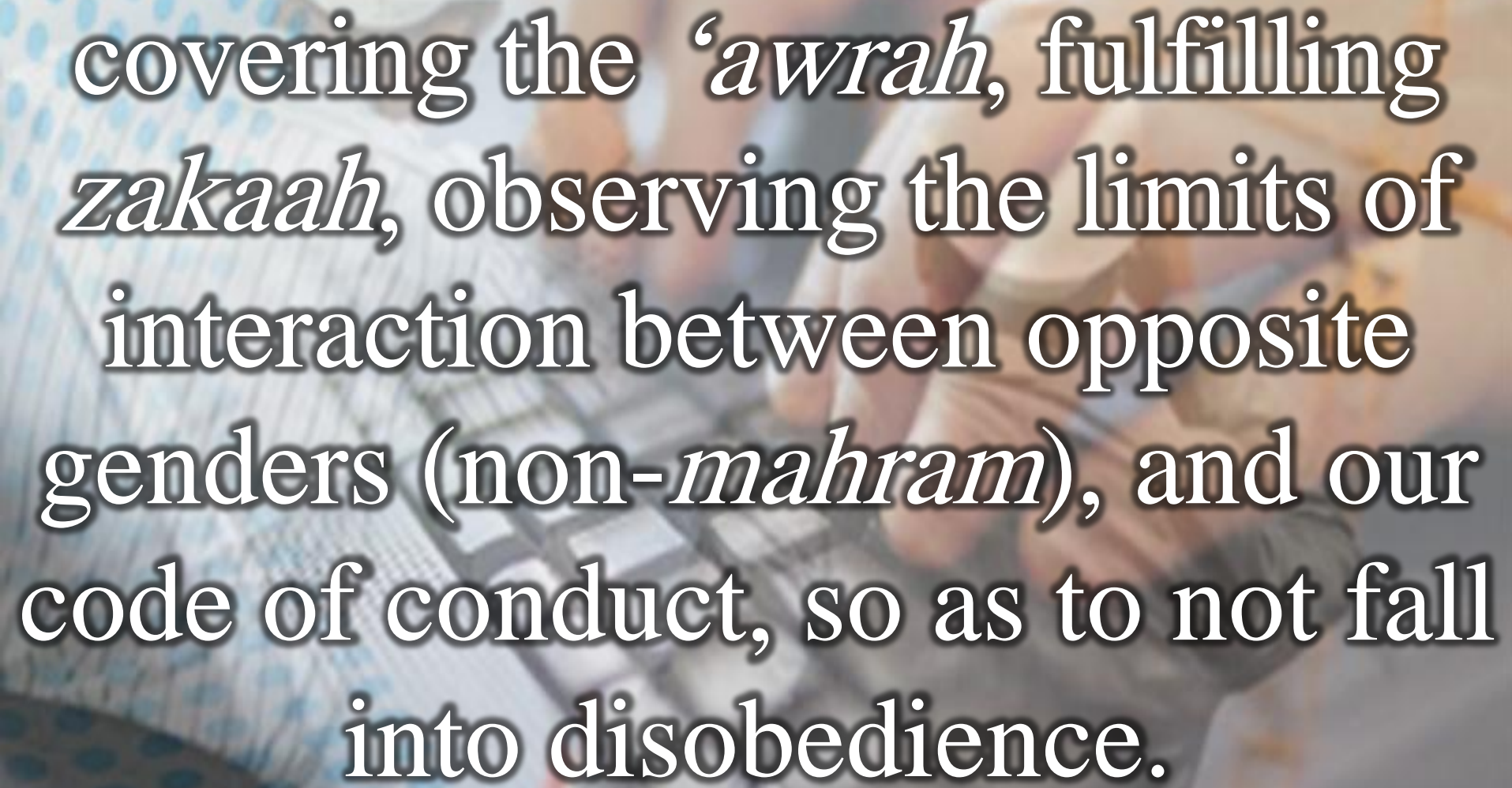
**(al-Baqarah  
2:208)**



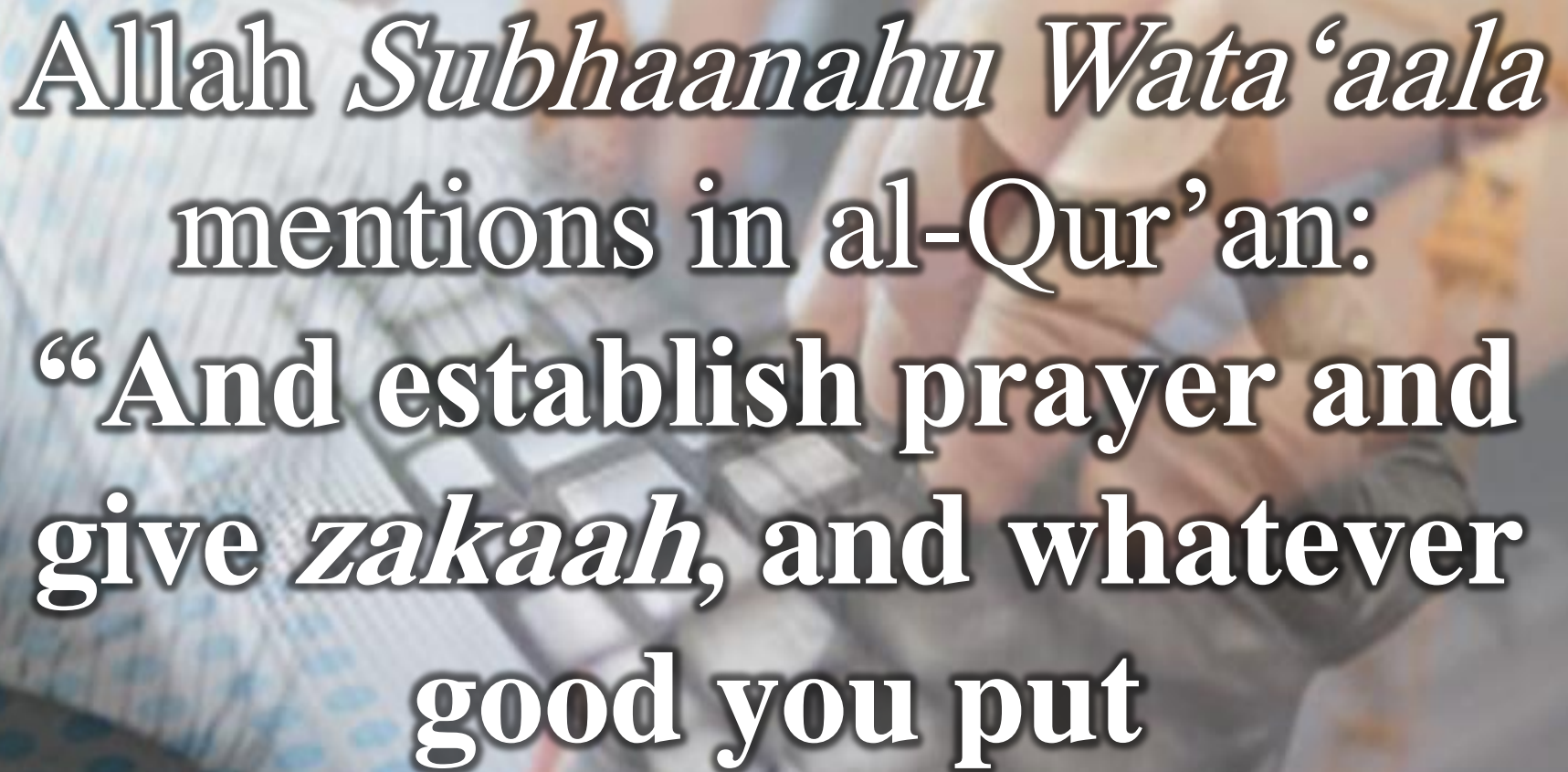
5- Always safeguarding the relationship with Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wata'aala.*

We must always fulfill our obligations towards Allah by fulfilling the five daily prayers,



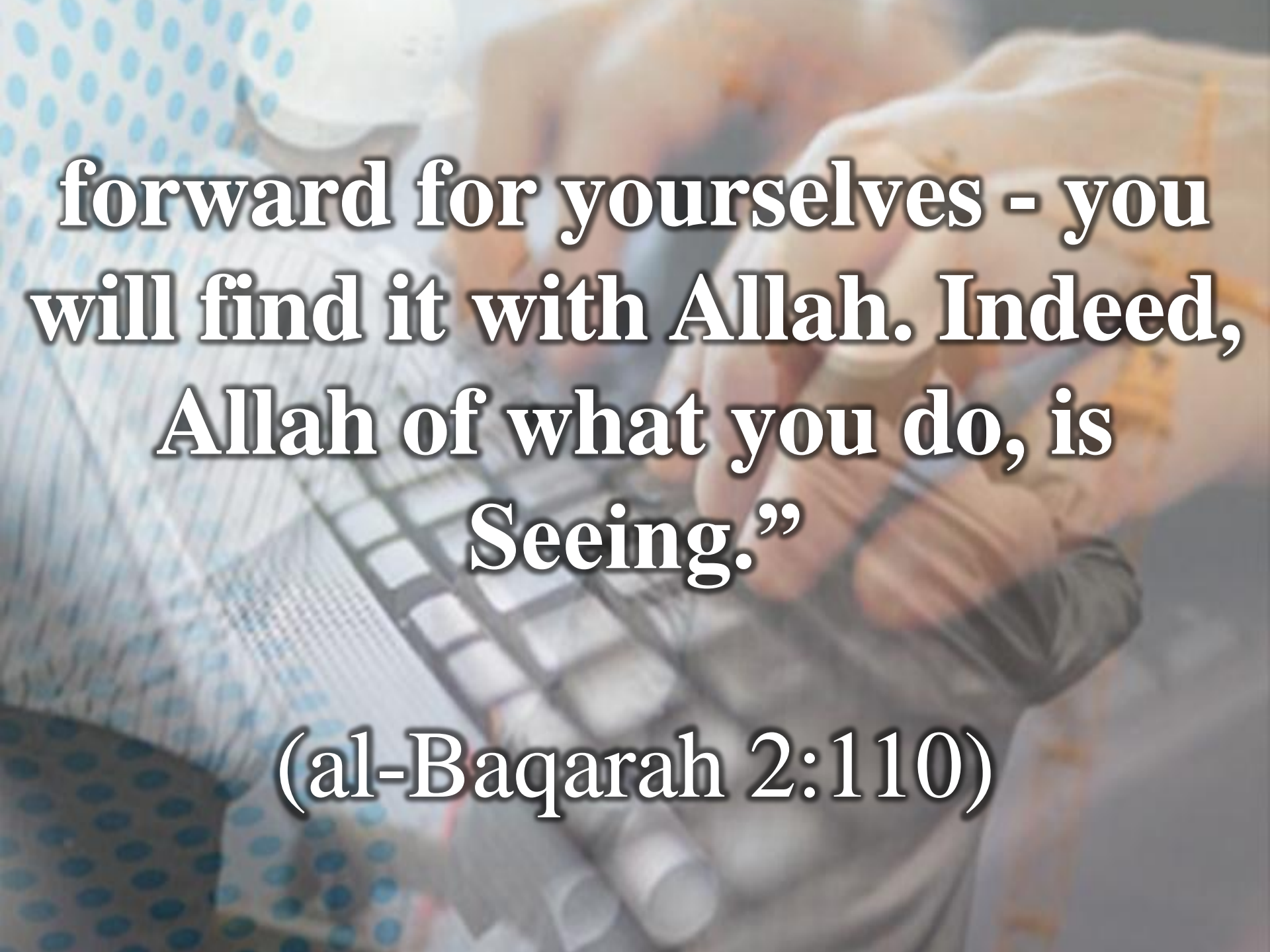


covering the *'awrah*, fulfilling *zakaah*, observing the limits of interaction between opposite genders (non-*mahram*), and our code of conduct, so as to not fall into disobedience.



Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*  
mentions in al-Qur'an:  
“And establish prayer and  
give *zakaah*, and whatever  
good you put



A person wearing a blue patterned shirt is shown from the chest down, typing on a laptop keyboard. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a desk or office environment. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, bold, sans-serif font with a black outline.

**forward for yourselves - you  
will find it with Allah. Indeed,  
Allah of what you do, is  
Seeing.”**

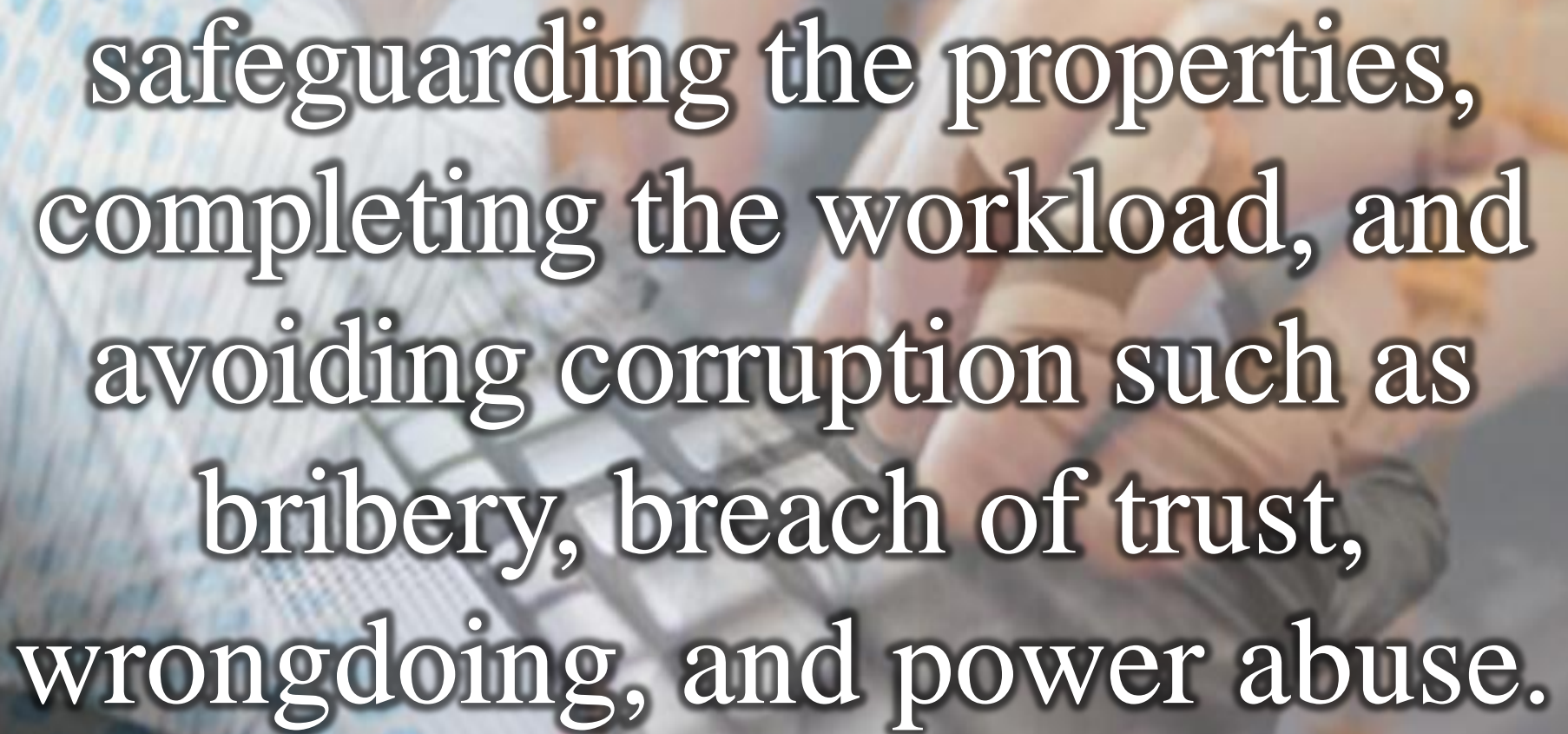
**(al-Baqarah 2:110)**



6- *Amaanah* (trustworthiness) in  
our work.

We must always preserve the  
*amaanah* (trust) of our work  
such as observing our work  
hours,





safeguarding the properties,  
completing the workload, and  
avoiding corruption such as  
bribery, breach of trust,  
wrongdoing, and power abuse.

*Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala*  
mentions in al-Qur'an:

**“O you who have believed, do  
not betray Allah and the  
Messenger or betray your  
trusts while you know**





[the consequence].”

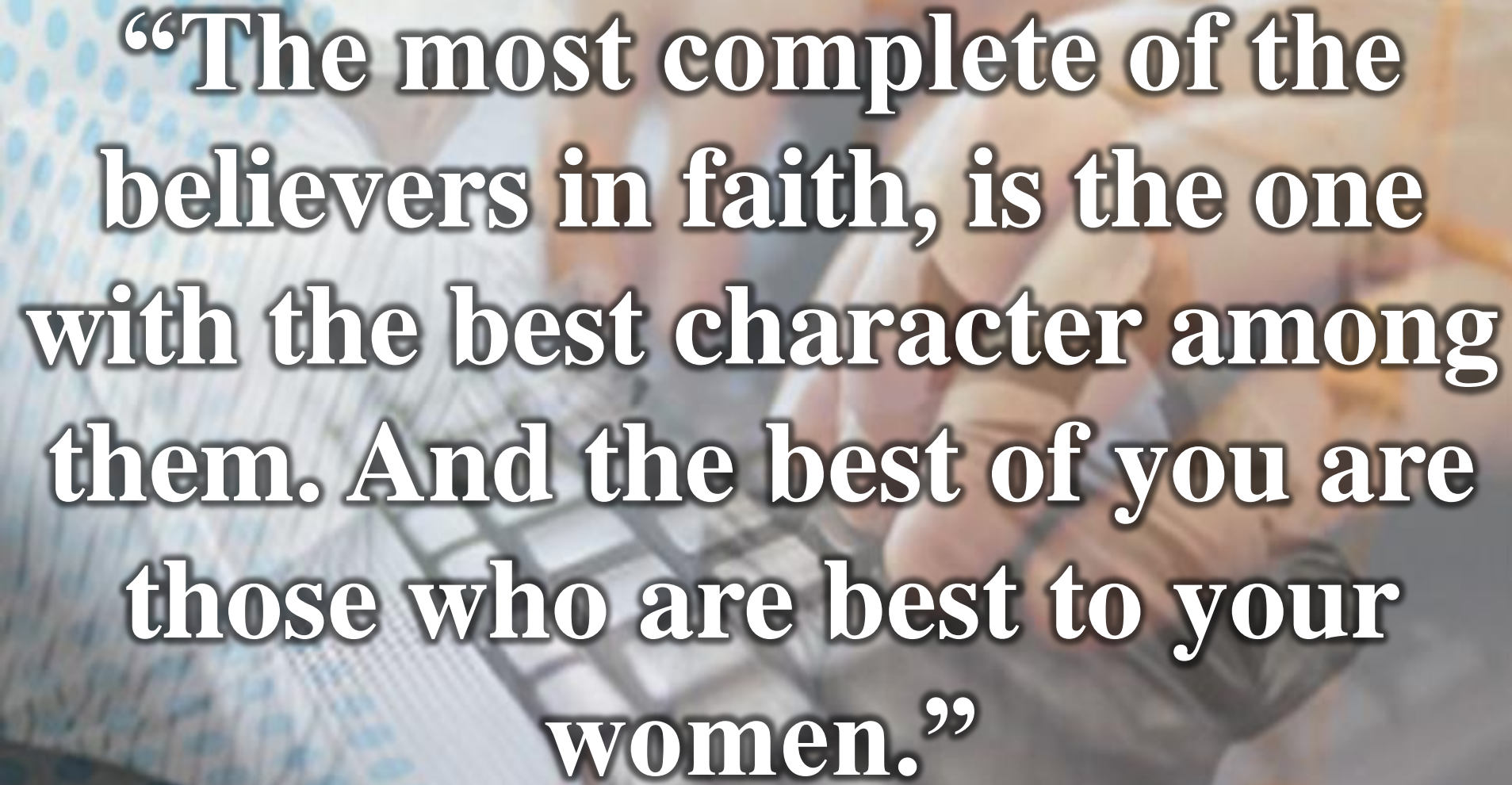
(al-Anfaal 8:27)

7- Possessing virtuous *akhlaaq*.

In carrying out our work, we  
must always remain

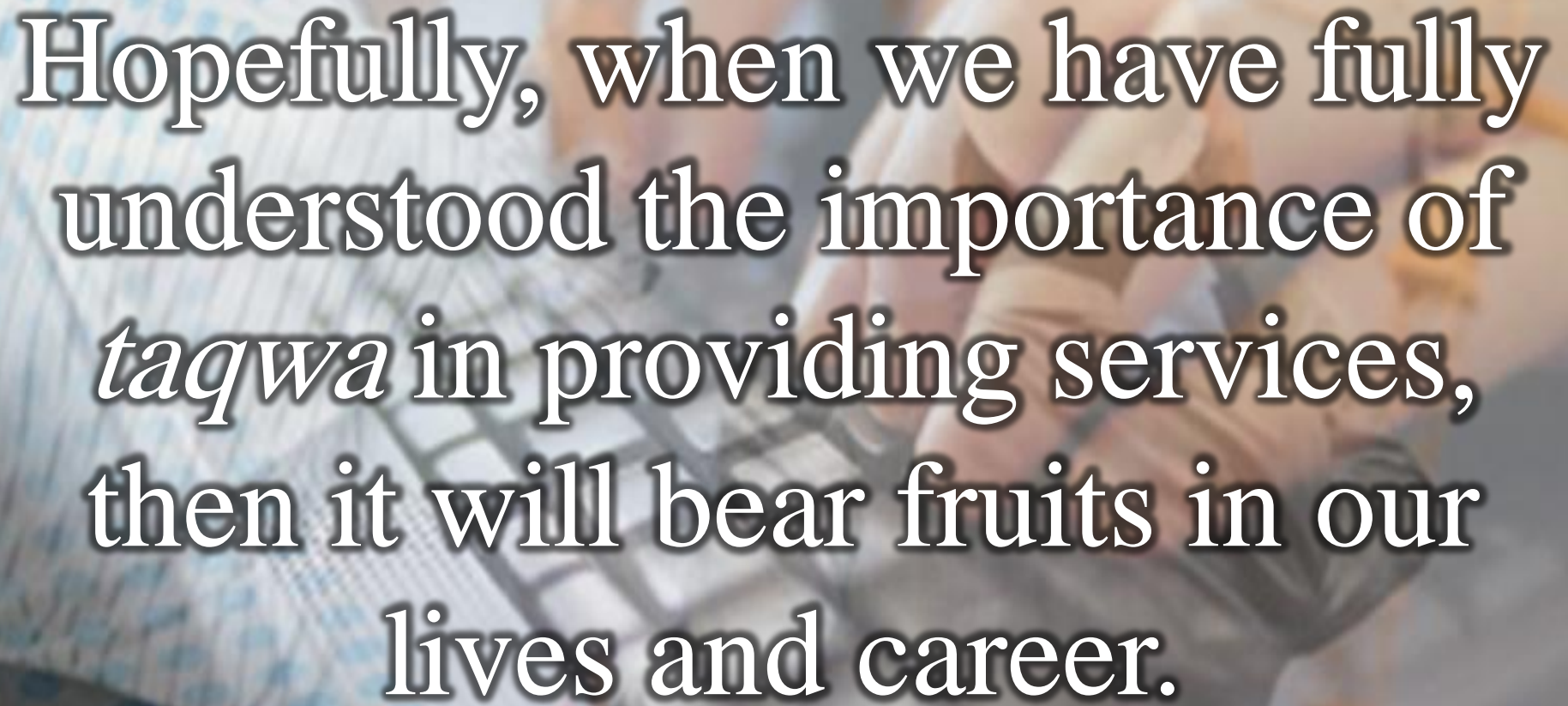
cheerful, customer-friendly, and not discriminating based upon stature and position. On the authority of Abu Hurayrah, *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* said:






**“The most complete of the believers in faith, is the one with the best character among them. And the best of you are those who are best to your women.”**

**(at-Tirmidhi: *hasan saheeh*)**



Hopefully, when we have fully understood the importance of *taqwa* in providing services, then it will bear fruits in our lives and career.



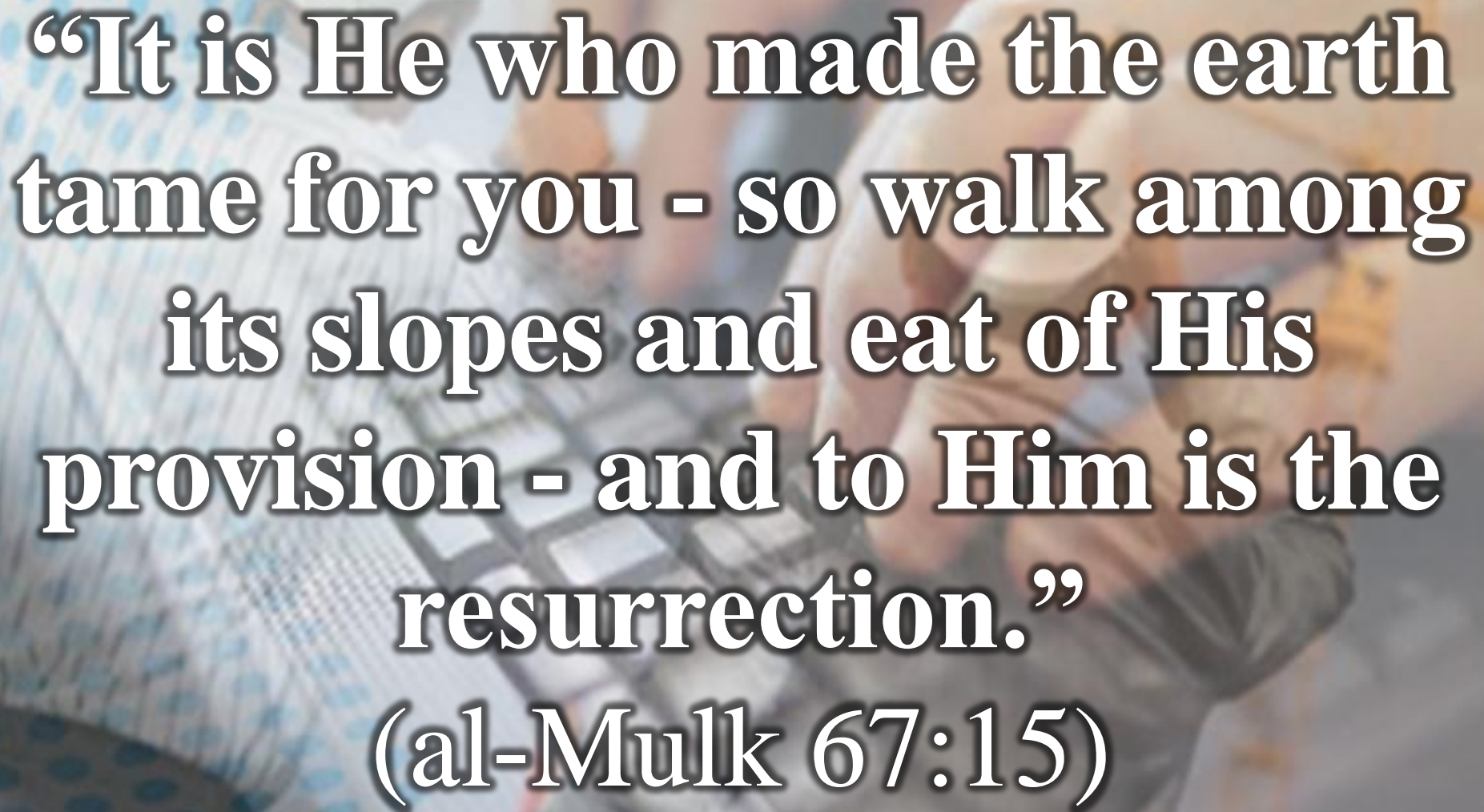


Therefore, let us strive to inculcate those characteristics and features as guidelines in our occupation or livelihood.



With such, we sincerely hope to attain the blessings and pleasure of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*.



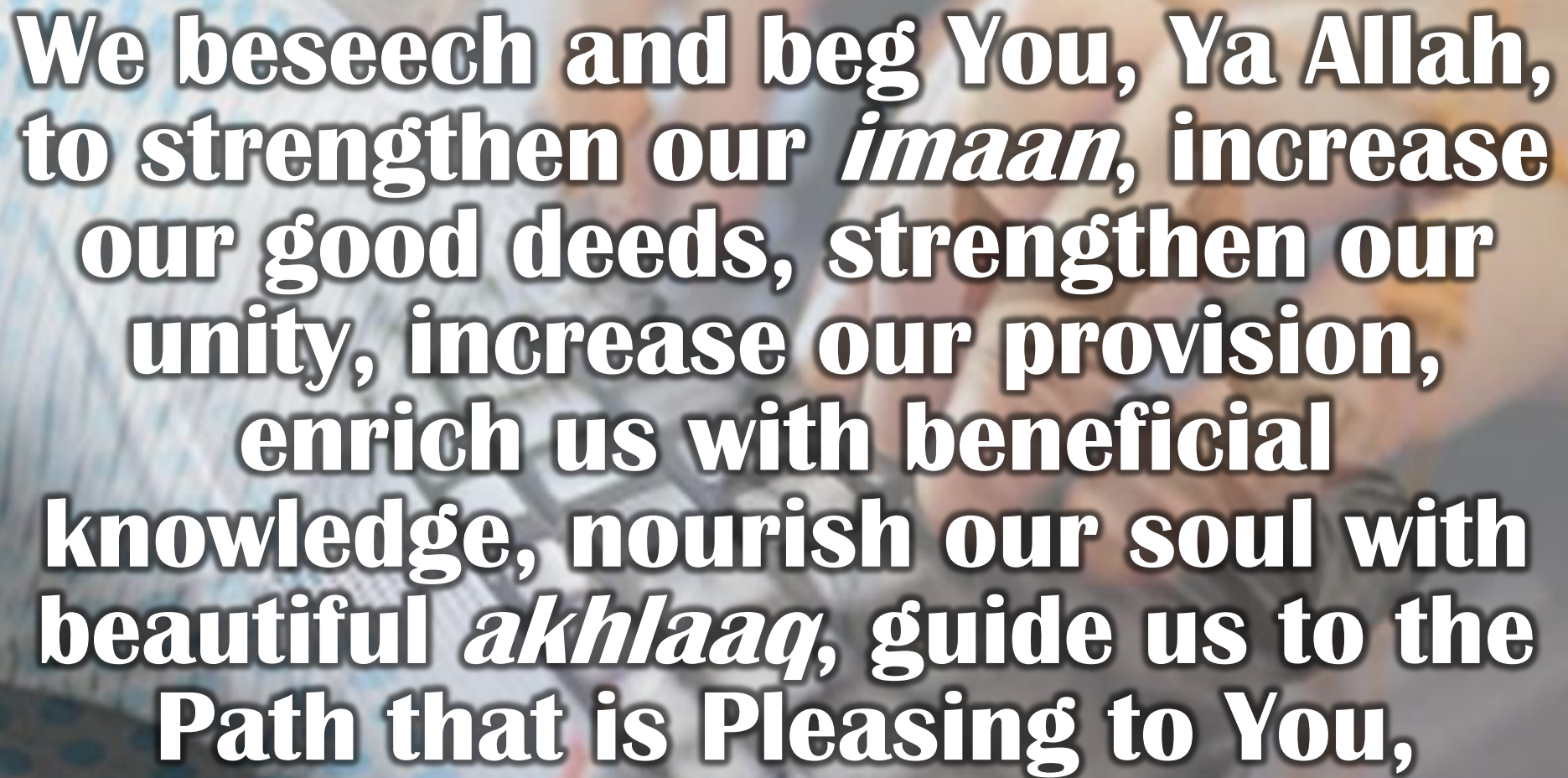


**“It is He who made the earth  
tame for you - so walk among  
its slopes and eat of His  
provision - and to Him is the  
resurrection.”  
(al-Mulk 67:15)**

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ  
بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلْ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ  
تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيْعُ الْعَلِيْمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا  
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وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ  
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُوْرُ الرَّحِيْمُ

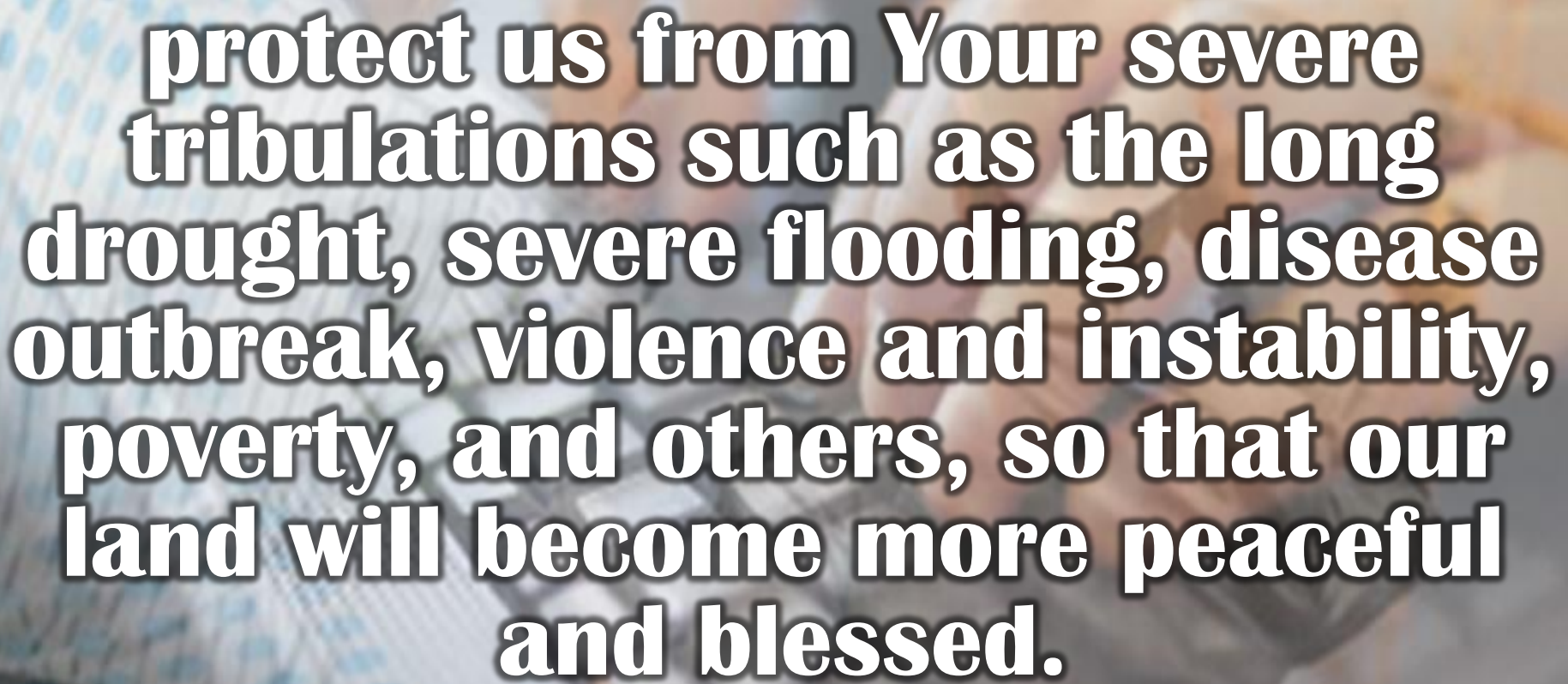


**O Allah, You are the Almighty Lord,  
we are grateful unto You for  
having bestowed upon us Mercy  
and Blessings, nourishing us to  
strive to continue in strengthening  
the Muslim nation especially the  
state of Selangor, as an advanced,  
progressive, peaceful, and  
benevolent state.**

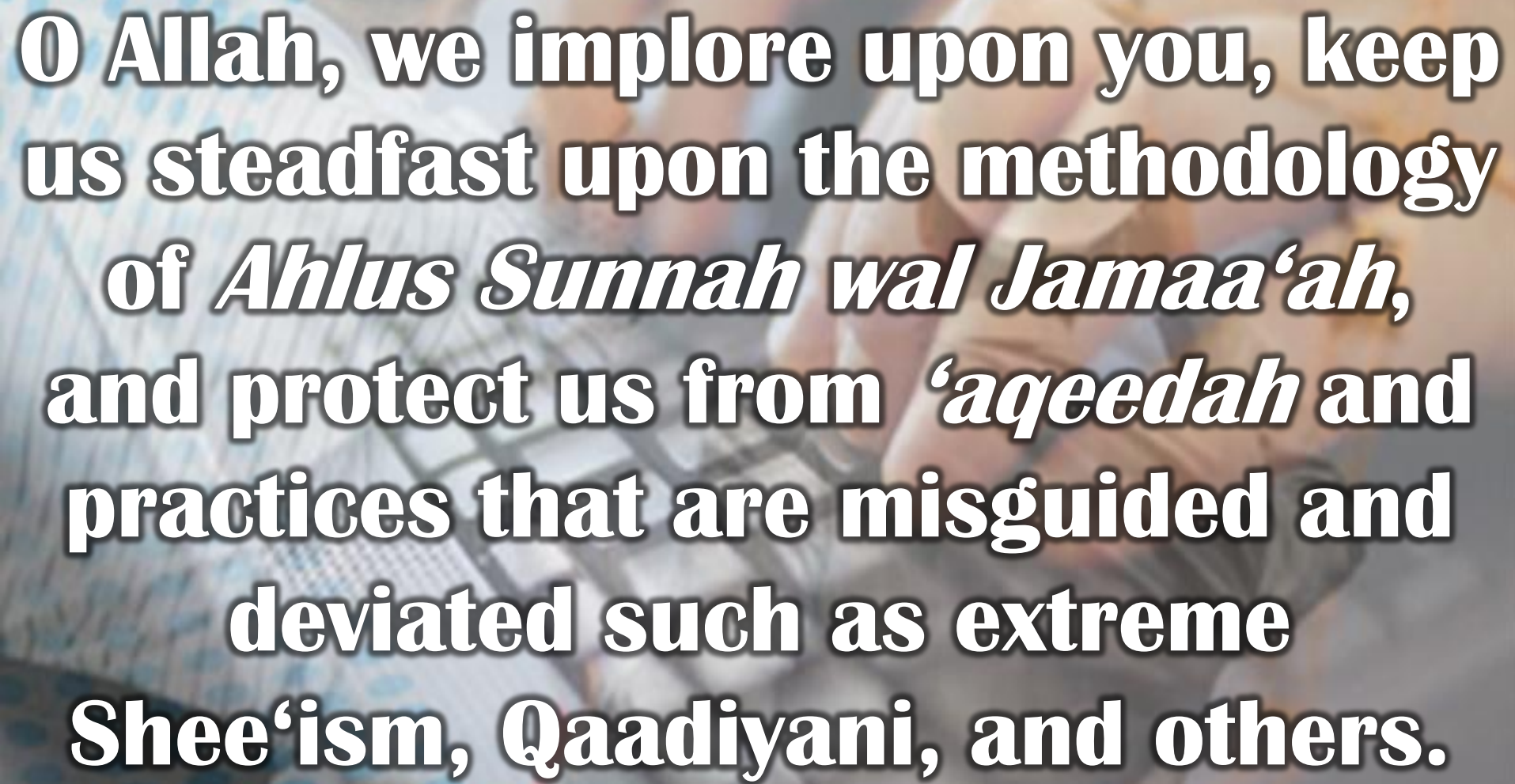


**We beseech and beg You, Ya Allah,  
to strengthen our *imaan*, increase  
our good deeds, strengthen our  
unity, increase our provision,  
enrich us with beneficial  
knowledge, nourish our soul with  
beautiful *akhlaaq*, guide us to the  
Path that is Pleasing to You,**





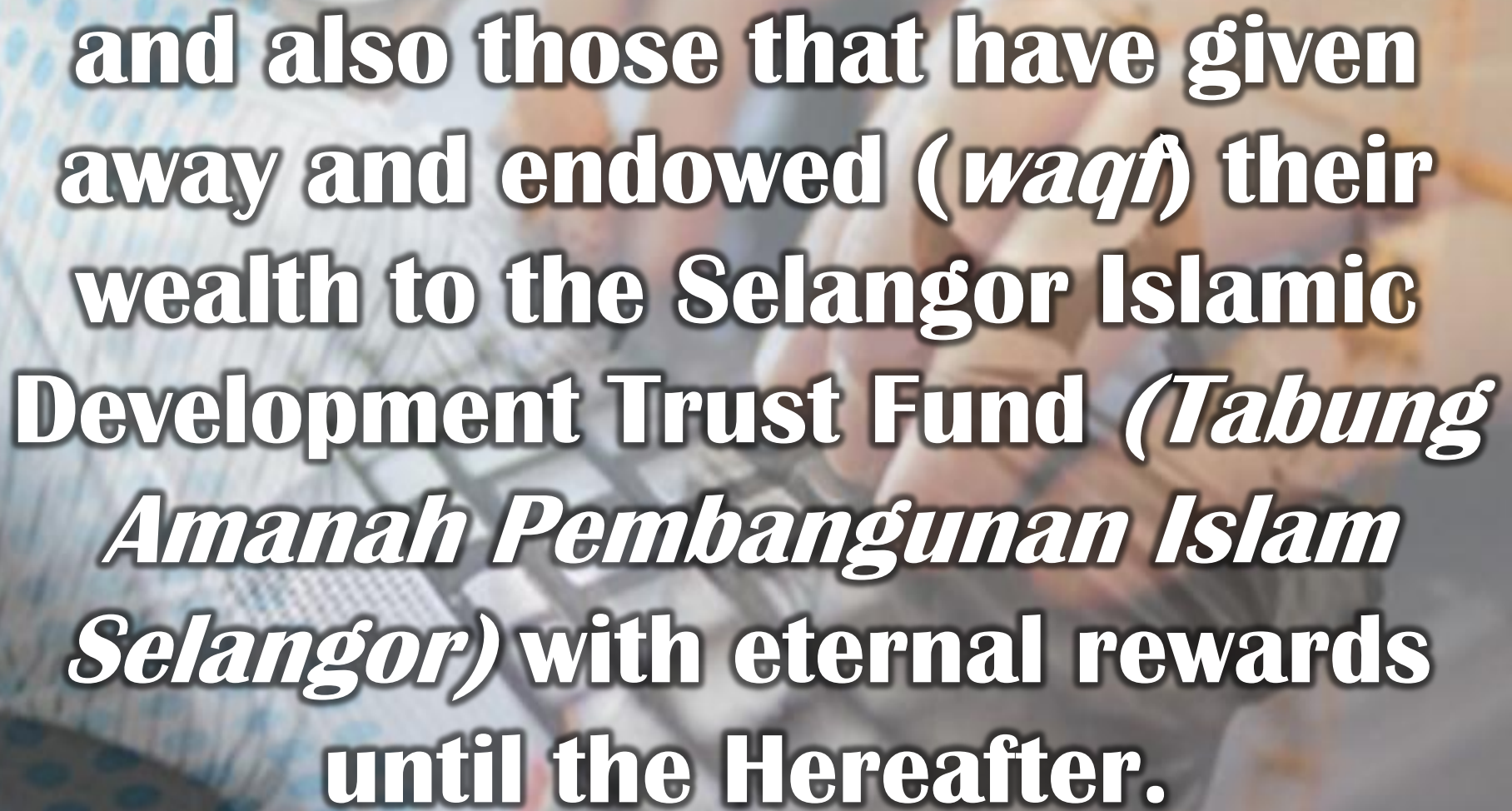
**protect us from Your severe tribulations such as the long drought, severe flooding, disease outbreak, violence and instability, poverty, and others, so that our land will become more peaceful and blessed.**



**O Allah, we implore upon you, keep us steadfast upon the methodology of *Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah*, and protect us from *'aqeedah* and practices that are misguided and deviated such as extreme Shee'ism, Qaadiyani, and others.**

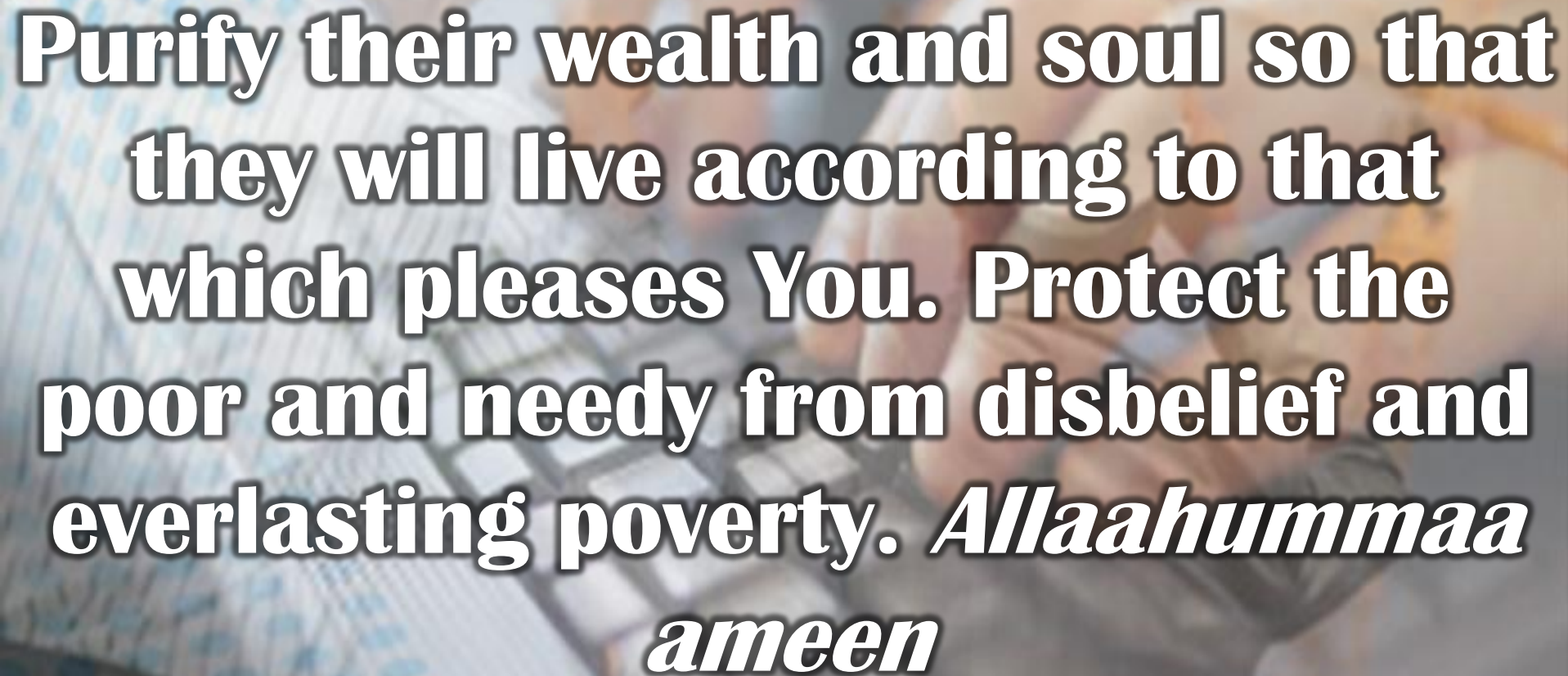


**Oh Allah, we ask You to open up the hearts of the Muslim *ummah* especially in Selangor, to fulfill their *zakaat* obligation as You had decreed in al-Qur'an. Bless the lives of those who have fulfilled their *zakaat* obligation, loving and caring for the poor and needy.**



**and also those that have given away and endowed (*waqf*) their wealth to the Selangor Islamic Development Trust Fund (*Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor*) with eternal rewards until the Hereafter.**





**Purify their wealth and soul so that they will live according to that which pleases You. Protect the poor and needy from disbelief and everlasting poverty. *Allaahummaa ameen***



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