

Work, trust, and earning with excellence

A job is more than income. Time, promises, authority, and the quality of our work are trusts for which a believer expects to answer.

CENTREPIECE Surah an-Nisa 4:58, Sahih al-Bukhari 2072

FIRST KHUTBAH

1. Paid time is an amanah

Allah commands that trusts be returned to their owners (an-Nisa 4:58). The hours, access, equipment, and confidential knowledge given through work all belong inside that command.

2. Lawful effort has dignity

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said that nobody has eaten better food than what they earned through the work of their own hands, and he mentioned Dawud as an example (Bukhari 2072). Honest effort is not separate from devotion.

3. Excellence includes how people are treated

A polished result does not excuse broken promises, withheld wages, or disrespect toward junior staff. Ihsan at work includes the product, the process, and the people who carry it with us.

SECOND KHUTBAH

Return to the centrepiece and gather the message around one honest change connected to work, trust, and earning with excellence.

Suggested closing: Before the next working day ends, repair one neglected trust: a promise, an overdue payment, an unanswered message, or a task that carries your name.

PREPARATION NOTES

1. Read every cited verse or hadith in full before using it.
2. Add one example your own congregation will recognise.
3. Check questions of fiqh and recognised disagreement with a qualified local scholar.

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