

– and so on.

﴿rather righteousness is to believe in Allah﴾ that is, that He is one God, He possesses all the attributes of perfection and is far above all shortcomings.

﴿and the Last Day﴾. This refers to everything that Allah has told us in His Book, or that the Messengers have told us, of what happens after death.

﴿the angels﴾ whom Allah has described to us in His Book, and His Messenger (ﷺ) has also described.

﴿the Book﴾ this refers to all the Books that Allah sent down to His Messengers, the greatest of which is the Qur'an. Thus we believe in all that it contains of stories and rulings

﴿and the Prophets﴾ in general, and especially the last and best of them, Muhammad (ﷺ).

﴿to spend from your wealth﴾ this refers to everything that an individual may possess of wealth, whether it is great or small. What is meant is giving

﴿despite your love for it﴾ that is, love of wealth. Here Allah highlights the fact that wealth is something that people love and find it hard to give to others.

If a person gives of his wealth, despite his love for it, in order to draw closer to Allah (ﷻ), this is indicative of his faith. Part of giving one's wealth despite one's love for it is to give charity when one is healthy and inclined to be stingy, hoping to become rich and fearing poverty. Similarly, giving charity when one does not have much is better, because in this situation one may want to keep it because of what is expected of need and poverty. It is also better to give what is precious and what one loves of one's wealth, as Allah (ﷻ) says:

﴿You will never attain righteousness until you spend [in charity] of that which you love...﴾ (Āl 'Imrân 3: 92)