

power and strength to the enemy. So the words ﴿and do not contribute to your destruction with your own hands﴾ serve as a reason why one should spend on jihad.

Contributing to your destruction with your own hands refers to two things: not doing what is enjoined, which inevitably leads to ruin in both physical and spiritual terms, and doing that which leads to self-destruction, which includes many things such as: not engaging in jihad for the sake of Allah or spending on it, which inevitably leads to the enemy gaining power over the Muslims; taking unnecessary risks when fighting, or travelling in dangerous places where there are wild animals or snakes; climbing trees or dangerous structures; walking underneath something that poses a danger, and so on. Such things all come under the heading of contributing to your destruction with your own hands.

Other kinds of contributing to your destruction with your own hands include: persisting in disobedience and sin; despairing of ever repenting; failing to do obligatory duties that Allah has enjoined, failure to do which leads to ruin in spiritual and physical terms.

Because spending for the sake of Allah is a kind of good deed, Allah enjoins doing good in general terms: ﴿but do good, for Allah loves those who do good﴾. That includes all kinds of doing good, because it is not limited to any particular thing. That also includes doing good with one's wealth, as stated above.

It also includes being kind to people by: using one's position to help, interceding and so on; enjoining what is good and forbidding what is evil; teaching beneficial knowledge; meeting people's needs by relieving their distress, helping at times of hardship, visiting the sick, attending their funerals, guiding those who have gone astray, helping people with their work, doing things for those who cannot do them themselves, and other things that come under the heading of kindness as enjoined by Allah. Kindness also includes worshipping Allah (ﷻ) properly, which is as the Prophet (ﷺ) said: