

SPIRITUAL BANKRUPTCY

WITH THE NAME OF ALLAH, MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL.

Humans have been granted freedom in this world of trial and tribulation but have misused this freedom and deprived themselves of the deliciousness of moral and spiritual development.

Listen to Sura Ahzab (ch. 33): verse 72:-

“We did indeed offer the trust to the heavens and the earth and the mountains; but they refused to undertake it, being afraid thereof: but man undertook it; --- he was indeed unjust and foolish.”

The number of congregants in the mosques is on the increase but there are few who really fear Allah (S.W.T.).

There is no lack of people who speak on behalf of Islam but there are few who remain silent for the sake of their Deen.

There are far too many who see their own righteousness but very few see the righteousness in others.

There are far too many who are ready to display their piety in public but very few who are really pious in private.

There are far too many who want to see Islam established in the whole world but few are prepared to establish Islam in their hearts.

There are far too many who have huge reserves of fine words at Their disposal but very few have fine actions to offer.

There are far too many who are enthusiastic about Islam when it is embellished with material grandeur but very few are interested in Islam which shakes one's soul and makes one live in awareness of the afterlife.

There are far too many who think they have the key to paradise but few feel the need to tremble in fear of hell.

There are far too many who claim that paradise is reserved exclusively for them but their lives are not touched by the heavenly breeze.

There are far too many who take Allah (S.W.T.)'s holy name but very few have tasted the sweetness of the divine name they utter.

Is this not the height of spiritual bankruptcy?

Worksheet

1) What is your opinion of those who possess some, or all of the bad qualities mentioned in the lesson?

2) What should you do if you possess some of these bad qualities?

3) Would you say that many people are in pursuit of the worldly life to the exclusion of moral and spiritual considerations? Offer an explanation for your answer.

4) Would you agree with the following statement: **Salah is a programme towards righteousness.** Prove your answer with a verse from al-Quraan.
