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## Munyat al-Murid – Lesson 46

### Summary

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**Topic: Importance of Prioritizing Our Studies**

### **The Primary Obligation: Tazkiyat al-Nafs (Purification of the Soul)**

The lecture entitled Importance of Prioritizing Our Studies; First Priority: Cleansing Our Soul emphasizes that the first obligation of the seeker of ‘ilm is self-purification (tazkiyat al-nafs). Knowledge that is not accompanied by inner reform can lead to riyā’ (hypocrisy), kibr (pride), and the pursuit of rank and wealth. Thus, before engaging in secondary branches of learning, the scholar must evaluate his intentions and prioritize sciences that bring him closer to riḍā Allāh (the pleasure of God).

### **Divine Warnings: The Perils of Hypocrisy and Pride**

The Prophet (S) warned: “The smallest amount of hypocrisy in a person is a kind of shirk,” and: “A person with the least amount of pride in his heart will not enter Heaven.” These aḥādīth highlight that the true obstacle lies not in ignorance of law but in unchecked moral vices.

### **The True Meaning of Fiqh: Beyond Law to God-Consciousness**

True fiqh (jurisprudence) in the sight of God does not mean only codified rulings on wealth, health, and legal disputes; rather, it is understanding His greatness so that the heart develops khashya (awe) and



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inclines toward taqwā (piety). This is confirmed in the Qur'an: "إِنَّمَا يَخْشَى اللَّهَ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ الْعُلَمَاءُ" (35:28) — "Only those of His servants who possess knowledge fear Allah."

### **The Ultimate Purpose: Deep Understanding and Guidance**

Furthermore, the Qur'an instructs: وَمَا كَانَ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ لِيَنْفِرُوا كَافَّةً... لِيَتَفَقَّهُوا فِي الدِّينِ (9:122)), stressing that true learning is to gain deep understanding of religion and to warn others.

### **Conclusion: The Path to Beneficial Knowledge**

In sum, the foundation of all scholarly pursuits is tazkiya and the prioritization of knowledge that nurtures humility, fear of sin, and nearness to Allah SWT.