

Gaining knowledge in order to act upon that

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With regards to the Companions' desire to gain knowledge and then act on that , the Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)¹ comments on the hadeeth where the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم)² advised the man to not become angry:

Benefit number one:

The eagerness of the Companions (رضي الله عنهم)³ upon that which would bring about benefit, as per his (the man's) statement (to the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم)):

“Advise me!”

And when the Companions (رضي الله عنهم) knew the Truth, they did not restrict themselves to merely having the knowledge. Rather they acted (upon it).

And many of the people nowadays ask about a ruling, and they come to know about it, but they do not act upon it.

As for the Companions (رضي الله عنهم) then when they asked about the remedy, they would certainly put the remedy into practice, so they would act (upon it).

(Sharh al Arba'een an-Nawawee (p 182) of Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ))

¹ (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² (صلى الله عليه وسلم) (sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

³ (رضي الله عنهم) (rad iyallahu 'anhum) May Allaah the Most High be pleased with them