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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: "A very good, committed and Inshaa'allaah sincere brother calls people to Salafeeyah but sometimes aggressively questions Muslims regarding if they are Salafee or not. This has resulted in many Muslims feeling offended and turning away from the word 'Salafee'. This brother believes that the word Salafee must be used right away in Da'wah otherwise it is a sign that the person is ashamed of being Salafee. How should this person be advised?"

Shaykh 'Abdur-Rahmaan al-'Ajlaan: "It is not incumbent for one calling to the religion of Allaah [Ta'aala (The Most High)] to use a specific phrase such as 'Salafeeyah'. Rather a caller to Allaah [Ta'aala (The Most High)] should call to the Book of Allaah [Ta'aala (The Most High)] and the Sunnah of His Messenger [(sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him], or to the haqq (truth), or to the Qur'aan. So it is not incumbent for a caller to Allaah [Ta'aala (The Most High)] to use a specific phrase such as 'Salafeeyah'. Why? Because using the phrase 'Salafeeyah' could be used in issues far from the truth and in turn the phrase may be hated and people may be chased away from it. So it is not incumbent to use that specific phrase in calling to Allaah [Ta'aala (The Most High)]."