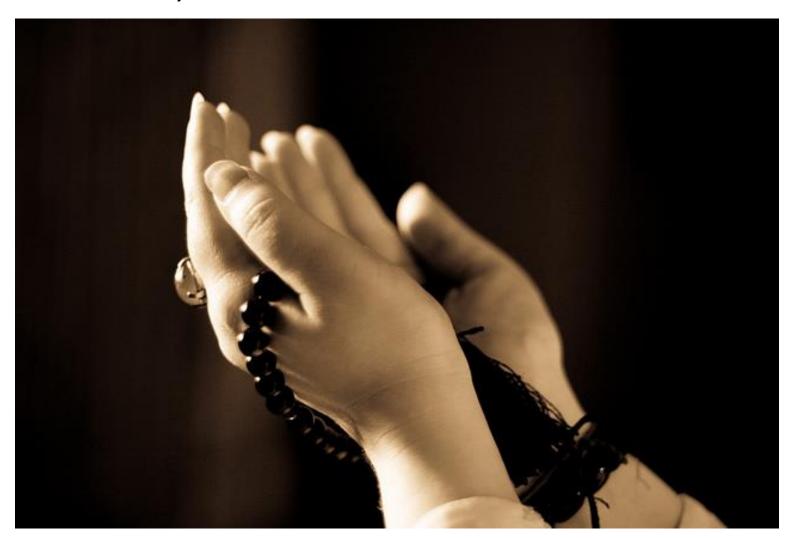
"O Allah, Make us of Your 'Few' Servants!"



Book: Kitab al-Zuhd by Ahmad bin Hanbal Musannaf of Ibn Abi Shaybah

مر سيدنا عمر بن الخطاب ضيات ذات يوم برجل في السوق. فإذا بالرجل يدعوا ويقول: اللهم اجعلني من عبادك القليل ...

Umar bin al-Khattab was walking in the market, he passed by a man who was supplicating, "O Allah, make us of Your 'few' servants! O Allah make us of Your 'few' servants!"

فقال له سيدنا عمر: من أين أتيت بهذا الدعاء ..؟؟ فقال الرجل...ان الله يقول في كتابه العزيز:

وَقَلِيلٌ مِّنْ عِبَادِيَ الشَّكُورُ

So 'Umar said to him, "Where did you get this du 'a' from?" And the man said, "Allah in His Book says 'And few of My servants are grateful.'(34:13)

فبكى سيدنا عمر على وقال: كل الناس أفقه منك يا عمر اللهم اجعلنا من عبادك القليل

So 'Umar wept and admonished himself, "All the people are more knowledgeable than you, O Umar! O Allah make us of Your 'few' servants."

إذا نصحت أحداً بترك معصية كان رده: أكثر الناس تفعل ذلك لست وحدي !! ولو بحثت عن كلمة " أكثر الناس" في القرآن لوجدت:

Sometimes when you advise someone to leave a sin, they respond with <u>"But most people do it, it's not just me!"</u> But if you look for the words <u>"most people"</u> in the Qur'an, you will find that most people <u>"do not know"</u> (7:187), <u>"do not give thanks"</u> (2:243) and <u>"do not believe"</u> (11:17).

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ولو بحثت عن كلمة ''أكثرهم'' لوجدت:
{ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَهُمْ يَجْهَلُونَ - وَأَكْثَرُهُمُ الْكَافِرُونَ }
{ وَأَكْثَرُهُمْ كَاذِبُونَ - وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَكُمْ لِلْحَقِّ كَارِهُونَ }
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And if you look for <u>"most of them"</u>, you will find that most of them are <u>"defiantly disobedient"</u> (5:59), "ignorant" (6:111), "turning away" (21:24), "do not reason" (29:23), and "do not listen" (8:21)

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فكن أنت من القليل الذين قال الله تعالى فيهم:
{ وَقَلِيلٌ مِّنْ عِبَادِيَ الشَّكُورُ } {وَمَا آمَنَ مَعَهُ إِلَّا قَلِيلٌ }
{ فِي جَنَّاتِ النَّعِيمِ ثُلَّةٌ مِّنَ الْأَوَّلِينَ قَلِيلٌ مِّنَ الْآخِرِينَ }
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So be of the "few", whom Allah says about them: "And few of My servants are grateful." (34:13) "But none had believed with him, except a few." (11:40) "In the Gardens of Pleasure, A large company of the former peoples, And a few of the later peoples." (56:12-14)