10490 - Some of those who are called to Allaah, when they are told to fear Allaah they say “Mind your own business”

the question

One of things that I find very difficult when I try to advise some people or warn them of some evil that they are doing, is that they say, “This does not concern you, mind your own business, don’t interfere in my private affairs.” What is the ruling on what they say?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Their words are false and a rejection of the truth. Allah is dislikes such a response. The evidence for that is what it says in the saheeh hadeeth narrated from the Messenger (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him): “The most beloved of speech to Allah is when a person says: ‘Subhaanaka Allahumma wa bi hamdika, wa tabaaraka ismuka wa ta’aala jadduka, wa laa ilaaha ghayruka (Glory and praise be to You, O Allah, blessed be Your name and exalted be Your majesty, and there is no god but You).’ The most hated of speech to Allah is when one man says to another, ‘Fear Allah,’ and the other says, ‘Mind your own business!’”

(al-Silsilah al-Saheehah by al-Albaani, no. 2598)

You have to persist in da’wah, and bear patiently the things you suffer, as Luqmaan said to his son:

“O my son! Aqim-is-Salaah (perform As-Salaah), enjoin (on people) Al-Ma‘roof (Islamic Monotheism and all that is good), and forbid (people) from Al-Munkar (i.e. disbelief in the Oneness of Allah, polytheism of all kinds and all that is evil and bad), and bear with patience whatever befalls you. Verily, these are some of the important commandments (ordered by Allah with no exemption)”

[Luqmaan 31:17 – interpretation of the meaning]