31762 - He loves da’wah but he had a disturbing dream

the question

I hope you could help me out with this confusion,I had prayed Istikhara namaz 5 days back.I asked ALLAH if I would be able to convert a non-muslim to a muslim and guide him to the wright path for my love for islam and ALLAH,I am very obsessed with this because it's my dying wish that i should be able to do this atleast once in my lifetime,because i love ALLAH dearly and with all my heart.I had prayed istikhra namaz asking ALLAH if I will ever be successful in executing this dream into reality,I also asked if he would guide me.
but today morning i had a bad dream .
I don't know what this means,shuld i believe in the dream or should I listen to my heart.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

We ask Allaah to make you steadfast in your efforts to fulfil the duty of calling people to Allaah and in your keenness to spread good. Your love of good and your efforts to spread it indicate that you are a good person, in sha Allah. We ask Allaah that you will be included in His words (interpretation of the meaning):

“You (true believers in Islamic Monotheism, and real followers of Prophet Muhammad and his Sunnah) are the best of peoples ever raised up for mankind; you enjoin Al-Ma‘roof (i.e. Islamic Monotheism and all that Islam has ordained) and forbid Al-Munkar (polytheism, disbelief and all that Islam has forbidden), and you believe in Allaah”

[Aal ‘Imraan 3:110]

Your saying that you love Allaah is the characteristic of those whom Allaah loves, of whom He says (interpretation of the meaning):

“a people whom He will love and they will love Him”

[al-Maa'idah 5:54]

Whoever loves Allaah sincerely, Allaah will love him. The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: “Whoever loves to meet Allaah, Allaah loves to meet him.” (Narrated by al-Bukhaari, 6507; Muslim, 2683).

Al-Bukhaari (7375) and Muslim (813) narrated from ‘Aa’ishah (may Allaah be pleased with her) that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) sent a man on a campaign; when he led his companions in prayer, he used to end his recitation with Qul Huwa Allaah Ahad. When they came back, they mentioned that to the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him). He told them, ‘Ask him why he does that.” He said, “Because it speaks of the Most Merciful and I love to recite it.” The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said, “Tell him that Allaah loves him.” This man loved the attributes of Allaah, so Allaah loved him.

If you want to know how sincere your love for Allaah is, then examine yourself in the light of the following verse, in which Allaah says (interpretation of the meaning):

“Say (O Muhammad to mankind): If you (really) love Allaah, then follow me (i.e. accept Islamic Monotheism, follow the Qur’aan and the Sunnah), Allaah will love you and forgive you your sins”

[Aal ‘Imraan 3:31]

i.e., follow the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him).

If Allaah loves you, you may receive the glad tidings of great goodness. Allaah says in a hadeeth qudsi: “Whoever shows enmity to someone devoted to Me, I shall be at war with him. My slave draws noy near to Me with anything more beloved to Me than the religious duties I have enjoined on him, and My slave continues to draw near to Me with supererogatory works so that I shall love him. When I love him I am his hearing with which he hears, his seeing with which he sees, his hand with which he strikes and his foot with which he walks. Were he to ask something of Me, I would surely give it to him, and were he to ask Me for refuge, I would surely grant him it. I do not

hesitate about anything so much as I hesitate about [seizing] the soul of My faithful slave: he hates death and I hate hurting him.”

(Narrated by al-Bukhaari, 6502).

The following are six benefits that a person gains by loving Allaah, in order of importance:

1-Allah becomes his hearing, i.e., he does not listen to anything except that which pleases Allaah.

2-Allaah becomes his seeing, i.e., he does not look at anything but that which pleases Allaah.

3-Allaah becomes his foot with which he walks, i.e., he does not walk for anything except that which is pleasing to Allaah,

4-Allaah becomes his hand with which he strikes, i.e., he does not take revenge for himself but rather for the sake of Allaah, so he does not do anything with his hand except that which pleases Allaah.

5-Allaah answers his du’aa’s

6-Allaah grants him refuge from everything that he dislikes.

So congratulation to those whom Allaah loves, to the close friends of Allaah, to the party of Allaah.

“They are the party of Allaah. Verily, it is the party of Allaah that will be the successful”

[al-Mujaadilah 58:22]

With regard to istikhaarah, it is prescribed when a person is thinking about doing something, then he hesitates about it. But with regard the thing that you are doing, namely calling people to Allaah, there is no need to pray istikhaarah, rather you should go ahead and call people to Allaah with wisdom and beautiful preaching.

With regard to the bad dream that you saw, it is from the Shaytaan. The Prophet (peace and

blessings of Allaah be upon him) taught us, if we see something good in our dreams, to tell those whom we love about it, but if we see something bad, we should seek refuge with Allaah from the Shaytaan and spit drily to the left three times, then turn over onto the other side, and we should not pay attention to that bad dream. See question no. 9577.

If you want to know more about the Prophet's teachings regarding sleep, see question no. 21216.