The Obligation of Giving Naseehah (Advice) to the General Body of Muslims
Shaykh Abdullaah ibn Abdur-Rahmaan ibn Saalih Aali Bassaam

Imaam Muslim reported in his Saheeh (authentic collection of Hadeeth), from the Hadeeth of **Tameem ad-Daaree** (RadiyAllaahu 'an-hu) that the Prophet (SallAllaahu Alaihi wa Sallam) said: "The Deen (al-Islaam) is Naseehah (being sincere, and giving sincere advice). We said: To whom, O Messenger of Allaah (SallAllaahu Alaihi wa Sallam)? He (SallAllaahu Alaihi wa Sallam) said: To Allaah, His Book (al-Qur'aan), His Messenger (SallAllaahu Alaihi wa Sallam), the leaders of the Muslims and the **common Muslims**."

Shaykh Abdullaah ibn Abdur-Rahmaan ibn Saalih Aali Bassaam (Hafidhahullaah) said:

"an-Naseehah (being sincere and giving sincere advice) is the foundation of the Deen (of al-Islaam) and its legs (which prop it up).

"As for the **Naseehah** which is for the **common Muslims**, it includes:

1. Guiding them to that which is in their best interest in the hereafter and in their worldly life.
2. Helping and assisting them to attain it (i.e. that which is in their best interest),
3. Covering their defects,
4. Finding a remedy for their shortcoming,
5. Repulsing that which is harmful from them,
6. Helping them to achieve that which is beneficial for them,
7. Commanding them with that which is good (*Ma'roof*),
8. Forbidding them from that which is evil (*Munkar*), with *gentleness and sincerity* (*Rifq and Ikhlaas*),
9. Being kind and compassionate towards them,
10. Showing respect towards their elders,
11. Showing mercy towards their youth,
12. Encouraging them (to do good) by means of beautiful teaching/exhortations,
13. Avoiding cheating them and envying them,
14. Loving for them that which you love for yourself (of the good things),
15. Hating for them that which you hate for yourself (of the evil things).