

The Difference Between Show-Off & Self-Admiration

Self-admiration is akin to showing off, but showing off is a kind of including people as a motive for one's efforts, whereas self-admiration is including oneself with Allaah (swt) (in the sense that one remembers one's talent but forgets that they all come from Allaah and by His help).

So the show-off is not fulfilling the words,

إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ

"You (alone) we worship", [1:5] and the one who admires himself is not fulfilling the words, **"and You (alone) we ask for help,"** [1:5] because the one who fulfils the words **"You (lone) we worship"** will avoid showing off, and the one who fulfils the words **"and You (alone) we ask for help"** will avoid self-admiration."