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## Ruling on accompanying smokers

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

**Question:** Praise be to Allaah, I am doing my best to keep performing the Salaah (Prayer) in congregation in the Masjid (mosque). I have cleared my house from VCRs and burnt all the videos and pictures I had before. I also recorded Islaamic material on the song tapes that I have. I also let my beard grow and shortened my garment following the Sunnah (whatever is reported from the Prophet). There is only one thing that troubles me, namely, smoking. I tried and I am still trying to stop it, but I could not stop it until now. What can I do? May Allaah reward you with the best reward. What is your advice to me? Please supplicate to Allaah for me to stop it.

**Shaykh Abdul-Azeez ibn Baaz** (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ):<sup>1</sup> Praise be to Allaah, Who has guided you to know and adhere to the Truth and leave what opposes it. We ask Allaah (Exalted be He) to keep you firm on the Truth and grant you sound understanding of religion.

You should stop smoking and beware of it, as it has many harmful effects. Once you have a good intention to set it aside and stay away from accompanying the smokers, Allaah (Exalted be He) will help you abandon it and save you from its evils. We advise you to have sincere and firm determination in that along with beseeching Allaah (Exalted be He) during prostrations and other times for help.

You should also stay away from sitting with smokers. Have glad tidings of goodness and good outcome and always remember Allaah's (Glorified and Exalted be He) Saying: **[Invoke Me, I will respond to your (invocation).]** Allaah (Glorified and Exalted be He) also says: **[...and whosoever fears Allaah and keeps his duty to Him, He will make his matter easy for him.]** May Allaah grant you success and help you abandon smoking and remain steadfast in the Truth. Indeed, He is All-Hearing and All-Near.

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<sup>1</sup> (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him