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In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

**Shaykh Ibn Uthaymeen** (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)<sup>1</sup> said, “Three men, in front of them is a sinner.

One of them says, ‘I’m not going to give this sinner salaam and will boycott him, distance myself from him and not speak to him.’

The second says, ‘I will go along with this sinner and give him salaam, smile in his face, invite him over and respond to his invitations, he’s just like a righteous man to me.’

The third says, ‘This sinner, I hate him for his sins and I love him for his ‘Eemaan, I will not boycott him unless doing so will lead to his rectification, if ostracising him doesn’t lead to his rectification but instead causes him to sin even more, then I won’t boycott him.’

So I say: the first person is an excessive extremist, the second is someone excessively neglectful—and the third one is balanced.

We say the same in all issues of worship and all dealings with the creation, people are either neglectful, extremists or balanced.”<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

<sup>2</sup> Majmoo’ Fataawaa wa Rasaa’il Fadilatish-Shaikh Muhammad ibn Saalih al-Uthaymeen, vol. 1, p. 43.

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