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Taken from the works of Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

With regards to being on one's guard against the hypocrites, Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)<sup>1</sup> comments on the Qur'aanic aayah:

**They seek to deceive Allaah and deceive those who believe. And they only deceive their own selves, whilst they do not realise.**

[Soorah al Baqarah (the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter) aayah 9]

2) And from (the benefits of the aayah) is being on one's guard against the hypocrites – because when it is said to you:

So-and-so is someone who is deceptive.

- then you will indeed increase in your caution against him.

And that it is befitting for the believer to be alert and on his guard so that he does not allow himself to be deceived by the like of those.

So if someone were to say: How do we come to know of the hypocrite such that we can be on our guard against him?

Then the reply is: We come to know him through following carefully his statements and his actions – do they conform with each other or do they contradict each other?

So if we come to know that this man tries to flatter us and manifests that he loves Islaam and that he loves the Religion – but when he is away from us we hear about him with certainty that he fights against the Religion, we come to know that he is a munaafiq (hypocrite).

So then it is obligatory for us to beware of him.

(Tafseer ul Qur'aan il Kareem 1/41 of Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ))

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