

# اللغة العربية

## «وَضَبْتُ ذَلِكُ»



### Question

The following is a quote from الأذكار of Imām al-Nawawiyy

: رحمه الله

«يستحبّ استحباباً متأكداً: زيارة الصالحين، والإخوان، والجيران، والأصدقاء، والأقارب، وإكرامهم، وبرّهم، وصلتهم، **وضبط ذلك** يختلف باختلاف أحوالهم ومراتبهم وفراغهم وينبغي أن تكون زيارته لهم على وجه لا يكرهونه، وفي وقت يرتضونه»

I don't understand what exactly **وَضَبْتُ ذَلِكُ** means.

How would you translate **ضَبْتُ** here?

Faḍīlat al-Shaykh Dr. V. Abdur Rahim (حفظه الله) replies:



By the word ضَبَطُ he means 'rule'.

Imām al-Nawawiyy رحمه الله says he cannot lay down a general rule regulating visits to them. Visits depend upon many factors such as:

- the circumstances of those we want to visit,
- their position,
- their free time.

But this much can be said that our visits to them should be in a manner not undesirable to them, and at a time suitable to them.

In modern Arabic, we use ضَابِط in this sense.

Hope this has helped you to understand the text.

والسلام

abdur rahim