

Sayings of Imam Shaafi'ee about the *Soofeeyah*

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1- From Yunus bin Abdul A'laa who said: 'I heard Imam Shaafi'ee say: 'If a man becomes a *Soofee* in the beginning of the day, then you will not find him by *Dhubr* time except that he will be a stupid person.'

[Collected by al-Bayhaqi in 'Kitab al-Manaqib' (2/207)]

2- Imaam Shaafi'ee describing the *Soofeeyah* said: 'A *Soofee* cannot be a proper *Soofee* until he has four characteristics: laziness, eats a lot, very superstitious, and extreme in everything that he does.

[Collected by al-Bayhaqi in 'Kitab al-Manaqib' (2/207)]

3- Imaam Shaafi'ee said: 'The foundation of *Soofeeyah* is laziness.'

[Collected in 'al-Hileeyah' (9/136)]