VII. A tradition of Amīr al-mu'minīn, peace be upon him, relates that he arranged a force for advancing for jihād and said: i'dhibu (turn away) from women so far as you can.

as-Sayyid ar-Raḍī says: It (i'dhibu) means that "keep off" from thoughts of women and from clinging your heart to them, and do not have union with them; because all this produces weakness in enthusiasm, affects the firmness of determination, weakens against the enemy and prevents from exerting in fighting. Whatever prevents from something is called "'adhaba 'anhu" i.e., turned away from it. Thus, "al-'ādhib" and "al-'adhūb" mean one who gives up eating and drinking.

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