

What is the meaning of “strong” believer?

With regards to the believer who is “strong” Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al ‘Uthaymeen *rahimahullaah* states:

And the intent behind the statement of the Prophet *sall Allaahu ‘alaihi wa sallam*

“The strong believer is better and more beloved to Allaah than the weak believer”

- is not muscular strength. Rather the intent is the believer strong in his *eemaan* and not (necessarily) in his body. For how many a person there is who is strong in his body but there is no goodness in him – and vice versa?

And connected to this, is that were you to write the phrase

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upon a large board above a playing area where exercise is done – based on the meaning of a strong believer who has muscular strength –then this is not permissible.

*(Quoted in Mu’jam at Ta’reefaat of Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al ‘Uthaymeen *rahimahullaah*, p350)*