

# Islam Question & Answer

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## 106481 - Ruling on one who prays but does not pay zakaah or fast, or one who does Hajj but does not pray

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### the question

I read in some of your answers that if a person fasts but does not pray then his fasting is not valid. What about the opposite; if a person prays but does not fast, or prays but does not pay Zakat, or performs hajj but does not pray?.

### Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

The one who does not fast Ramadaan because he denies that it is obligatory is a kaafir and his prayer is not valid. The one who does not do it deliberately and out of carelessness is not a kaafir, according to the correct view, and his prayer is valid. The one who does not pay the obligatory zakaah because he denies that it is obligatory is a kaafir and his prayer is not valid. The one who does not do it deliberately and out of carelessness is not a kaafir and his prayer is valid. The same applies to Hajj; the one who does not do it because he denies that it is obligatory is a kaafir, but the one who does not do it although he is able to do it is not a kaafir and his prayer is valid.

Fataawa al-Lajnah al-Daa'imah li'l-Buhooth al-'Ilmiyyah wa'l-Ifta (10/143, 144)

The one who does not pray is a kaafir and an apostate according to the correct scholarly view, so no act of worship that he does is valid.

See the answer to question no. [5208](#).