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The means (wasa'il) take the same ruling (hukum) as the maqasid'

An action that is Mubah (permissible) like eating, sleeping etc could be rewardable. if you sleep early with the intention to wake up for tahajjud then because of your intention sleeping becomes rewardable.

The means (wasa'il) which lead to the observance of commands and prohibitions are covered by the same ruling which applies to the command/prohibition in the first place. The command to perform the prayers is a command enjoining ablution that paves the way for the prayer and learning Arabic to recite fatiha.

Wasa'il are two types:

1. Those with a hukum in the sharia, take the hukum and is not allowed to give it the hukum of the objective. If a person comes and says that earning money is mubah, and riba is a means to earning money so riba is allowed, the reply is no! This wasilah (in this case riba) has a ruling in the sharia, so therefore the principle is not applied because it only applies when there is no original ruling in the sharia
2. Those that do not have a textual evidence, so the ruling of the wasilah (means) is the same as the maqasid (objective).