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Offering Salah at the workplace despite having a nearby Masjid

The ninth question of Fatwa no. (5168)

Q: There is an employee at a company, around which exist more than three Masjids (mosques). This man always offers prayers in the Masjid, but his colleagues offer them in the company, they urge him to join them rather than going to the Masjid. Some Muslim brothers advised him to offer prayers with them to preach and hold lessons to them after prayer, for he is the most knowledgeable of Sunnah and rulings of Prayers at work, knowing that there is someone among his colleagues who has memorized of the Qur'an more than him. Should he listen to them or should he continue to offer prayers in the Masjid without paying attention to what they say?

A: These employees should offer prayer in any of the nearby Masjids like their colleague, as he is right in offering prayers in the Masjid, for the authentic Hadiths reported from the Prophet (peace be upon him) denoting the obligation of offering Prayers in the Masjid, and it is impermissible to slack off in praying in the Masjid except for a legal excuse.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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