9374 - Reading Qur’aan during work time

the question

I am an employee and at work I read Qur’aan when I have nothing else to do. But my boss has forbidden me to do that, saying that this is work time and is not for reading Qur’aan. What is the ruling on that? May Allaah reward you with good.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

If you do not have any work, there is nothing wrong with reading Qur’aan, or reciting Tasbeeh (saying Subhaan Allaah) or Tahleel (saying Laa ilaaha ill-Allaah) or other dhikr. That is better than remaining silent. But if your reading is keeping you from doing something that has to do with your work, then it is not permissible for you to do that, because during the time that is specifically for work, it is not permissible for you to keep busy with something that will prevent you from doing your work.