



STUDY GUIDE

Duties
TOWARDS
Family

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The Guidance for Humanity

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COURSE OUTLINE



COURSE TOPICS

1. Duty towards oneself
2. Steps to protect oneself from the Hellfire
3. Responsibility towards one's spouse
4. Responsibility towards one's children
5. Children's duties towards themselves and their parents
6. Islamic upbringing of our children
7. Responsibilities towards the in-laws
8. Importance of family in Islam
9. Mission of one's life
10. Saving ourselves and families from Hellfire
11. Responsibility for correcting the wrongs in society
12. Parent-children relationship
13. Final word on how to save ourselves and our families

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Understand one's responsibility towards one's family, children, and in-laws
2. Learn about the various ways to save oneself and his/her family from Hellfire
3. Know the responsibilities of a Muslim towards the building of a righteous society

COURSE OUTLINE



QUESTION & ANSWER BUCKET

TRANSCRIPTS

ASSESSMENT

Multiple Choice Questions

Match the Columns

True or False

COURSE DURATION

Video – 3 hours 5 min

Study Guide – 1 hour

Assessment – 10 min

Total Duration – 4 hours 15 min



LESSON 1

**DUTIES
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PART 1**

1

DUTY TOWARDS ONESELF



The most basic responsibility that one has is towards their own self. To look after his/her religious wellbeing and save themselves from the punishment of the Hellfire.



"O you who believe! save yourselves and your families from a Fire whose fuel is Men and Stones."
Al Qur'an 66:6



The Prophet (pbuh) said:
"Indeed, yourself has a right upon you, and your Lord has a right upon you."





And therefore, our very first responsibility should be to make sure that we know the ways and deeds required to save ourselves from the Hellfire.



“O you who believe! Fear Allah, and let every soul look to what (provision) He has sent forth for tomorrow.”

Al Qur'an 59:18

Islam always preaches that reform starts from within. An individual should first look at their own actions and the change needed within themselves before criticising others and asking them for change.



2

STEPS TO PROTECT ONESELF FROM THE HELLFIRE



Among the most basic ways to help oneself is through –

- i Realising one of the major causes of entering Hellfire



The Prophet (pbuh) said:

“He who dies associating partners with Allah will enter Hell, and he who dies worshipping Allah alone will enter Paradise.”

The sin of Shirk Al Akbar (associating partners in worship with Allah (swt)) is the greatest sin that any individual can commit, and Allah (swt) would never forgive them for that.





Therefore, the first and the most basic thing that any Muslim must focus upon, as an individual, as a spouse, or as a parent is making sure that they are free from all types of Shirk.

ii Believe in all the six Arkaanul Imaan (pillars of faith) –

a Belief in Allah (swt): It refers to the belief that Allah (swt) is the only One worthy of worship and the Creator of the entire universe. It highlights the importance of having the correct Aqeedah and understanding the Tawheed of Allah (swt), which includes Tawheed Ar Ruboobiyyah Wa Uluhiyyah Wa Asma Wa Sifaatihi.

b Belief in the Angels: Believing the angels as creations of Allah (swt) without any genders. They are created from light and obey the commandments of Allah (swt) without having any choice or free will.





- c** Belief in the Revelations: Belief in the revelations sent down by Allah (swt) upon his messengers through His angels for the guidance of mankind.
- d** Belief in the Messengers: Belief in the messengers and prophets chosen by Allah (swt) to preach the message sent by Him for the guidance of mankind.
- e** Belief in the Day of Judgement: Belief in the resurrection of every creation for everyone to be judged according to their belief and deeds, and be rewarded with Jannah (Paradise) or Jahannam (Hell-fire) according to it.
- f** Belief in the Qadr [decree ordained by Allah (swt)]





iii) Recognising the importance of Salaah (prayer) in Islam

Salaah (the five obligatory prayers) is the most important pillar of Islam after recognising the oneness of Allah (swt) and abstaining from Shirk.



"And establish prayer."
Al Qur'an 2:110



The Prophet (pbuh) said:
"What lies between a man and infidelity is the abandonment of prayer."





iv Fasting in the month of Ramadhaan

The obligatory fasts of the month of Ramadhaan are one of the five basic pillars of Islam obligated upon the Muslims by Allah (swt) which would help them save themselves from the punishment of the Hellfire.



"O you who believe! Fasting is prescribed to you as it was prescribed to those before you, that you may (learn) self-restraint."

Al Qur'an 2:183

v Zakaah (obligatory charity) acommandment of Allah (swt)

Zakaah (obligatory charity) is obligated upon the Muslims (with certain conditions) by Allah (swt), wherein they must pay 2.5% of their wealth to spend upon and help the poor and the needy.





vi Hajj (pilgrimage)

Hajj is the pilgrimage to Makkah obligated by Allah (swt) upon the Muslims who can afford it.



'Umar ibn al Khattaab (ra) said:
"Whoever is able to do Hajj but does not do Hajj, then it is all the same whether he dies as a Jew or a Christian."

Therefore, it is important to understand that the most basic way to protect oneself from the punishment of the Hellfire is to remain consistent in one's Imaan and accept the five pillars of Islam.

However, if a person rejects even a single pillar, he/she is not a Muslim because one cannot only accept Islam partially or reject parts of it.





LESSON 2

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3

RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS ONE'S SPOUSE



"And among His Signs is this, that He created for you mates from among yourselves, that you may dwell in tranquillity with them, and He has put love and mercy between your [hearts]."

Al Qur'an 30:21



"O you who believe! save yourselves and your families from a Fire whose fuel is Men and Stones."

Al Qur'an 66:6

After one's primary responsibility towards themselves, they have a responsibility towards their family as a spouse. A man is responsible for the obedience and the actions of his wife as a Muslimah.





The Prophet (pbuh) said:
"All of you are guardians and are responsible for your subjects. The ruler is a guardian of his subjects, the man is a guardian of his family."

Man's primary responsibility towards his wife is not just giving food, drink, and a place to stay, but rather it is to save her from the punishment of the Hellfire by advising her and working along with her towards good actions and strengthening their Imaan.

If you claim to love your wife, you must educate her about her obligations, teach her to perform the pillars of Islam, the importance of intention in her deeds and to abstain from Shirk because the bond of marriage is an Amaanah (trust) and you shall be questioned by Allah (swt) about it.





Marriage is not only about showing physical love towards your spouse but love them by showing kindness towards them and educate them about the obligations upon them.

Amr Ma'roof Nahi Munkar – enjoin what is good and forbid what is evil is a two-way street, and therefore it is the duty of both the spouses to correct the other and admonish them if either of them is in the wrong of committing Haraam.



“The Believers, men and women, are protectors one of another: they enjoin what is good and forbid what is evil: they observe regular prayers, practise regular charity, and obey Allah and His Messenger.”

Al Qur'an 9:71



The Prophet (pbuh) said:

“The woman is a guardian and is responsible for her husband's house and his offspring.”

If the husband does not have the sound knowledge of Islam, then it is the wife's duty as a Muslimah to take full responsibility towards the family and educate them about Islam. You must be very particular about practicing the Halaal and not allowing any Haraam to enter your home.



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RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS ONE'S CHILDREN



Our children are an Amaanah (trust) from Allah (swt), and He has reminded us about the importance of taking care of that Amaanah.

The important thing for us to keep in mind is to make sure that before we have children, we make sure to have the best of Aadaab (manners) and Akhlaaq (character) within ourselves as a husband/wife or as parents.



The Prophet (pbuh) said:
"The best among us are those who have the best character."

Though the children are an Amaanah from Allah (swt), they can also be the cause of trial and Fitnah in the family and in the relationship between husband and wife. But, when they have established themselves with the correct Imaan, Aqeedah, and Akhlaaq, it becomes easier to upbringing the children in an Islamic way.





The first step towards training our children to be well behaved is that we ourselves must set a good example for them to follow because the children watch our behaviour and try to imitate it into their lives.

We must talk with love, respect, and care rather than cursing and using foul language with others.

The Prophet (pbuh) taught us how to celebrate the birth of a new baby and how to educate them. We must make Du'a for them to be righteous and follow on the path of Allah (swt) and His messenger, play the Qur'an in the presence of the baby, expose them to the Qur'an and the Sunnah from a very young age, remind them about the good Akhlaaq and Aadaab, and monitor the words they use when they begin speaking.



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CHILDREN'S DUTIES TOWARDS THEMSELVES AND THEIR PARENTS



The children must also remember that though they have certain rights over their parents, they also have responsibilities towards them.

Respect towards parents



"We have enjoined on man kindness to parents."
Al Qur'an 29:8

One of the most basic responsibilities that children have towards their parents is to respect and honour them.

Acknowledge them with the fatherly/motherly titles and avoid addressing them one would address any of their friends.





Since the Aadaab are very important, it is also upon the parents to act as a role model for their children make it easier to educate the children and implement those characteristics in their lives.

ii) Have responsibility for your actions

As children grow up and become responsible and independent individuals, it is their responsibility to make sure that they abstain from indulging in any kind of Haraam.

iii) Show love towards your parents



The Prophet (pbuh) said:
"Allah (swt) is pleased with one whose parents are pleased with him."

A child must show his/her obedience and love towards their parents because of the love they have for them and the sacrifices the parents have made for their children.

6

ISLAMIC UPBRINGING OF OUR CHILDREN



Our children are our representatives wherever they go. They are representing us, and the education and upbringing we have given them.

Therefore, among some of the important aspects that one must take care of while trying to upbringing their children in an Islamic manner are:

i Importance of an Islamic environment

Having an Islamic environment in one's home should be one of the basic requirements for any individual.

ii Abstain from displaying picture/posters of living things

The Prophet (pbuh) forbade the displaying of picture/posters of humans, animals, etc in one's home because the angels do not enter the home in which they are displayed.





iii) Recitation of the Qur'an

We must recite the Qur'an and teach it to our children too. In fact, we shall also be rewarded for their recitation because we taught them.

iv) Establishing prayer



"And establish regular Prayer: for Prayer restrains from shameful and unjust deeds."

Al Qur'an 29:45

Pray Salaah along with your children.





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RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARDS THE IN-LAWS



Marriage is not only about marrying your husband/wife, but it is about merging into a new family. The husband becomes a part of the wife's family and the wife a part of her husband's family.

The Arabic word 'Ahleekum' has a very wide meaning, which does not only refer to immediate family and children, but also includes one's in-laws and grandchildren.

The Islamic concept of in-laws is not something that should be treated lightly, but rather one must honour and respect them like their own parents because they are your Mahrams forever (even after one gets divorced).

It is the responsibility of the son/daughter in law to honour, respect, love, and care for their In-laws in the same manner they do for their parents.





Amongst some of the ways which one can use to advise their in-laws are –

i Amr Bil Ma'roof and Nahi 'Anil Munkar

One of the most important tasks is that everyone must remind the other about the importance of establishing what is right and forbidding what is wrong, and about one's obligations towards Allah (swt).

ii Family reunions

Organising family reunions from time to time and engaging everyone in acts of worship and remembrance of Allah (swt) is a cause of the pleasure of Allah (swt) and angels descending with blessings upon the gathering.



The Prophet (pbuh) said:

"Kinship (Rahim) is derived from Allah. If anyone maintains ties of kinship Allah maintains ties with him. If anyone cuts them off, Allah cuts him off."



The Prophet (pbuh) said:

"Whoever desires to have expansion in his sustenance and a prolonged life, should treat his relatives with kindness."



iii Give importance to the elders of the family

Giving due importance to the elders of the family is important because people respond better to their actions and initiatives. Humbly accepting the Naseehah (advice) given by them, and the youth can also share their knowledge of areas wherein they are more knowledgeable and experienced.

iv Visiting the parents and In-laws

The children should remember that no matter how old they get, they should be the ones to visit their parents rather than insisting on having the parents visit them.

Know their likes and dislikes and try to bring them some gifts and other things of that which they like.



The Prophet (pbuh) said:
"You and your property, all belong to your parents."





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IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY IN ISLAM



Islam is not a religion of selfishness and individuality, but rather encourages every individual to get married and take care of his/her family.



The Prophet (pbuh) said:

“Marriage is part of my Sunnah and whoever does not follow my Sunnah has nothing to do with me. Get married, for I will boast of your great numbers before the nations.”

The above Hadith shows the importance of marriage and family life in Islam because it does not encourage one to only think about themselves, but rather share your righteousness with your family and children.



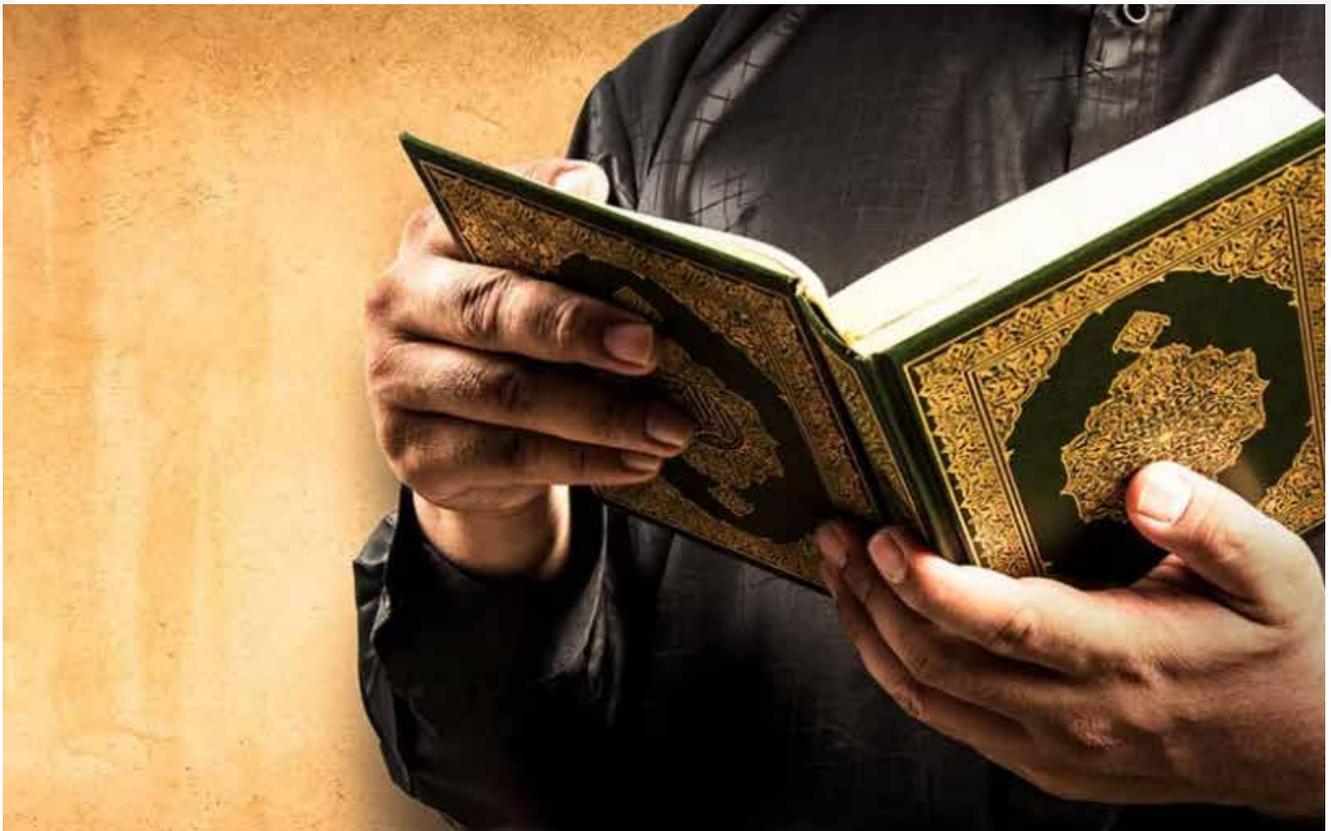


As for productivity, it includes one's involvement in their marriage, with their family, children, relatives etc. We train ourselves to share our love with our wife, and further with our children, because the believers are like one big family who will intercede for each other in the Hereafter.



"You are the best of peoples, evolved for mankind, enjoining what is right, forbidding what is wrong, and believing in Allah."

Al Qur'an 3:110



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MISSION OF ONE'S LIFE

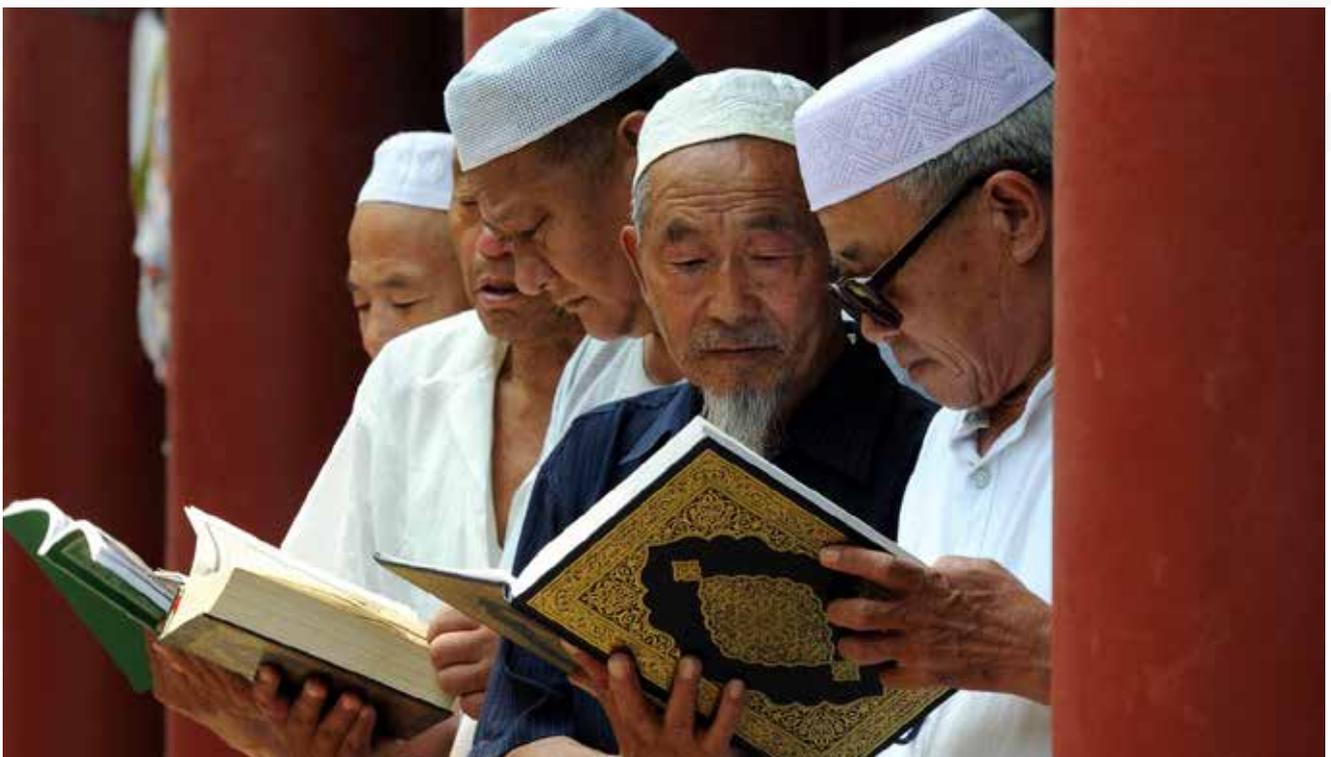


Man has not been created to only eat, drink, sleep, and work, but rather he/she has a primary mission of uniting all the tribes and races together as one big family and to strive to bring peace in the world.



"Help you one another in righteousness and piety but help you not one another in sin and rancour: fear Allah."
Al Qur'an 5:2

It is against man's basic mission to create enmity and hatred amongst each other, and therefore the rich should help the poor, the learned teach the ignorant, the young help the old, and the weak be helped by the strong. Each one should help and complement the other, remind each other about having Taqwa in our lives.





"But the bounty of the Lord - rehearse and proclaim!"
Al Qur'an 93:11

Whatever blessings Allah (swt) has given us, we must share it with others. It is our duty to spread the goodness to other people. To spread the spirit of love, family, and togetherness because the happiness of somebody is also a part of our happiness.





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SAVING OURSELVES AND FAMILIES FROM HELLFIRE

Saving ourselves and our families from the punishment of the Hellfire is one of the most important responsibilities of any human being, and Allah (swt) has provided us with the Qur'an and the Sunnah as the manuals for guidance.

However, Allah (swt) does not burden a soul with difficulties that it cannot bear.



"On no soul does Allah Place a burden greater than it can bear."

Al Qur'an 2:286





"So fear Allah as much as you can."
Al Qur'an 64:16

Though one may not be able to solve a lot of the problems of others, the least they can do is to pray from their difficulties to be alleviated.

Among the ways one can save themselves and their families from Hell-fire is –

i Follow the guidance of the Qur'an

The life of this world is a trial, and the Qur'an is a message from Allah (swt) to serve as guidance to achieve peace and help solve problems of humanity.





ii) Remember that no person is perfect

It is important to remember that nobody in this world is perfect, and each one of us has their weaknesses. It is only Allah (swt) who is complete in Himself and the Most Forgiving, and therefore we must learn how to forgive each other for our mistakes and wrongdoings, advice each other, and remind each other to remain on the straight path.

iii) Have hope in the mercy of Allah (swt)

Hidaayah (guidance) is in the hands of Allah (swt), and therefore one must never lose hope in the mercy and forgiveness of Allah (swt) regardless of their actions or circumstances.



"Say: "O my Servants who have transgressed against their souls! Despair not of the Mercy of Allah: for Allah forgives all sins: for He is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful."
Al Qur'an 39:53





iv) Never run away from your problems

One must have patience and faith in Allah (swt) rather than running away from them.



The Prophet (pbuh) said:

"A believer who mixes with people and endures their annoyance is better than the one who does not mix with them and does not endure their annoyance."

The Prophet (pbuh) taught his Ummah to tackle their problems head on rather turning their back and running away from them like a coward.





v Accept advice from others

One must not be against receiving advice from others or accepting their help in cases where he cannot solve his/her own problems.



“Join together in the mutual teaching of Truth, Patience and Constancy.”

Al Qur’an 103:3

vi Be humble and thankful to Allah (swt)

One should be thankful to Allah (swt) for righteous children because they serve as shields for their parents in the Hereafter.





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Though many may think that it is only the responsibility of the scholars to correct the wrongs and evil in the society, but it is the duty of every single Muslim to try and correct the wrongs of society occurring amongst them. The only thing that differs would be the ability, knowledge, and the skills of correcting others.

Though one cannot be successful in stopping all wrongs, but rather than staying back and letting such actions continue one could help the elders and take control of the young.

Having patience and wisdom are one of the most important qualities needed in a person while dealing with such issues, because though one may have the Hujjah, and the Burhaan (reasonings and proofs), it may not be the correct time to present them because people may not be ready to accept them during an argument. Therefore, it is more beneficial to remain silent and calm them down rather than confront them and further spoil the relations.





The Prophet (pbuh) said:

“He who believes in Allah and the Last Day must either speak good or remain silent.”

When the parties have calmed down and are in a better state to listen and understand, that is the correct time to grab the opportunity and speak to them in a beautiful manner explaining the situation as it may be because not everything can only be left to the scholars or the elders, but we ourselves must take the initiative too. Learn not only from scholars, but rather good counsellors who are well versed with the Qur’an and Sunnah.



“It is part of the Mercy of Allah that you did deal gently with them. Were you severe or harsh-hearted, they would have broken away from about you.”

Al Qur’an 3:159

Even the Prophet (pbuh) was advised to deal compassionately and be merciful towards his followers rather than being harsh and cruel.

The words that come from the heart will enter the heart of the listeners, and if only done for the sake of lip service, will only enter the ears without having any effect and therefore having the right understanding and knowledge is of great importance giving each member of the family a role to play in family matters.



The parent-child relationship should be an open relationship wherein both the parties interact openly with each other and share their opinions and differences with each other rather than keeping it bottled up within themselves or sharing it with outsiders. If the parents are not friendly with their children, they will open up to others which causes the family issues to get out to others.

Ask them yourself, open up to them and make them comfortable, opening up the door for them to discuss their issues and problems with you.

As for the children, they must never forget that their parents are the reason for their success. It is the prayers and supplications of your parents that are the cause of your success.

Your success is their success, and their success is also your success.





LESSON 8

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FINAL WORD ON HOW TO SAVE OURSELVES AND OUR FAMILIES



Among the ways to save ourselves and our families are –

i) Have 'Ilm (knowledge)

Knowledge in Islam refers to the knowledge about what Allah (swt) and His messenger have said (the Qur'an and the Sunnah).

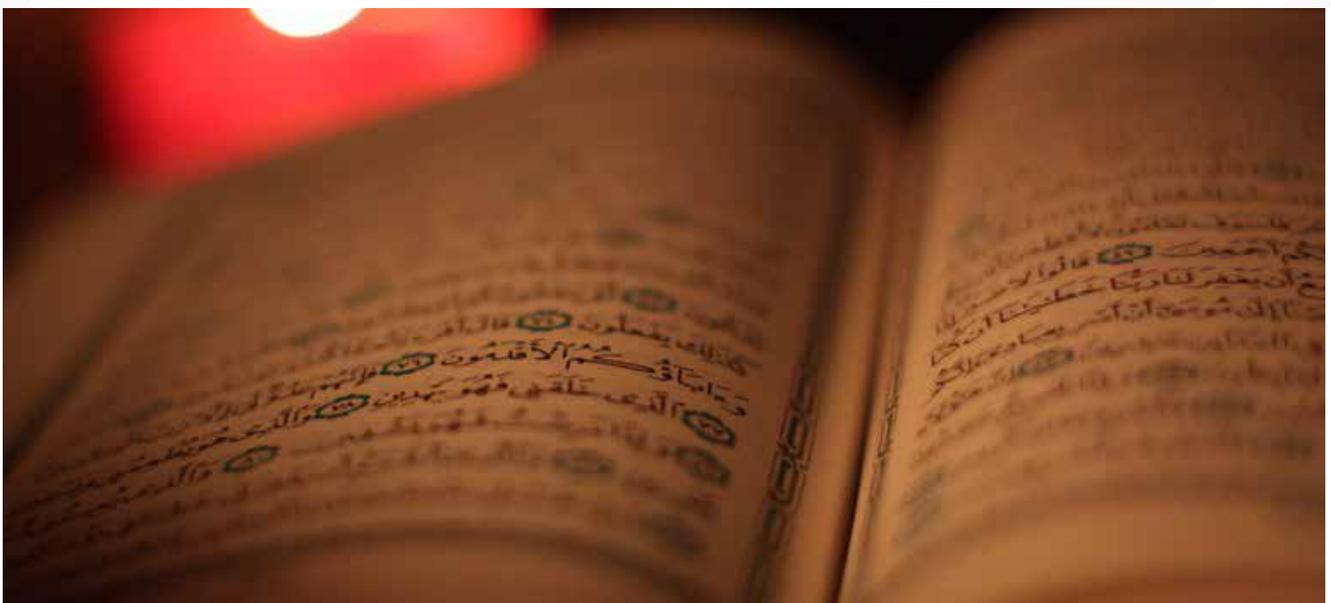
It is very important because without knowledge, one is not able to solve their problems.

ii) Follow in the footsteps of the Sunnah of the Prophet (pbuh)



"You have indeed in the Messenger of Allah a beautiful pattern (of conduct) for any one whose hope is in Allah and the Final Day, and who engages much in the Praise of Allah."

Al Qur'an 33:21





iii Consult with each other



“Who (conduct) their affairs by mutual Consultation.”
Al Qur’an 42:38

Each time one is faced with a difficulty or a problem, he/she must try to solve their problems through mutual consultation with others so that they gain a better perspective of their issue and its solutions.

iv Consult the scholars



“If you realise this not, ask of those who possess the Message.”
Al Qur’an 16:43

Consulting the people of knowledge and experience is among the best ways to solve one’s problems because the right person can help you find the right solution. Whereas, if you get to the wrong people, they may expose your family problems to others and shame you.



v Get rid of the ego

Follow the commandments and the advice of Allah (swt) and His messenger in the Qur'an and the Sunnah. Sit together and try finding the solution of your issues because who wins the argument is not important, but solving it is more important.

Let go of the ego and humbly accept the truth, because that is the only way to find success.





QUESTION AND ANSWER BUCKET

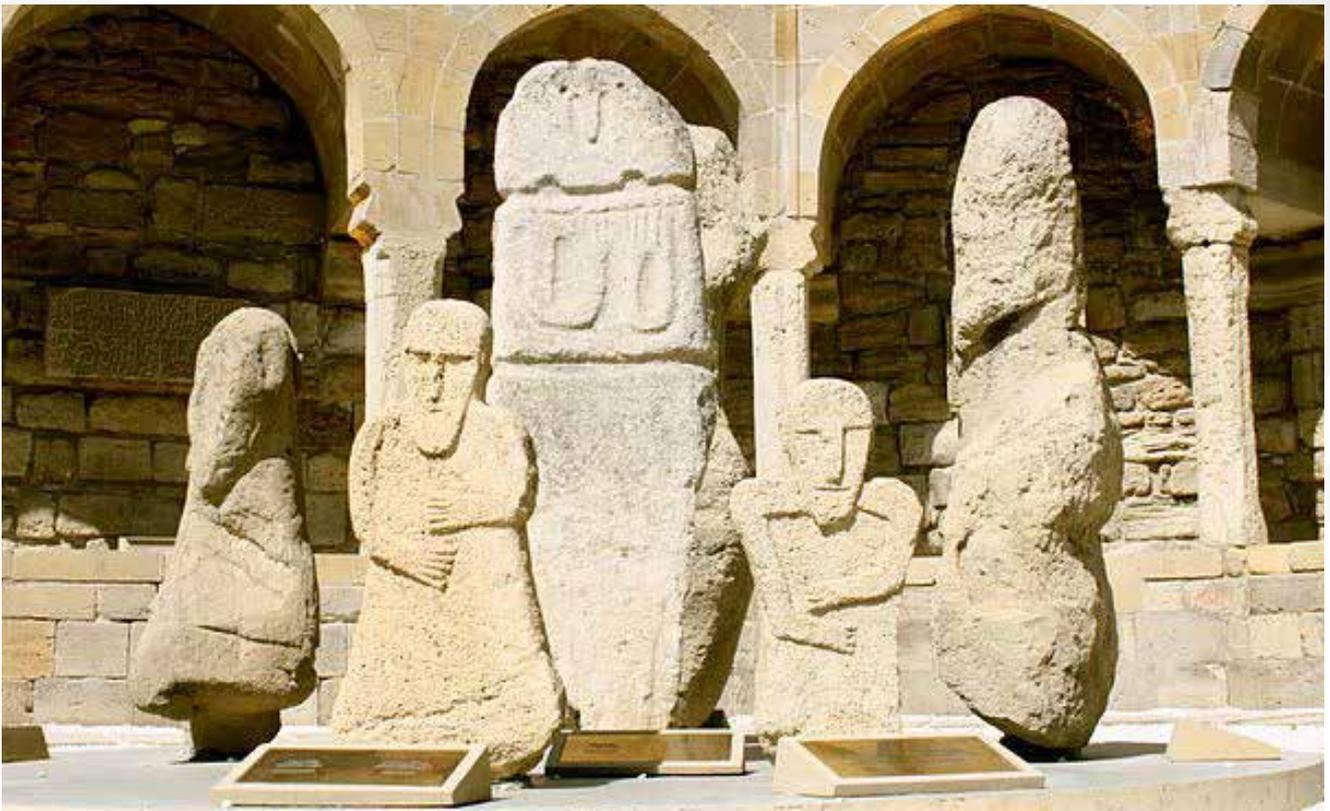
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DOES SHIRK ONLY REFER TO THE WORSHIPPING OF IDOLS?



Ans: Shirk is majorly categorised into two kinds – Shirk Al Akbar (which includes associating partners in worship with Allah (swt)) and Shirk Al Asghar.

Shirk of worshipping one's desires refers to when a person does any actions that match with his/her desires and wishes and ignores the commandments of Allah (swt), and similar is the case of worshipping humans.



2

WHAT ARE THE DANGERS OF SHIRK AL ASGHAR?



The second type of Shirk (Shirk Al Asghar – Minor Shirk) is also which is dangerous and must be avoided by an individual at all costs.



“Whoever expects to meet his Lord, let him work righteousness, and, in the worship of his Lord, admit no one as partner.”

Al Qur’an 18:110

Many may assume that there can be no Shirk while doing good, but he/she needs to focus on is their intention while performing the deed because if the intention is not solely for the purpose of pleasing Allah (swt), but also the people, it is considered as Shirk Ar Riya (Shirk by showing off) or Shirk Bin Niyaat (Shirk in intention) which is also a part of Shirk Al Asghar.



3

WHAT IS THE IMPORTANCE OF NIYYAH (INTENTION) IN ISLAM?



Ans: "So woe to the worshippers."
Al Qur'an 107:4

The importance of Niyah in Islam is such that Allah (swt) sends woe upon such people even though they are praying. This is because their intention was not for the purpose of worship and pleasure of Allah (swt), but rather showing off to others and having praise for themselves.

They are not praying with their heart and mind, because it is only their body that is facing Qiblah while their heart and mind is busy in other matters.





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