

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ، أَحْمَدُهُ سُبْحَانَهُ حَمْدًا طَيِّبًا مَبَارَكًا فِيهِ كَمَا يَحِبُّ
وَيَرْضَى، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا
مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ، اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ
وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

All praise is due to Allah, as is befitting to Him. I bear witness there is no deity save Allah, having no partners, and that Muhammad is His servant and Messenger. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his family, his companions, and all those who live like them till the Day of Resurrection.

Culmination of single life = marriage = children = Prophetic replications

الْمَالُ وَالْبَنُونَ زِينَةُ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا

“money and children are the beauties and adornments of life.” (18:46)

زَيْنَ لِلنَّاسِ حُبُّ الشَّهَوَاتِ مِنَ النِّسَاءِ وَالْبَنِينَ

“It is pleasing to men that they desire women and they desire children.”

Wife of Aziz –, Wife of pharaoh – adopt – foster

عَسَىٰ أَنْ يَنْفَعَنَا أَوْ نَتَّخِذَهُ وَلَدًا

“Perhaps this child will benefit us, we will take him as a son.” (28:9)

- Children = benefit = old age, finance, strength, legacy
- Flourish – succeed = unconditional support towards your own children

Ibrahim عليه السلام, Zakariyah عليه السلام, Yahya عليه السلام - love for is human & innate

Every blessing has strings attached – children are born on Fitrah - righteous Muslims – Prophetic replicas

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا قُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا

“Oh you who believe, it is your responsibility to protect yourselves and your families from the punishment of Allah” (66:6)

أَلَا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الرَّعِيَّةُ كَمَا كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِكُمْ مَسْئُولٌ مِّن رَّعِيَّتِهِ

“Every one of you is A shepherd and you are responsible for your flock.”

Father – Mother – Guardian – Cousins - Neighbours - Friends - Community

Advice 1: Role Models

- Children are your reflections, whatever and whoever you are, is what they will become.
- Speech, clothing,, habits, tone, anger, patience, actions, character, part-time Islam – imbued into them.
- Broken and incomplete individuals will only create broken individuals.
- Don't blame media, tv. , Internet, mobiles, society – secondary causes

What Goes Round Comes Round

- Smoking – substance abuse, abusive relationships, hatred, screaming, shouting, disconnect from religion – so will your children
- Do you want your daughter to marry A man like you?
- Relationships begin at home, begin with oneself. If you are patient, respectful, polite, loving, forgiving then so will your children.

Advice 2: Salah – Salah – Salah – Salah – Salah: This cannot be overemphasised, make sure your children grow up praying Not just because Allah ﷻ commands it and the Prophet ﷺ instructs it

وَأْمُرْ أَهْلَكَ بِالصَّلَاةِ وَاصْطَبِرْ عَلَيْهَا

“command your family to pray and be persistent in that command”. (20:132)

“Make sure that your children are praying at the age of seven and then force them to do so at the age of ten. (Abu Dawood)

Circular logic: DO this because I say, behave like this because I say.

- Teaching them of higher authority – Allah, All-Seeing/Hearing, this develops a relationship, learns about Allah; teaches respect, honour, salah, patience, heaven, sunnah. He recognises His lord in salah/qur’an, jumu’ah, programmes

Luqman عليه السلام:

يَا بُنَيَّ لَا تُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ... يَأْتِ بِهَا اللَّهُ... يَا بُنَيَّ أَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ

Worship Allah solely - he knows & sees all, establish prayer & do good

Realise: A Khutba wont change them, your lifestyle and way of life will.