

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي عَلَّمَ وَأَنْعَمَ، وَهَدَانَا بِالْقُرْآنِ لِلَّتِي هِيَ أَقْوَمُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ، وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، وَصَفِيَّهُ مِنْ خَلْقِهِ وَخَلِيلُهُ، فَاللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَعَلَى مَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

**Praise be to Allah, who taught us and bestowed upon us blessings, and guided us with the Quran to that which is most suitable. I bear witness that there is no deity worthy of worship, except for Him alone without any partners or peers. To Him belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth and whatever is within them. And He is over all things competent. I also bear witness that our Master Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger, may the peace and the blessings of Allah be upon him, his companions and all those who will follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.**

**Families are a source of serenity, joy, strength, honour & dignity**

**“Beautified for people is the love of that which they desire - of women and sons” (3:14)**

**They can also become a trial, torment, depression, weakness & disgrace**

**“And know that your properties and your children are but a trial” (8:28)**

**Even the Anbiya were concerned about their families and children.**

**And Ibrahim instructed his sons and Jacob, "O my sons, indeed Allah has chosen for you this religion, so do not die except while you are Muslims.”(2:132)**

**So how concerned are we for the life, faith and hereafter of our children?**

**“O you who have believed, protect yourselves & your families from a Fire**

**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, the woman is a guardian and is responsible for her husband's house and his offspring; all of you are guardians and are responsible for your subjects.” (Bukhari)**

**We will be questioned by Allah ﷻ, did you do the best with your life, Deen, family, children? Did you strengthen their Imaan/Identity/Deen...**

مَا مِنْ مَوْلُودٍ إِلَّا يُولَدُ عَلَى الْفِطْرَةِ، فَأَبَوَاهُ يُهَوِّدَانِهِ أَوْ يُنصِّرَانِهِ أَوْ يُمَجِّسَانِهِ

“Every child is born with fitrah” (Bukhari)

**Innate, pure natural Godly disposition which we must nurture & develop**

It is the duty of the parents to shape their minds, worldview, way of life, and nurture their souls. If they are left on their own without any guidance, then the purity of the child will be tainted by desires (Nafs), bad company, influences, society, government legislations, sins & Satan.

RSE – Sex Education, Gender, Atheism, Agnosticism, ASB, Crime...

• **1<sup>st</sup> Islamic education needs to be supported with parental practice**

It is not enough for us to just send our children to the madrasah, hoping that they will become good practicing Muslims. Parents must practice, maintain & lead the way every day at home. يَا بُنَيَّ أَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ وَأْمُرْ

**2<sup>nd</sup> Exposure to the teachings & practices of Islam encouraging Ibadah**

Tarbiyah, Adab, Akhlaq begins from day one **NOT PUBERTY ONWARDS.**

**LIVE – Living Islamic Values Everyday – not just Jumu’ah, Ramadan, Eid...**

• **3<sup>rd</sup> Assist them in understanding the link between Islamic knowledge and their daily lives – سُنِّيهِمْ آيَاتِنَا، أَفَلَا تَتَفَكَّرُونَ، إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ**

- **4<sup>th</sup> We also need to make charity and performing good deeds a norm within our families**

When we as parents, make time for others, volunteer, help those in need, donate blood, organs, visit elderly people, or attend Islamic lectures, Jumu'ah, Dhikr, Taraawih, Qiyaam al-Layl, donate to food banks, clothes, disasters, needy, we must include our children in that process. Inculcate in their hearts the habit of carrying out good deeds and acts of compassion. **فَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ خَيْرًا يَرَهُ**

Remember how the Qur'an tells us the story of how Prophet Ibrahim عليه السلام built the Ka'bah together with his son, Sayyida Ismail عليه السلام. This is a reminder that it is imperative for us to show the way to our children and soften their heart and habituate such daily practices of goodness.

- **5<sup>th</sup> Build a close relationship with your children through displays of affection in words and actions**

Indeed, this was the most important approach showed by the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم who was very loving towards children

**مَا رَأَيْتُ أَحَدًا كَانَ أَرْحَمَ بِالْعِيَالِ مِنْ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ**