

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.

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## Making Families Work

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- 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)

زُيِّنَ لِلنَّاسِ حُبُّ الشَّهَوَاتِ مِنَ النِّسَاءِ وَالْبَنِينَ

“It is pleasing to men that they desire women and they desire children.” (3:14)

Wife of Aziz – Surah Yusuf, wife of pharaoh – adopt

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 children transcends religion & culture

Every blessing has strings attached – children 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)

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أَلَا كُلُّكُمْ رَاعٍ وَكُلُّكُمْ مَسْئُولٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّتِهِ

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

father – mother – guardian – children

Parents heed the call of Allah and His Messenger; parents to be, pay extra heed

### 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? A son to treat his wife like you?
- Relationships begin at home, begin with oneself. If you are patient, respectful, polite, loving, forgiving perpetually then so will your children.

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**Advice 2: salah – salah – salah – salah – salah:** this cannot be overemphasised, make sure your children grow up praying on time.

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 – the all-seeing, the all-knowing
- Develops a relationship, learns about Allah; teaches respect, honour, salah, patience, heaven, sunnah. He recognises His lord in salah/qur’an, jumu’ah, programmes

**Paradigm – reality shifts of child** - but if parents are not praying, how will the child?

Luqman ﷺ:

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

Worship Allah solely - he knows & sees all, establish prayer & do good (31:16)

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