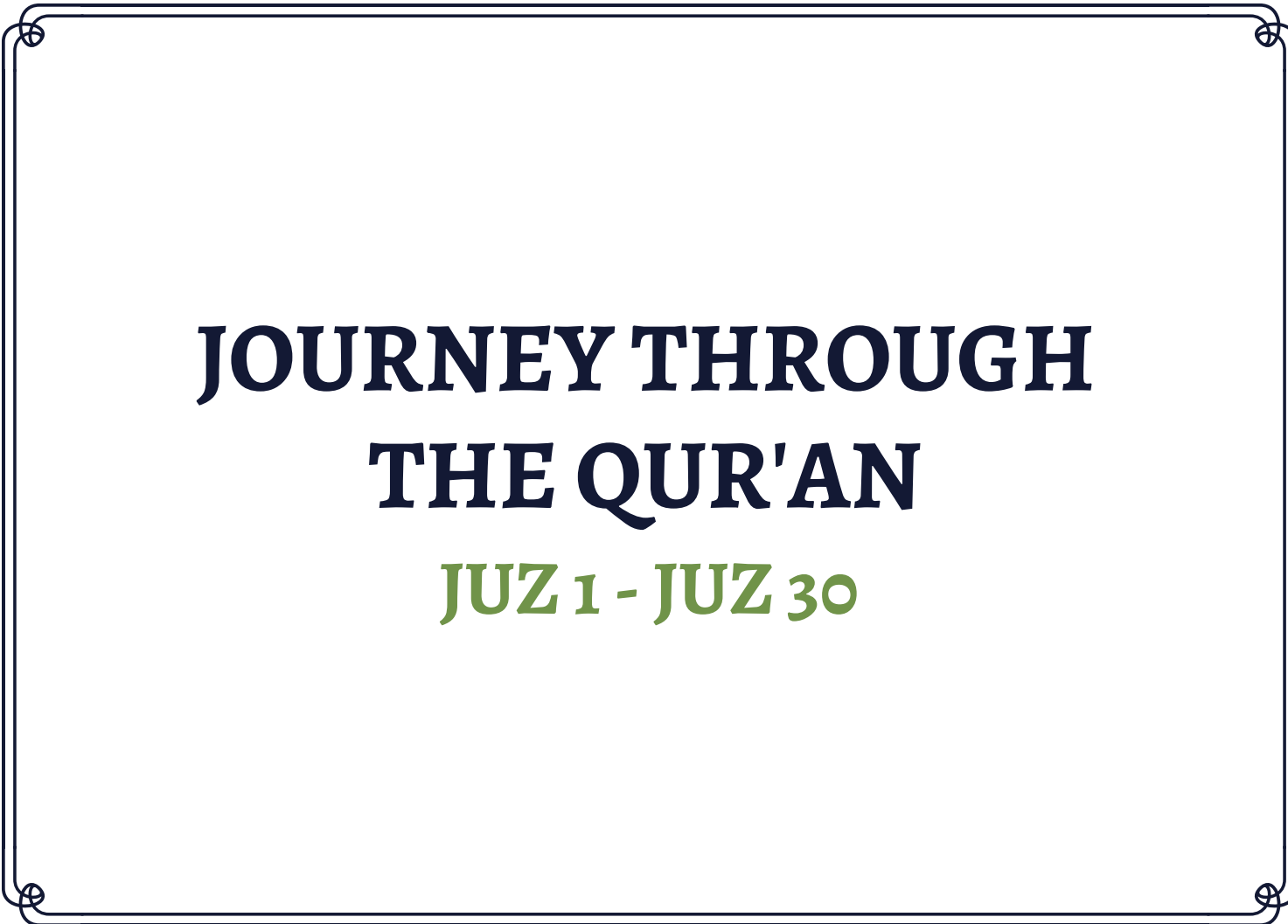




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*To the One Who taught me how to write and opened
up my heart to the understanding of His Book.
And to the "answer to my du'a" that He sent my way
to assist me in His work, alhumdulillah!*

*All praise is for Allah subhanahu wa ta'ala, all
shortcomings are my own.*

*"Our Lord, accept [this] from us.
Indeed You are the Hearing, the Knowing." (2:127)*

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A LITTLE NOTE:

This booklet has been compiled from the 2017 Dawrah Qur'an lectures of Dr. Farhat Hashmi and Journey through the Qur'an sessions with Sr. Maryam Saeed.

While initially, I started noting down the lessons for my own benefit, on the recommendation of my close circle I am now making this available to a wider audience.

Please note that this is only a summary of some of the lessons shared in the class. For the complete and proper understanding of the Qur'an, we recommend focused study and enrollment in a Qur'an course such as the Ta'leem ul Qur'an.

You can also read the tafseer of a few ayaat on our blog:
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SURAH AL-FATIHAH

- All praise belongs to Allah SWT because He is the Lord of every creation and all the worlds. He is the Lord of the fish in the sea and the planets in the galaxy.
- Even though He owns everything, He is Ar-Rahman and Ar-Raheem. He is not cruel or stingy like the rich and powerful of this world.
- He is the Master of the Day of Judgment which means ONLY Allah SWT can judge
- We only worship Him because He is our Lord and He created us. We ONLY seek help from Him because He is the ONLY One Who can help us.
- Depending only on Allah SWT means having no expectations from the people. This is true tawakkul [reliance]. We do not have to beg people for what we want.

We will go to the Lord of the worlds and ask Him. He will put the right thing in the hearts of the people so that they help us. After all, He is the Controller of the hearts.

**Do Not Embarrass Yourself
By Asking People or Having
Expectations From Them**

- **WHAT IS WORSHIP [IBADAH]?**

It is Only You we worship

Ibadah is showing submission through our limbs, minds, and hearts. It is not a mere ritual but when we pray, our hearts and minds should be connected to Allah SWT.

We should know why we are praying, what we are praying for and what words we are uttering.

A submissive heart is a humble heart
that is consciously connected with Allah SWT – this is Ibadah.

- We should increase our prostrations because we owe so much to Allah SWT
- The best du'a to make is the du'a for guidance. This is the first du'a that Allah SWT taught us in the Qur'an.

Even though we recite this du'a many times in our daily prayers, why is it not getting accepted?

For this, we need to look at the condition of our prayers. How attentive are we in our Salah? Are we focusing on the words that we utter? Allah SWT does not respond to du'a made with a negligent heart. If you want your du'as to be accepted, especially the du'a for guidance, then put your heart in your du'as (meaning make heartfelt du'as).

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SURAH AL-BAQARAH

- Recite a portion of this Surah every day, for it is a protection against magic and Shaytan. Recite the last two ayaat of this Surah before going to sleep for it's a Sunnah.
- **Taqwa is the foundation of every good deed.** Allah-conscious person keeps the consequences (akhirah) in mind before taking any action
- **Purify your speech.** There should be no contradiction between what you say and what is hidden in your heart.

Reflect on the situations when you lie. Is it due to the fear of the people?
Is it to appear good in their sight? Is it to appear what you are not?

- When a person studies the Qur'an, he is able to see his mistakes. **He who wants to reform himself will want to understand what Allah SWT wants.** He will take out time to study and understand the Qur'an.
- Staying away from Shirk means not loving anyone more than Allah SWT, not giving preference to others over Allah SWT
- Angels live on tasbeeh. Their favorite tasbeeh is: **SubhanAllahi wa bihamdihi**
- Adam (AS) was prostrated because of his knowledge - this is the virtue of knowledge and this is what we should be greedy for "**beneficial knowledge.**" But then he slipped and erred. He immediately turned to Allah SWT in repentance and he was forgiven.

Our goal in Ramadan is **forgiveness...we have all erred, it is never too late to repent.**

- Whenever our emaan becomes weak or it is difficult to act on a command then seek help with **Patience + Prayer**

*Turn to Allah SWT whenever you're down. Do not complain to the people.
When someone comes to you with their problem, send them to Allah SWT first. Ask them to pray to Allah first, ask help from Him, cry before Him and
He will certainly show the way out of the problem/trial.
He is Al-Fattah. He will open up the knots for you.*

- Whoever desires to meet Allah SWT, Allah SWT desires to meet him. Are we ready to meet Allah? Sign of loving Allah is one's love for the prayer.
- When a love of a person or a thing disturbs you, then turn your attention to the love of Allah SWT

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SURAH AL-BAQARAH

- **Purposeful people live a simple life.** They eat simple food, wear simple clothing and live in simple homes. They are more focused on their Hereafter than the deceptive pleasures of this world.
- **Learn to make du'a for yourself.** Do not always expect people to make du'a for you.
- Submit to the commands of Allah SWT - do not debate or ask unnecessary questions. Ask Allah SWT to open up your heart for the understanding of His Book and His Deen, ameen.
- Hearts become hard due to constant disobedience of Allah SWT. **Keep your heart in check.**
- Speak to the people in a good way. **Improve the way you talk.** Read the biographies of the Sahabah (RA) and the Salaf and learn the etiquette of speech from them.
- The sign of one's decline/destruction is that they throw the Book of Allah behind their backs. They are so indulged in Dunya that they have no time for Allah's Deen.

Adab [etiquette] is a part of our religion. Do not just gain knowledge in Deen but also adopt the admirable manners.

- When someone is jealous of you: **forgive and forget.** Allah SWT will take care of everything. Do not become a toxic person.
- If we desire the qurb [nearness] of Allah SWT, then we have to obey Him
- It is everyone's duty to keep the mosques and prayer area clean
- Make the du'as of Prophet Ibraheem (AS). Du'a for provision [rizq] and peace. Peace in our hearts, peace in our homes, peace in our cities and peace in the Hereafter.
- Call upon Allah SWT with His beautiful Names
- Make du'a that you die in the state of emaan. What will ensure this? If we live as Muslims, we will die as Muslims. Do not part-time or two-faced Muslim.
- Make the Companions (RA) your role models - they were the best people after the prophets (AS)
- When you are afraid of the people, ask Allah SWT for help. Allah is Sufficient for you!

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SURAH AL-BAQARAH

- Whatever you do for Allah SWT, do it with **sincerity** and at the **level of excellence**
- A person remembers him the most whom he loves the most. Who do we love the most? Allah SWT or the people? **Who do we remember and miss often?** [Self-analysis]

If we claim to love Allah SWT but don't talk about Him, think about Him or connect with Him, then our love is not true.

- We're all being tested, who follows the way of Rasoolullah (salAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam) and who follows his own desires
- When you are with the people who love to argue, do not sit with them, do not engage in arguments with them. **Go and do something worthwhile for your akhirah.**
- Don't listen to those who have no (authentic) knowledge. **Search for people better than you.**

- Everything has a focal point. Who is our Focal Point?

It should be none other than Allah SWT. We are here to worship Him, to submit to His commands, to seek His pleasure and to return to Him seeking His Countenance.

- Do not fear the people. Only fear Allah SWT. **If He is pleased with you nothing can harm you.**
- In this life, everyone will disappoint you. **Allah SWT is the Only One Who will never disappoint you.** So why not only have expectations from Him?
- **Race to good deeds;** compete in this. Pray all obligatory prayers at their appointed time. Don't delay your Zakat or Hajj. Be gentle, generous and easy going.
- Be grateful for the present (it could have been worse) and be hopeful for the future (calamities are not there forever)
- When people remind you of what you don't have then instead of being sad or angry say: **Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Ilahi Raje'oon**
- Those who have a strong connection with Allah SWT are not perturbed by the challenges of this life. If we truly love Allah SWT, we will make an effort to wake up in the night and connect with Him in seclusion like Rasoolullah (salAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam).
- When you feel lazy about your worship remember your death

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SURAH AL-BAQARAH

- When people leave you, refuse to help you or refuse to listen to or understand your viewpoint then say: **HasbunAllahu Wa Ni'mal Wakeel.**

He knows the truth and He is Sufficient for you.

- **Spend your best in the way of Allah SWT.** Your wealth, possessions, skills, time, any other blessing. Don't give your trash or leftover in the way of Allah SWT.

- Evaluate your du'as:

How much do you ask for Dunya?

How much do you cry over the calamities of the Hereafter?

- When things go against your desires say: Raditubillahi Rabban (I am pleased with my Lord). Do not focus on what has been lost but on what you have gained. Lost your job but joined a Qur'an class? It's a blessing! Allah SWT has better plans for us, trust Him. Be patient and **make good du'as for yourself; for your Dunya and for your Hereafter.**

- Shaytan wants us to do three things: evil, immorality and say about Allah SWT what is untrue

- **Leave anything that has little benefit but a lot of evil.** It is not worth it. Your Hereafter is more important.

- Allah SWT pleased you by providing you food of your choice (a scholar says: imagine if we had to eat rocks), please Him by eating Halal and Tayyab and using that energy in worshiping Him and striving in His Path.

- **Write your Will [Wasiyyah],** especially if you live in a non-Muslim country or else your property will NOT be distributed according to the shares ordained by Allah SWT in the Qur'an

- **When you make du'a "feel" that Allah SWT is near you** because He says so in Ayah 2:186

- **Take "Sabr" with you** when you go for 'Umrah, Hajj, to the masjid or whenever you are meeting people. Don't dispute especially in places where Allah SWT is remembered.

- Allah SWT loves those who are the repentant and purify themselves (2:222)

- **Be physically and intellectually fit** (2:247). Allah SWT chooses people because of their physical and intellectual strength, not because of their wealth and possessions

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SURAH AL-BAQARAH

- **Acknowledge the goodness in others for which Allah SWT has honored them (2:253)**

Instead of becoming jealous because of what Allah SWT has granted other people, look for those hidden traits for which Allah SWT blessed them. Strive to become better. Don't be jealous. **Ask Allah SWT for His Fadl (Bounty)**. Say: Allahumma Inni Asaluka Min Fadlikalazeem

- Allah SWT has blessed all of us with something that others don't have. **Ask Allah SWT to show you your special skills and gifts and enable you to use them in His way.** Become grateful and stop comparing yourself with others. Focus on your blessings, not deprivations.
- Spend in the way of Allah SWT before a day arrives when no ransom or intercession will be accepted
- There is no compulsion in religion. It means we can't force anyone to become a Muslim. But when you call yourself a Muslim, then live as one.

It means when you hear the command of giving up Riba (usury) then stop dealing in interest-based transactions or businesses. It means when you hear the command to wear hijab, you abide by it. No excuses!

- **Allah is the Wali of the believers (2:257)**. What better Friend/Guardian can we have? If you believe in Him and submit to His commands, He will protect you.

- **When people abandon you because of your following the Deen of Allah SWT, then remember the story of Prophet Ibraheem (AS).**

He was ridiculed, punished and exiled by his family and community. But when people left him, he didn't grieve. He turned to his Creator. Allah SWT made him His Khaleel (close/intimate friend). What an honor!

- **Kind speech and forgiveness are better than a charity followed by hurt and insults.** Do not waste your good deeds by reminders. If you have done it for the sake of Allah SWT then keep them concealed as you will hide your sins.
- **Give for the pleasure of Allah SWT.** Do not seek recognition or praises from the people.
- While Shaytan threatens us with poverty, Allah SWT "promises" us His Bounty
- He is to be envied who has been given Hikmah (wisdom) (2:269). **Ask Allah SWT for wisdom.** What is wisdom? Doing the right thing, at the right time, in the right manner.

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SURAH AL-BAQARAH

- The longest Ayah in the Qur'an is about financial transactions. Allah SWT doesn't like fasad (corruption) on earth. He **"commands" us to record our financial transactions even when giving loans to family or friends.** When the terms and conditions have been recorded and witnessed, no party can back out or cheat another.

Record the transaction (especially when there is deferred payment) no matter how small the amount.

- When you hear a command of Allah SWT then respond like the Sahabah (RA): **Sami'naa Wa Ata'naa (We hear and we obey).** No ifs and buts. No unnecessary questions.

- Allah SWT doesn't burden a soul beyond what it can endure.

Your tests and trials are specially designed for you.

Because He knows you can handle them.

- Make it a habit of reciting the last two Ayaat of Surah Al-Baqarah every night before going to sleep. Ask Allah SWT to forgive you for your wrongdoings and shortcomings. Do this every night because it could be our last night.

SURAH AAL-IMRAN

- **Gain knowledge of the Deen to become firm in it,** and to worship and praise Allah SWT as He deserves to be worshiped and praised. (3:7)

- Beautified for people is the love of that which they desire - of women and sons, heaped-up sums of gold and silver, fine branded horses, and cattle and tilled land. That is the enjoyment of worldly life, but Allah has with Him the best return (3:14).

- Say: **"Our Lord, indeed we have believed, so forgive us our sins and protect us from the punishment of the Fire."** (3:16)

Who make this du'a? The patient, the truthful, the obedient, those who spend in the way of Allah SWT and those who seek His forgiveness in the early hours of the dawn. Are we one of them?

- Allah SWT honors and Allah SWT debases people. Fix your relationship with Allah SWT.

- If our claim of loving Allah SWT is true then we will not hesitate to follow the Sunnah.

How many Sunnahs do we ignore daily? Do we really love Allah SWT and Rasoolullah (salAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam)?

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SURAH AAL-IMRAN

- When the mother of Mariam (AS) conceived a child, she made du'as to Allah SWT to accept it for the service of His Deen. She had just lost her husband and this was her first child, but this righteous lady didn't want the child to serve her. She wanted to give it to Allah SWT to serve His Deen.

How many parents have plans to dedicate their children to the service of Allah's Deen? Why are only the weak, orphans and homeless seen in the Masjid learning Deen and not the children from well-to-do families?

Remember Musab ibn Umair (RA)?

He came from a wealthy family but left everything behind to do Dawah. He was the first ambassador of Islam.

Remember Prophet Muhammad's du'as for his little cousin 'Abdullah (RA)?

He would say: O Allah, bless him with the knowledge of the Qur'an.

What are our plans for our children? How many parents want their children to become scholars, Imams or Muftis?

- The supplication of the mother of Mariam (AS) was accepted because of "the way" it was made. When our du'as are not accepted we need to look at the manner in which we ask Allah SWT. A du'a without sincerity and attentiveness of the heart is not accepted.

- When Prophet Zakariyya (AS) saw the blessings that Mariam (AS) had, he didn't become jealous. He turned to the Owner of all treasures and asked Him. Ask Allah SWT!

- Ask Allah SWT to choose you and to purify you (like Mariam AS, see 3:42) and make you dignified (like 'Eesa AS, see 3:45).

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SURAH AAL-IMRAN

- We cannot attain righteousness unless we spend from something that we love in the way of Allah SWT. Something of value or something that you are attached to. Gold? Your favorite clothes?

- **Makkah is a blessed city whoever enters it feels secure.** When we are in Makkah, we are not thinking about the problems back home. We are at physical, mental and emotional peace, alhumdulillah. Feel this blessing when you go for the pilgrimage.

People go for foreign vacations, spend on extravagant weddings but don't go for Hajj despite it being obligatory on them. If you can't afford right now, **start a Hajj fund.**

(A sister shared that she'd deposit half of her paycheck every month in a fund that she had started by herself. Because of her effort and pure intention, Allah SWT invited her and her husband twice for Hajj.)

- **Have Taqwa of Allah SWT as is His right.** How can we have Taqwa 24/7? Imagine, there is a surveillance camera and each action of yours is being recorded. Live and act consciously.

- **Hold on to the rope of Allah SWT and do not be divided.** The Sahabah (RA) didn't have any labels to identify what kind of Muslim they were. They were Muslims and that identity was enough for them.

We hold on to the rope of Allah SWT by holding on to the Qur'an. By implementing the Ayaat in our daily lives. How can we hold on to the Qur'an when we don't read or understand it?

- **A group should rise among you calling people to good and forbidding evil.** Encourage and invite people to do good. And you too, do good.

- **You are the best nation because you enjoin good and forbid evil.** It tells us our duty. Don't just enjoy the title of being the best nation but also perform your duty.

Ask Allah SWT for wisdom to perform this duty and to make us good representatives of Islam so that when people look at us they want to know more about our religion.

Be patient, gentle and wise when doing D'awah. Learn from the best role models, the Anbiya (AS) and the Sahabah (RA).

- Some people only spend on Dunya items but zero in the path of Allah SWT. Don't be of them.

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SURAH AAL-IMRAN

- Don't consume Riba [interest/usury]. No bank loans, no home loans, no car loans, no student loans. Get these things only when you get them by your money. Earn before you can afford them. (See tafseer on our blog)

- If you want Allah's mercy then obey Allah SWT and Rasoolullah (salAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam)

How can we have peace in our homes and lives when we keep disobeying Him and ignoring the Sunnah?

- ACTION POINT

- *Spend in prosperity and adversity*
- *Restrain anger*
- *Pardon the people*

Allah SWT loves such people (see 3:134)

- **Do not weaken and do not grieve.** You will be superior if you are a true believer.

- We need to fix our du'as and goals. Keep akhirah in mind.

- Be polite and soft like Rasoolullah (salAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam). People will hurt you, let it go. Don't become bitter.

- When you face an adversity in your life reflect on your conduct.

- *Where did you go wrong?*
- *Where did you disobey Allah SWT?*

Do not blame others or your circumstances.

- When you sense fear say: Sufficient for me is Allah

YOU WILL RECEIVE

- *Favor of Allah*
- *Bounty from Allah*
- *No harm will touch you*
- *Pleasure of Allah*

(see 3:173-174)

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SURAH AAL-IMRAN

- Tests come to build our character and make us strong. Why do we think we don't need to change or refine ourselves? Study the Seerah. Study the tests the prophets (AS) endured. See the goodness in every trial.

- Do not be scared of death. Ask for a good ending and prepare for it.

How can we ensure that we die as Muslims? If we live as Muslims, holding on to the commands of Allah SWT and following the Sunnah, in sha Allah, we will die in a state of emaan.

- Life is a deception - ask Allah SWT to protect you from its deception

- We may hear things from people that may hurt us. Remember to be patient and turn to Allah SWT in pain and joy like Rasoolullah (SA).

- Repentance is not for them who keep on doing sins. What can stop us from sins? Taqwa of Allah. Remember the surveillance camera.

- Recite the last eleven Ayaat of Surah Aal-Imran at Tahajjud time - it's a Sunnah

SURAH AN-NISA

- Divide the shares of inheritance as mentioned in the Qur'an. Don't deprive your women of their share.

- A woman is not a man's toy. Allah SWT dignified her.

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SURAH AN-NISA

- **Qualities of a good woman** (see 4:25)

- No secret lovers
- Do not commit unlawful intercourse
- Chaste

SELF-ANALYSIS

- *Am I chaste?*
- *Am I a woman of a good character?*
- *Do I have non-mahram friends? Male cousins and brothers-in-law, that I freely talk to?*
- *Male friends to discuss Islamic content with? Started talking online, then phone, and then met in person? Male colleagues?*

If you are a woman who needs advice on a religious matter, go to a female religious teacher or sister.

- **Allah SWT knows that we were created weak.** He knows we might have slipped in the past without knowing these Ayaat, therefore, He is willing to accept our repentance when we make sincere Tawbah.

- **Do not consume each other's properties through deception.** No bribery, no stealing, no wasting time at work, no misquoting the actual cost, no underpaying, not taking over the wealth of the orphans.

- **Do not commit suicide.** If life has become difficult for you then make this du'a:

"O Allah, keep me alive so long as You know such life to be good for me and take me if You know death to be better for me." [Bukhari, Muslim, Ibn Majah and others]

When you feel the pain of your trials, recall the trials of the Anbiya (AS).

- If we avoid the major sins then Allah SWT will forgive our minor sins as well. (There are more than 7 major sins. Find all of them.)

- Don't look at what other people have. We can only see their blessings, we do not know their trials. Ask Allah SWT for His Fadl.

- Allah SWT made men "Qawwam" over women. They were made responsible by Allah SWT that they look after their women, earn and spend on them and encourage them to grow spiritually and mentally. It is not a woman's responsibility to earn and feed her children. Men should not just take their women to social events or shopping but also to Qur'an classes and to places where they can gain knowledge of the Deen.

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SURAH AN-NISA

- Do not approach prayer when you do not even know what you are reciting. If you are sleepy take a nap then pray. Be conscious of what you say in the prayer.
- Sufficient is Allah SWT as an Ally, and Sufficient is Allah SWT as a helper
- Allah SWT does not forgive Shirk (associating partners with Him) unless a person seeks repentance for it
- Allah SWT is the Controller of the hearts. If your marriage is falling apart, ask Him to put love in your hearts and make it easy for you to reconcile your differences.
- Do not call yourself pure (or pious). Allah SWT knows "our reality."
- Do not compare yourself with others

CURE FOR HASAD (JEALOUSY)

- *Praise them*
- *Discuss their good qualities with someone*
- *Make du'a for them*
- *Ask Allah SWT to remove the envy from your heart*

- When you are asked to judge between two people (such as in a dispute) then be just. When there is a disagreement refer to the Qur'an and Sunnah.

- O you who have believed, obey Allah, obey the Messenger (salAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam) and those in authority among you (4:59). It is the condition of our emaan.

- *What is our attitude when we hear a command from the Qur'an or Sunnah?*
- *Do we turn away or do we say: We hear and we obey?*

- People to become friends with: the Prophets (AS), the truthful ones, the martyrs and the righteous (4:69). They are the favored ones mentioned in Surah Al-Fatihah. May Allah SWT grant us their company in Jannah, ameen.

- The enjoyment of this world is little

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SURAH AN-NISA

- **Every blessing is a special favor of Allah SWT and every difficulty is because of our wrongdoing.** Therefore, when you are being tested reflect on your actions.

What led you to this? Where did you go wrong?

If you can't see your mistakes, ask Allah SWT to show them to you. Then fix them.

- **Do not spread rumors.** Verify the e-mail, text, Ahadith or quote before you forward it to others.

- **Make a list of your habits that you don't like.** Leave them for the sake of Allah SWT. Make a Hijrah (migration) from your sins.

- **Remember Allah SWT when you are standing** (cooking in the kitchen, standing in a queue), **sitting** (listening to a lecture, commuting) or **lying on the bed.** Remember Him at all times.

- **Keep your eye on the Akhirah.** Do not compromise on your Deen for the sake of your Dunya.

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SURAH AN-NISA

- Allah does not like the public mention of evil except by one who has been wronged.
(see 4:148)

EXAMPLES OF PUBLIC MENTION OF EVIL

Gossips

Backbiting

Mockery

Rude comments

Accusations

Slander

Du'a against someone

Dishonoring someone

Protect other people's honor. Do not bad mouth them.

Don't abuse your spouse in front of others (whether you are still married or now divorced). Mothers-in-law and daughters-in-law, please don't abuse one another. Forgive one another for the sake of Allah SWT. Make du'as to Him to reconcile your matters (ameen). Parents don't abuse your children.

If you conceal the faults and wrongdoings of others, then Allah SWT will conceal your faults and wrongdoings on the Day of Judgment.

It is not our job to point out the shortcomings of others. Learn to control your tongue. If you expose others then Allah SWT will expose you. So scary!

ASK YOURSELF:

**Did my words heal someone today
or did they cause hurt and pain?**

- The situations when it is permissible to say something evil:

- *When someone has been oppressed*
- *When someone has to defend themselves*
- *In order to inform someone to get help*

- When someone does something wrong to us what is our reaction? Take revenge? Forgive? Forgive and forget? Do ehsaan?

Allah SWT says: If you show good or conceal it or pardon an offense - indeed, Allah is ever Pardoning and Competent. (see 4:149)

- Honor your contracts - when you agree to do something then do it

- If you learn about a command from the Qur'an or Sunnah but your heart is not moved to act on it ASAP then ask Allah SWT to remove the barrier from your heart. Not being motivated to act is a sign that perhaps your heart has been sealed.

- Don't do zulm or else you will be deprived of Allah's blessings

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SURAH AN-NISA

- Qualities of those firm in knowledge

- *Constantly engaged in learning*
- *Constant reflection on the Ayaat of Allah SWT (Qur'an and creation)*
- *They know the depths of the religion*

ASK YOURSELF: Do I have knowledge of the Deen or am I just a Muslim by title? When will I gain knowledge of the Deen?

- Do not commit excess in religion. Do not follow innovations. When someone tells you to do something in Deen verify it from the Qur'an and Sunnah. If there is no evidence, then leave it.

Why do we tell lies about Allah SWT, when we hate to hear lies about ourselves?

If Allah SWT didn't command us to do something, if Rasoolullah (salAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam) didn't inform us, if the Sahabah (RA) never did it, then we don't do it either. We hold on to the Qur'an and Sunnah.

- The Qur'an is a conclusive proof and a clear light sent down by Allah SWT for us. How can we get light if we don't study and understand the Qur'an?

SURAH AL-MA'IDAH

- **Eat halal and tayyab**

- Wudu (ablution) is a mean of drawing closer to Allah SWT. Develop the habit of being in this state all the time or at least most of the time. Go to sleep in the state of ablution so that the angels can make dua for your forgiveness the entire night. If you wake up in the middle of the night and make dua, it has a high chance of being accepted.

He says: Allah does not intend to make difficulty for you, but He intends to purify you and complete His favor upon you that you may be grateful. (5:6)

- Help one another in good deeds, do not help one another in sins. If you don't want to go to the masjid or attend a Qur'an class, don't stop or discourage others. If your friends stop you from getting closer to Allah SWT or make fun of you, then you need to change your company. Ask Allah SWT for righteous companions, righteous spouses and righteous children - those who help you excel in Deen (ameen).

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SURAH AL-MA'IDAH

- **When you are confused in a matter then ask Allah SWT to guide you** according to the Qur'an and to remove the doubt from your heart, to make you certain and steadfast in Deen and in knowledge. Ask Him to guide you from the "darknesses" to light.

- O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm for Allah, witnesses in justice, and do not let the hatred of a people prevent you from being just. **Be just; that is nearer to righteousness.** (5:8)

Support the right thing and be fair, no matter who is doing it. Do not support a brother only because they are your brother. See, if they are also doing the right thing. Advise them with wisdom.

- **Don't say no to a good opportunity or delay a good deed.** Ask Allah SWT to make you of those who are "greedy" for Jannah. And this is what they compete in.

- O you who have believed, fear Allah and seek the means [of nearness] to Him and strive in His cause that you may succeed. (5:35)

- **A Muslim takes no interest in listening to falsehood and unlawful speech.** Turn away from such company. Watch your tongue. Protect your ears and hearts. Don't forward such e-mails or text messages either.

"Three things will increase your intellect: sitting with the scholars, sitting with righteous people, and leaving off speech that doesn't concern you."

- Imam Shaafi

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SURAH AL-MA'IDAH

- When the true believers hear the Truth, their eyes overflow with tears. Check yourself. **Do you cry when you recite or hear the Qur'an?** If not, then why not? Is it because we don't understand the Qur'an?

- **No matter what you are going through in life, speak good.** Because Allah SWT says: So Allah rewarded them for what they said ... (5:85) If you are angry and cannot talk nicely, then it is better for you to remain silent.

- Three things that can lead us to Jannah: **Emaan (faith), righteous company and perseverance in good.**

- Watch the limits in halal too

WHAT IS TAQWA?

Fear of Allah - that makes us give up sins
Love of Allah - that motivates us to do good deeds

- "O you who have believed, indeed, intoxicants, gambling...are but defilement from the work of Satan, so avoid it that you may be successful. Satan only wants to cause between you animosity and hatred through intoxicants and gambling and to avert you from the remembrance of Allah and from prayer. So will you not desist?" (5:90-91)

Intoxicants - anything that covers the intellect

Gambling - any game of chance where betting and money is involved

^ These evils make one negligent of the remembrance of Allah SWT and prayer. In gambling, one person takes the wealth of others. The ones losing develop a hatred for the winner - and this sometimes leads to murder. Adopt permissible means to increase your wealth. Don't fall for quick rich schemes

- Allah SWT will surely test us. In a hadith we learn, the greatest reward comes with the greatest trial. When Allah SWT loves a people, He tests them. Whoever accepts this fact wins His pleasure.

- Strong is he who controls his nafs

- Lawful to you is game from the sea and its food as provision for you and the travelers, but forbidden to you is game from the land as long as you are in the state of ihram. And fear Allah to whom you will be gathered. (5:96)

Why is the Day of Gathering mentioned after talking about food? Allah SWT is reminding us that while He has made food available for us on the land and in the sea, this is not the purpose of our life. We should be grateful for the variety but focus on our Akhirah. Keep your food simple!

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SURAH AL-MA'IDAH

- **Don't ask unnecessary questions in Deen**, lest things become difficult for you to implement. Don't ask unnecessary questions about worldly matters, lest you cause agitation to others.
- Don't follow anyone blindly. Don't say: I am doing this because my parents taught me this or I have been doing this since childhood. **Research and verify**, is it from the Qur'an and Sunnah? If not, then leave it.
- **You are responsible for yourself**. After you have conveyed the message to others, your job is done. You are not responsible for their actions. Remember, your Dawah should be gentle and with wisdom. Don't insult people.
- **Be prepared for death at all times** even when you are traveling. Offer each prayer thinking that this might be your last.
- **Knowledge demands humility**. If you know a lot, unless you are asked don't start bragging about your knowledge. If you are in a gathering of knowledge and you are not the speaker, remain quiet unless you are asked to speak.
- If you hear something good and are motivated to act right away, then know that Allah SWT placed that good thought in your heart. Don't ignore it.
- Be truthful in belief, in speech, and in thoughts
- **Allah SWT being pleased with them, and they with Him**. That is the great attainment. (5:119) May Allah SWT make us of them who are pleased with Him and He is pleased with them, ameen.

SURAH AL-AN'AAM

- Read the stories of the perished nations, why were they destroyed? Don't repeat their mistakes. "Travel through the land; then observe how was the end of the deniers." (6:11)
- No one will be forgiven solely because of their good deeds. It is Allah's mercy that allows us to enjoy blessings in this world and will let us taste the blessings in the Hereafter as well.

Say:

***“O Allah, I ask you of Your bounty and Your mercy,
for indeed, none hold possession of them but yourself.” [Tabarani]***

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SURAH AL-AN'AAM

- **When tests come from Allah SWT, then we should seek help from Him.** He says: And if Allah should touch you with adversity, there is no remover of it except Him. (6:17)

***"O Allah, there is none Who can avert what You grant
or give what You deprive,
and no fortune ever helps the fortunate against You."***

- In the Hereafter, no one will help you. You will be responsible for yourself. Don't listen to anyone who tells you to disobey Allah SWT or turns you away from His Path.

- When we listen to the Qur'an, our intention should be:

- to seek guidance
- to implement the Qur'anic teachings in our life
- to remove all false practices from our life

- **Don't love Dunya more than the Hereafter.** Dunya is temporary. Akhirah is eternal.

- When you feel sad because what people say or do, then recall the trials of Rasoolullah (salAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam). **Be patient and be soft.**

- If one doesn't want guidance (he doesn't see, he doesn't listen, he doesn't want to know) then Allah SWT too doesn't give them guidance. One has to "seek guidance."

- A hard heart is a punishment of Allah SWT - check your heart

- Being blessed and being deprived are both tests from Allah SWT. Therefore, don't judge the status of people in the Sight of Allah SWT by their possessions.

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SURAH AL-AN'AAM

- A caller to the Truth faces resistance from devils from among the humans and jinn. **The stronger your emaan, the more resistance you will face.** Sometimes from your parents, your spouse, your children, your siblings or someone else. It is discouraging and heartbreaking, but remember this resistance is temporary. Increase your tolerance level for the sake of a peaceful Hereafter.
- **Zukhrufal Qawl – decorative speech** (6:112), speech that twists reality. Sometimes people spread lies in such a beautified way that we believe them to be true. Beware!
- **“And if you obey most of those upon the earth, they will mislead you from the way of Allah,”** (6:116). The majority is not always right. It can deceive you. Our guidance is the Qur'an and Sunnah and not personal desires or opinions.
- **Don't eat the meat on which Allah's Name has not been taken, it is a condition of our emaan.** We cannot just go to McDonald's (if you live in the West) because we love to eat there. Verify, if the meat fulfills the condition of being halal.

CONDITIONS FOR MEAT TO BE CONSIDERED PERMISSIBLE TO EAT:

- The animal should be permissible (such as goat, lamb, cow and camel)
- Name of Allah SWT MUST be mentioned upon slaughtering the animal
- The blood has to be drained out (which means it MUST be slaughtered)

We cannot eat the meat of an animal that was electrocuted or shot (for details, please read the tafseer on our blog). If you are not sure about how the animal was killed and whether or not Allah's Name was mentioned, then avoid it. Eat vegetables, fruits, lentils or beans.

- Leave apparent and hidden sins

WHAT IS A SIN?

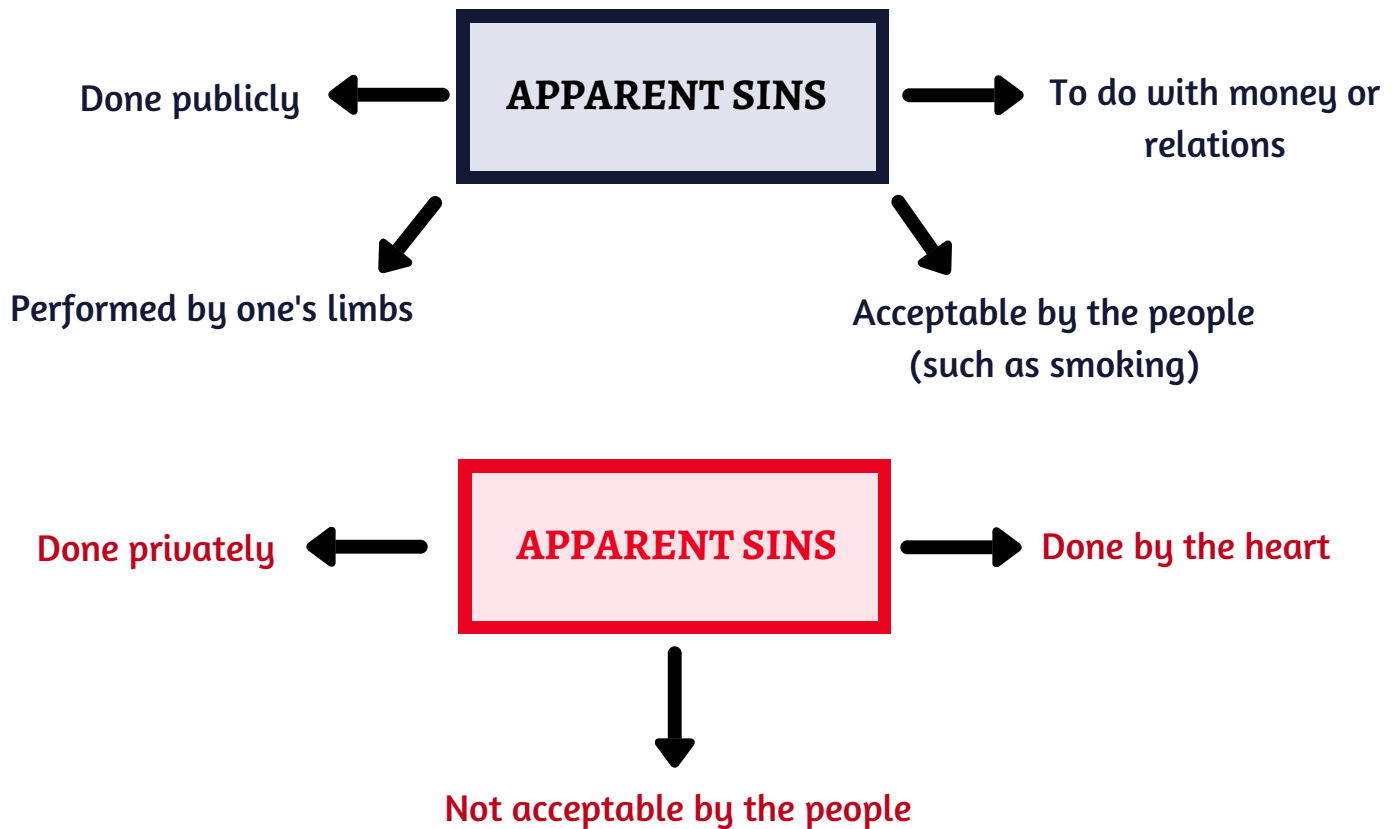
The Prophet (salAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam) said,

“...Sin is that which causes discomfort (or pinches) within your soul and dislike that people become aware of it.”

[Saheeh Muslim]

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LESSON: Don't be righteous only in front of the people. Fix your private life.

- "And indeed do the devils inspire their allies [among men] to dispute with you," (6:121). **Don't engage in arguments.** It is Shaytan's trick to stop us from doing righteous deeds. If people argue with you, say Salaam and move away. Don't waste your time.

- A person is in the darkness, then Allah SWT opens up the door of His mercy on him and gives him the knowledge of the Qur'an. The Qur'an becomes a source of light for this person by which he conducts his day to day affairs. **A person who has the knowledge of the Qur'an is an independent thinker!** He doesn't blindly follow the majority, the trends or his own desires. He verifies the right and the wrong through the light of the Qur'an.

It teaches us that even if the entire society is misguided if we have "ilm" (knowledge of the Deen) then we won't be lost.

- For him whom Allah SWT wills good, He opens up his chest to the understanding of Islam. Such a person comes to Islam with joy. He feels motivated to do good deeds and they become easy for him. He doesn't criticize Deen or the commands of Allah SWT. He submits even if some commands are difficult for him. May Allah SWT make us of them, ameen.

- Such people get the House of Peace in Jannah, Dar-us-Salam. They attain the friendship of Allah SWT because of the deeds they performed and for what they endured (meaning harm from the people because of their submission to Allah SWT and incitement of the nafs).

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SURAH AL-AN'AAM

- If we disobey Allah SWT, it's not difficult for Him to replace us with the people who are better than us. Therefore, make Du'a:

O Allah, please don't replace me with someone who is better than me in worshipping You and striving in Your path. Please make me such that it becomes easy for me to strive in Your path with excellence, ameen.

- Abortion is a sin (unless there is a risk to the mother's or baby's health)
- When Allah SWT blesses you then do shukr and share your blessings with others
- Be moderate in generosity too. Do not give everything in charity that later you have regrets
- Only Allah SWT declares what is halal and what is haram
- Sometimes a person is deprived of provision because of his disobedience or sins. Allah SWT is not unjust with His servants, we block our blessings by our sins.
- Nip the evil in the bud. Do not be too frank with a non-mahram.
- Be just no matter where you are
- **"Indeed, my prayer, my rites of sacrifice, my living and my dying are for Allah, Lord of the worlds,"** (6:162). Waking up for Tahajjud, fasting voluntarily, going for Hajj or Umrah - the world doesn't need to know. Keep your good deeds a secret between yourself and Allah SWT. Don't make partners in your worship.

Our eating, our sleeping, our work...everything should be according to the Qur'an and Sunnah.

Our death should be according to the Qur'an and Sunnah meaning we die as Muslims and all funeral rites are according to the Sunnah:

My funeral should not be delayed because we're waiting for a relative to come from abroad or another city. Bury me in the land where I die. My body doesn't need to be transported to my home country or ancestral land. I be given Ghusl by Allah-fearing person so that they conceal what they see.

Write it in your will and inform someone.

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SURAH AL-A'RAF

- Arrogance is a Satanic trait. Don't consider yourself better than others. Check your heart.

- If Iblees's prayer can be accepted then why wouldn't our du'as be accepted? Make Du'as for yourself. Don't lose hope.

- He who maintains a connection with Allah SWT and is grateful can be saved from the traps of Shaytan

- Prophet Adam and Hawwa (AS) Du'a:

"Our Lord, we have wronged ourselves, and if You do not forgive us and have mercy upon us, we will surely be among the losers." (7:23)

- It is from the Fitrah to cover ourselves. If our clothes do not cover us according to the Islamic guidelines then it is as if we are naked. Check your clothes (both men and women).

Allah SWT says: O children of Adam, let not Shaytan tempt you as he removed your parents from Paradise, stripping them of their clothing... (7:27)

- Keep yourself clean. Take shower daily. There should be no body odor or bad breath when we stand up for prayer or go to an Islamic class.

- Eat and drink, but be not excessive (7:31)

- Call upon your Lord in humility and privately (7:55)

- If you want Allah SWT to be merciful towards to you, then be merciful to the people

- A good soul is like fertile land, it only produces good

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SURAH AL-A'RAF

- Ask Allah SWT to make you firm on the Truth especially when facing opposition. Do not commit injustice against anyone.
- Denying the Truth is a sign of arrogance
- The prophets (AS) were denied because they called the people towards that which was against their desires.

SELF-ANALYSIS: What are some of the commands that are difficult for me? Is it because they are against what "I" desire?

- We are being tested in blessings and deprivations. Tests come to make us humble and to reflect on our wrongdoings or disobedience of Allah SWT. How can we get out of our tests? Through Taqwa (Allah-consciousness) and emaan (faith).
- Do istighfaar at all times. Never become negligent of Allah's accountability especially in these days when we hear of wars, earthquakes, landslides, floods, almost every day. May Allah SWT save us from the punishments of this world and the next, ameen.
- Whenever you notice your heart is becoming impure or hard, increase in good deeds
- Musa (AS) asks the magicians to act first because he wanted to react according to the actions of the opposing team. Analyze the situation before you react.
- DU'A TO MAKE (in fear and trials):

***"Our Lord, pour upon us patience and let us die as Muslims [in submission to You]."* (7:126)**

- When you are afraid of a ruler remember this Ayah: "Seek help through Allah and be patient. Indeed, the earth belongs to Allah. He causes to inherit it whom He wills of His servants. And the [best] outcome is for the righteous." (7:128)

The earth belongs to Allah SWT, not the people. **As long as we are obeying Allah SWT, we don't need to fear the people.**

- It's a blessing of Allah SWT when He tests us and also allows us to figure out "why" we were tested. If you're being tested but don't know why ask Allah SWT to show you your mistakes. Don't blame others. When you will reform yourself, others will change too.

If our hearts were pure we would know right away what our faults were. Ask Allah SWT to show you the reality of things.

- **Learn to pray for yourself.** Others' du'as for you will be accepted when you too pray for yourself.

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SURAH AL-A'RAF

- Allah SWT chooses people for His tasks. **Ask Him to choose you.** When Allah SWT chooses you for a special task then offer special shukr. Do Sajadah Shukr (there are no nawafil for shukr - that was not the way of the Rasoolullah salAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam). Increase your good deeds.
- **Set a principle in life that when people are displaying their worst behavior you will not fall down to their level.** You will display your best manners.
- Arrogance and impatience deprives a person of knowledge
- Haste is from Shaytan. Forbearance is from Allah SWT. Ask Allah SWT for forbearance.
- Include your family in Da'wah work and make du'a for them
- **The love of Deen and love of Dunya cannot reside in the same heart.** Shaytan can sense the worldly pleasures that we are attached to. He then uses them to make us slip. A person who has gained knowledge of the Qur'an then detaches himself from the Qur'an becomes a victim of Shaytan's tricks. Don't become complacent or negligent after gaining knowledge.

Protect your emaan. Beware of your desires!

- **People who do not use their brain to think and reflect, their eyes to see the Signs of Allah SWT, their ears to listen to the Ayaat of Allah SWT...then they are like cattle.** They believe their purpose in life is just to eat, sleep, socialize, entertain themselves and fulfill their desires.

We should see what we are interested in and where we spend our time. Use your time to gain knowledge of the Deen and teach it to others.

- You keep on asking/inviting people to join a Qur'an course, to study the Qur'an but they give excuses of this and that. On the Day of Judgment, people will have regrets: We were not of those who listened to advice.
- **Call Allah SWT by His beautiful Names.** So learn them, understand them and make du'a with them such as O Ar-Razzaq, provide me with Tayab provision. O Ar-Raheem, have mercy on me.

*We should only call Allah SWT by the Names that we find in the Qur'an and Sunnah. The commonly circulated list of 99 Names is not authentic. Some people changed the Attributes of Allah SWT into His Names, so verify.

- **The Prophet (salAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam) did not know the Unseen except for what Allah SWT told him.** Had he known, he would have protected himself, his family and his Companions from the calamities that they endured.
- **The purpose of marriage is to feel secure in each other's company.** Not to live as enemies - waiting for moments to take an edge over the other.

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SURAH AL-A'RAF

- People ask about "The Hour" (the Day of Judgment) and are curious to find out when it is approaching, a sensible and realistic approach would be to **prepare for The Hour** rather than talking about it and circulating stories about it.

A person's "Qiyamah" arrives the moment he dies because now his Book of Deeds has closed and it's time for questioning in the grave. (We seek refuge in Allah SWT from the punishment of the grave, ameen.)

- **"Indeed, my protector is Allah, who has sent down the Book; and He is an ally to the righteous."** (7:196) This Ayah teaches us that Allah SWT is the Wali of the people who hold on to and have a connection with His Book. If you want the friendship of Allah SWT then become righteous.

- Give good advice to the people and turn away from the ignorant

- When you sense that Shaytan is whispering evil suggestions to you immediately seek refuge in Allah SWT. Say A'oothubillah (complete), get up and do some good deed. Start reciting the Qur'an. Do Dhikr.

- "So when the Qur'an is recited, then listen to it and pay attention that you may receive mercy." (7:204) **Want mercy? Listen to the Qur'an attentively.**

SURAH AL-ANFAL

DEFINITION OF A BELIEVER (check yourself):

The believers are only those who, when Allah is mentioned, their hearts become fearful, and when His Ayaat are recited to them, it increases them in faith; and upon their Lord they rely. The ones who establish prayer, and from what We have provided them, they spend. (8:2-3)

- Wealth and children have been called a trial because a person spends most of his energies and time after the two. They distract him from coming closer to Allah SWT. Be grateful for His blessings by not forgetting Him while enjoying the blessings. Remember these are temporary gifts while the Hereafter is eternal.

- Allah SWT does not punish people while they are seeking forgiveness

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SURAH AL-ANFAL

- Sometimes we are hit by calamities that we are not prepared for. We show resistance, we complain and are unwilling to change. But after a few years, when the calamity is over and things have changed, we thank Allah SWT for that test.

Trust Allah SWT in your trials. He knows His plans for you.

FORMULA FOR STEADFASTNESS

Be courageous
Be firm/focused
Remember Allah SWT much
(see 8:45)

HOW TO BE SUCCESSFUL

Obey Allah SWT
Obey the Messenger SA
Be patient
Stay united
(see 8:46)

WHAT PREVENTS US FROM STRIVING IN THE PATH OF ALLAH SWT

The love of this world
Our desires/nafs
Shaytan

- **When you talk about Allah SWT be conscious of your words.** Don't say you fear Allah SWT when you don't mean it. It's a Satanic trait.

- Don't overthink a situation. Make a decision, rely on Allah SWT, take action.

- Allah SWT wants to give His servants blessings, but when the servant is ungrateful or becomes arrogant then Allah SWT snatches the blessing away.



ASK YOURSELF

How much do I spend on myself or my family or on entertainment and how much do I give in the way of Allah?



Whatever you spend in the way of Allah SWT will be returned to you multiplied. The best sadaqah is the one given to support and spread the Deen of Allah SWT.

- Don't betray those who betray you, do ehsaan in every situation

- True/sincere emaan demands sacrifice, either through wealth or limbs

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SURAH AL-ANFAL

- If the spouses or members of a family feel constriction then ask Allah SWT to put love in your hearts. He is the Controller of the hearts, He can change hearts. Don't grieve, don't give up and don't let Shaytan cause the divide.

AUTHENTIC DU'A ASKING ALLAH SWT TO PUT AFFECTION IN OUR HEARTS:

O Allah! Put affection in our hearts, set our matters right, guide us to the ways of peace, save us from darkness towards light, save us from all kinds of indecency; the apparent as well as the hidden, and bless our hearing, our seeing, our hearts, our spouses and our children, and turn in mercy upon us. Indeed You are the One who greatly accepts repentance, One who is repeatedly Merciful.
(Al-Hakim)

Love people for the sake of Allah SWT because this is the BEST kind of love. Those who love others are soft-hearted people.

- Allah SWT forbids us from imitating other nations. How are our weddings, events, dressing? When a marriage begins with wedding ceremonies involving singing and dancing, free mixing of opposite gender, how do we expect barakah (love and harmony) in our marriage?

If we are not following the commands of Allah SWT how do we expect love, peace and harmony in our lives and in our homes?

- People who truly love Allah SWT do not remain sitting in their homes claiming their love for Allah SWT. They show their love for Him by striving in His Path like the Muhajireen and Ansar. (see 8:74)

Q. Why are prayers and charity mentioned together in the Qur'an? Because prayer is the Right of Allah SWT and Zakat is the right of the people. Allah SWT reminds us throughout the Qur'an to give Him His rights and to give people their rights.

- Sabr is required for gaining knowledge as well

- *Can I sit through the Qur'an class without fidgeting and complaining?*
- *Can I focus on my studies despite all the distractions?*
 - *When people call me to something else,*
- *can I force myself to focus on my learning of the Deen?*

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SURAH AT-TAWBAH

- Don't attack people (verbally or physically) if they don't have knowledge of your Deen. If they ask you, inform them. Wait. Let them decide whether they want to believe or not. **Our responsibility is to convey not convert.**

"That is because they are a people who do not know." (9:6)

It means that first, we have to gain authentic knowledge of the Deen so that we can convey the right thing to the people in the proper way.

- **Believers should fear Allah SWT Alone because He is the Owner of everything.** When a person fears someone other than Allah SWT then he might do certain things to please that being while displeasing Allah SWT. Give priority to Allah's commands and limits.

- "The ones who have **believed, emigrated and striven in the cause of Allah with their wealth and their lives are greater in rank in the sight of Allah.** And it is those who are the attainers [of success]." (9:20)

TO DO: Make a plan about how you will do the things mentioned in 9:20.

How will you strengthen your belief?

Which sin will you migrate from? Music? Wasting time?

How will you strive in the cause of Allah SWT with your wealth?

How will you strive in the cause of Allah SWT with your life?

TRUE BELIEVERS

Have emaan → Leave their comfort → Do utmost struggle
→ With their wealth → With their limbs → Give shelter
→ Help → For the Sake of Allah

-**The cure for depression and anxiety is with Allah SWT.** If a person is distanced from Allah SWT and His Book, the sadness in his heart will not go away.

- **The best deed is striving in the path of Allah SWT,** whether people appreciate you or criticize you. Allah SWT looks at sincere efforts, not the results. Take a step towards Him, He will guide you.

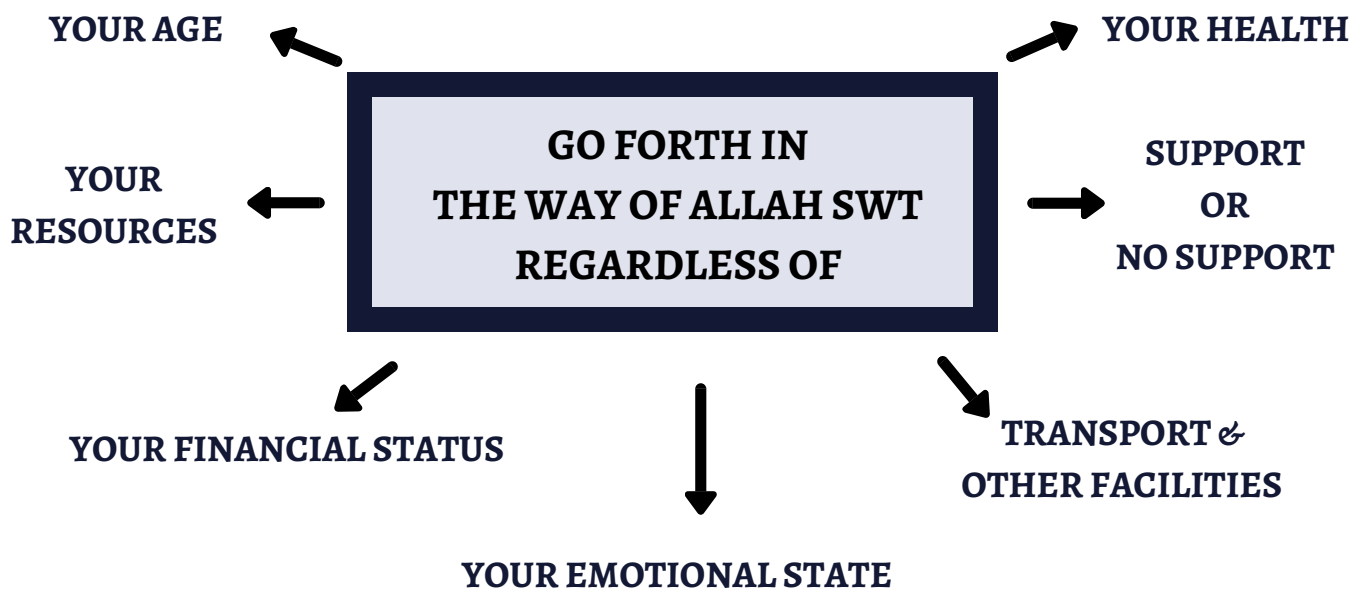
- Don't support your family and friends if they stop you from striving in the path of Allah SWT and doing that which pleases Him

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SURAH AT-TAWBAH

- Don't let the love of relations, wealth, comfort stop you from striving in the path of Allah SWT. It's natural to love people and desire the pleasures of this world, however, they should not be preferred over the work of Deen. (see 9:24)
- Allah SWT accepts the repentance of whom He wills
- Do not give value to a scholar's opinion if it contradicts with the Qur'an and Sunnah. It is important for us to check our sources of knowledge.
- "And those who hoard gold and silver and spend it not in the way of Allah - give them tidings of a painful punishment." (9:34)
- Don't make fun of the Deen or the symbols of Deen. It is a major sin. Leave the gathering where the Ayaat or Sunnah are being mocked.
- The greatest success is attaining the pleasure of Allah SWT



MAKE A LIST OF THE EXCUSES YOU GIVE YOURSELF FOR NOT STRIVING IN THE PATH OF ALLAH SWT

ZAKAT IS:

- for the poor and needy
- for those employed to collect [zakah]
- for bringing hearts together [for Islam]
- for freeing captives (prisoners wrongly imprisoned)
- for those in debt
- for the cause of Allah SWT and for the [stranded] traveler (see 9:60)

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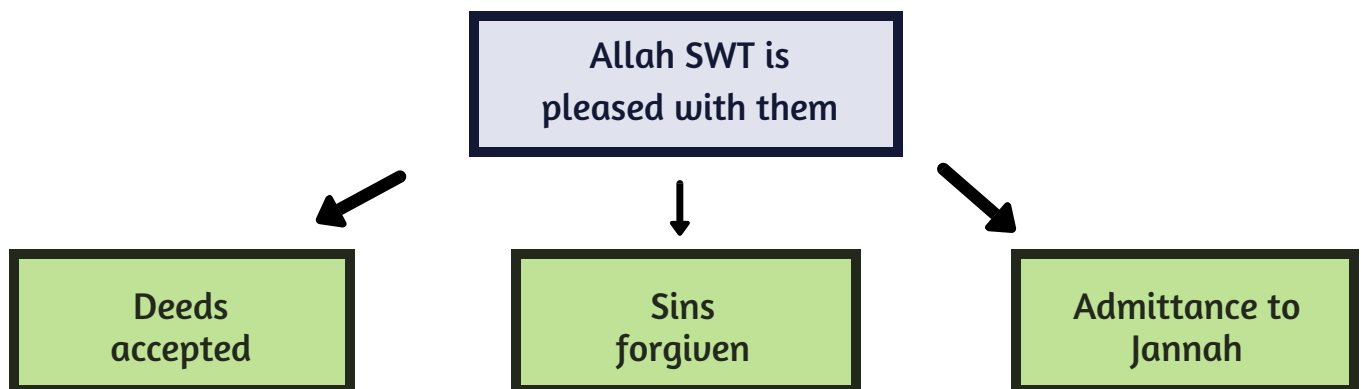
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SURAH AT-TAWBAH

- **We cannot love someone who disobeys Allah SWT.** This does not mean we start hating them. Call them to goodness, advise them, make du'a for them and make efforts for their transformation. Do not approve or support them in their disobedience. We cannot say, "It's your life, do whatever you want."
- **The one who desires transformation and nearness to Allah SWT will strive in His path regardless of his circumstances.** Others? They keep complaining about the circumstances or the environment. Sadaqah not only wipes away one's sins but also results in drawing closer to Allah SWT.
- Lack of knowledge of the Book and Deen makes one a hypocrite
- **Allah SWT loves those who run to Him and hasten to fulfill His commands.** Are we eager to offer the five obligatory prayers at their appointed time?
- **A person should reflect on what he is striving for.** Where is his time being utilized? At the mall? In front of the television? On the internet? Will it help him in the Hereafter?
- What is the reward of being forerunners in the path of Allah SWT?



- To gain Allah's pleasure, we will have to do things that please Him. Allah SWT says that He loves the purified. It means we need to keep ourselves physically and spiritually clean. Our bodies, our mouth, our hair, our speech, our thoughts, our hearts and our physical spaces must be clean.
- Made a mistake? Repent and give sadaqah.

BENEFITS OF GIVING SADAQAH

Increase in righteousness

More opportunities to do good

Guilt is replaced with hope of becoming a better person

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SURAH AT-TAWBAH

- Allah SWT has purchased the lives of the believers. Who are they?

At-Taiboon	the repentant
Al-'Abidoon	the worshippers
Al-Hamidoon	the praisers [of Allah]
As-Saihoon	the travelers [for His cause] those who
Ar-Raki'oon	those who bow [in prayer]
As-Sajidoon	those who prostrate [in prayer]
Al-Amiroona bil ma'arofi	those who enjoin what is right and forbid
wa an-nahoona aanil-munkar	what is wrong
Al-Hafizoona lihudoodillahi	those who observe the limits [set by] Allah

Am I One of Them?

(9:112)

Do I repent, regret and leave sins?

Am I sincere in my Ibadah? Do I worship when it suits my mood?

Do I travel to gain knowledge of the Deen, to spread the Deen, for Hajj & Umrah?

Are my Rukuh and Sujood according to how the Prophet (SA) taught us?

Am I a well-wisher? Do I've the courage to speak up when people are doing wrong?

Do I stay away from what is forbidden? Do I abide by the commands of Allah SWT?

- "...there is no refuge from Allah except in Him." (9:118) So keep turning to Him. Call Him for guidance, for provision, for forgiveness and whatever you desire.

- **A person who remembers Allah SWT at the stroke of a calamity is forgiven by, Allah SWT.** Who is this person? He is the one who no matter what he is going through in life (death of a loved one, loss of wealth, divorce, illness) does not neglect his obligations - the five daily prayers, Zakat, Hajj and other righteous deeds.

Remember, the calamity of this world is not eternal. The calamity of the Hereafter is forever.

- **The more you strive in the path of Allah SWT, the higher your rank will be.** So when you're feeling tired or lazy about worship, get up and shun Satanic whispers. Focus on your reward and rank in the Hereafter.

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SURAH AT-TAWBAH

- **When you go for the pilgrimage don't complain** about the plane ticket, hotel fare and the exertion, whatever you do, you're doing it for the sake of Allah SWT. (That doesn't mean you book a room in a 5 -7 stars hotel)

- **Accept the fact that Allah SWT created all of us with different capabilities.** Your task is to assess the capabilities of others (your children, siblings or subordinates) and assign them tasks according to their interests and skills.

Some people exert themselves in the Deen by their limbs, some by learning, some by teaching, some by spreading knowledge through writing or speech.

DUA TO BE RECITED EVERY DAY (FOR FEAR & LONELINESS):

"Sufficient for me is Allah; there is no deity except Him. On Him I have relied, and He is the Lord of the Great Throne." (9:129)

SURAH YUNUS

- There are two types of people: Dunya Oriented and Akhirah Oriented. Which one are you? Don't sacrifice the rewards and joys of the Hereafter for the temporary pleasures and gains of this world.

Advice by Shaqeeq Balkhi

Hold firm to five issues:

1. Worship Allah as much as you need to worship Him
2. Take from the world according to your stay in it
3. Sin according to your stamina to absorb its punishment
4. Take provisions from the world according to your stay in the grave
5. Work for Paradise as much as you desire to stay there

- **Do not ignore Allah SWT after your test or calamity is over**

- **When someone argues with you in religion say, "For me are my deeds, and for you are your deeds. You are disassociated from what I do, and I am disassociated from what you do." (10:41)**

- There are some people who read many religious posts or listen to many lectures but nothing within them changes. We need to seek protection against this indifference.

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SURAH YUNUS

- "O mankind, there has to come to you instruction from your Lord and healing for what is in the chests and guidance and mercy for the believers." (10:57) **In the Qur'an is healing from physical, mental and spiritual diseases.** It cleans the heart of hypocrisy, doubts, misguidance, and love of Dunya.
- "In the bounty of Allah and in His mercy - in that let them rejoice; it is better than what they accumulate." (10:58) **Be happy with the gift of the Qur'an.** It is better than what other people are accumulating. Value this opportunity to study and understand the Qur'an. Don't take it for granted. It is better than wealth.
- "Unquestionably, [for] the allies of Allah there will be no fear concerning them, nor will they grieve" (10:62). **If you live in fear and grief or sadness has taken over your heart then you need to check your connection with Allah SWT.**
- **And let not their speech grieve you.** (10:65)
- Musa (AS) said, "...magicians will not succeed." Never think that the problems in your life are due to "magic." If you recite Surah Al-Baqarah and Athkar for protection (morning and evening), Allah SWT will not let magic affect you.
- And Musa (AS) said, "O my people, if you have believed in Allah, then rely upon Him, if you should be Muslims." (10:84)
- **When the Earth Feels Constricted We Should We Say:**
"Our Lord, make us not [objects of] trial for the wrongdoing people. And save us by Your mercy from the disbelieving people." (10:85-86)
- When people stop you from praying at the mosques or from attending a religious class then make your homes a place of worship and learning.
- Don't follow him who does not have ilm (knowledge)
- Tawbah is not accepted at the time of death. Now is the time to repent! Offer Salat ul Tawbah at least once this Ramadan...and occasionally throughout the year whenever you feel the burden of your sins.
- If Allah SWT puts you in a test then remember Him a lot the way Prophet Yunus (AS) did
- Don't leave the task that you have been assigned. Honor your commitments.

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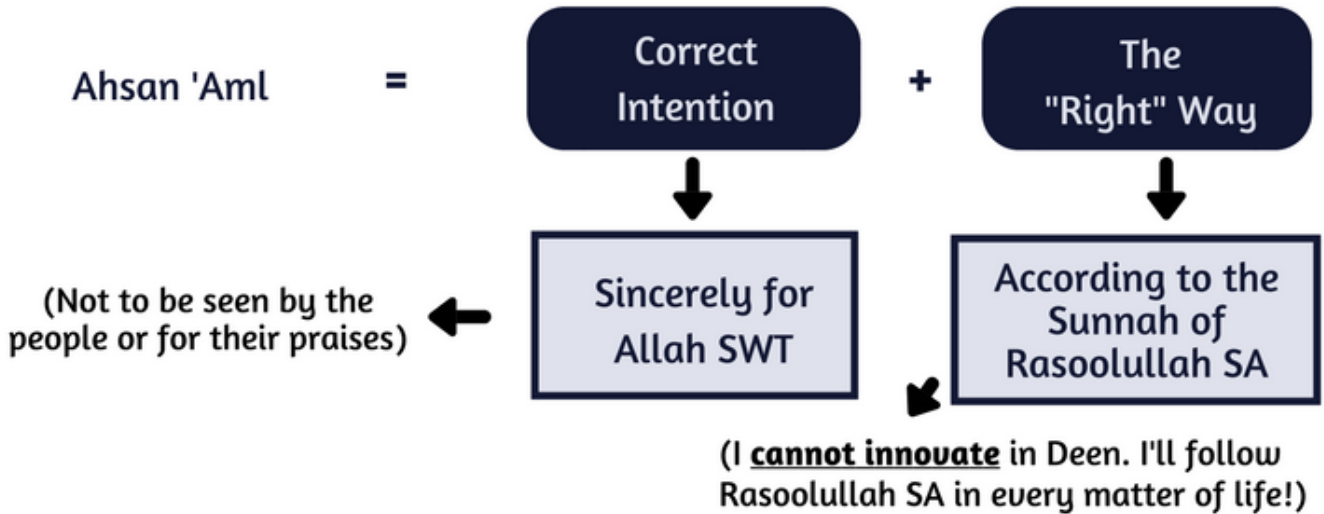


Juz 12

JUZ 12 - LESSONS (1)

- Allah SWT has written the provision and death of everyone. Therefore, do not complain if you see your provision as little or when a loved one passes away.

FORMULA FOR BEST DEEDS:



- Sometimes Allah SWT blesses us, sometimes He takes away the blessings. We only look at the loss but not the gain. In whatever way He keeps you, be patient and be pleased with His Decree.

RULE OF LIFE:

**Don't become arrogant, when you're blessed.
Don't become depressed, when you're deprived.**

- Express gratitude by your heart, by your tongue, and by your limbs. Share your blessings with others.

- A Momina/Momin is a wo/man of principle. Her/his principles are based on the Qur'an and Sunnah.

A Momina/Momin believes her/his honor lies in the Qur'an and not in the worldly possessions. S/he doesn't look at whatever people have from the fleeting joys of this world because s/he knows that the Qur'an is the greatest blessing!

JUZ 12 - LESSONS (2)

- The one who loves Dunya focuses on the dunya. The one who knows the deceptive reality of this world focuses on the Hereafter.
- **What you have (meaning the Qur'an) is the Truth.** If people don't believe in it, let it not affect your emaan.
- **Believers are humble.** When they hear a command of Allah SWT they submit.
- Never push away or look down on a believer because their financial status is less than yours. We don't know how valuable their emaan is to Allah SWT.
- **Whoever walks on the path of the Deen is mocked.** The prophets (AS) were mocked although they were the best in manners and character. They did not leave the path of the Deen.

He who has more ↑ **emaan** the more ↑ he is tested

So smile and protect your emaan

When someone hurts you, think of someone who is in more pain than you.

- **Start every task with the Name of Allah (meaning Bismillah),** whether you are writing, studying, reading, cooking or whatever. Allah SWT will put barakah (blessing) in it.
- **Bonds formed on Deen are stronger than the bonds of blood.** This does not mean we abandon our families. Pray for them, stick with them and keep advising them but don't leave the bonds of Deen (righteous company) ever!
- No one can get out of their trials without the mercy of Allah SWT. The Prophet SA would recite: **Ya Hayyu Ya Qayyum Bi Rahmatika Astagheeth.**
- Do Istighfar for an increase in your provision

JUZ 12 - LESSONS (3)

- **Mere lineage cannot save anyone.** If a prophet's son was of those who were punished then where do we stand?

He strayed away from the right path because he was in the wrong company. Who are the friends of your children? If you want your entire family to be with you in Jannah, then make sure they have righteous companions.

LESSONS FROM THE STORY OF PROPHET NUH (AS)

- Bad company is the **Number One** reason for people going astray
- If people don't listen to you the first time, **don't give up**. Keep advising them. Prophet Nuh called people to Allah SWT for 900 years.
 - People will only be guided **when they "seek" guidance**
 - **Change your environment**, to change yourself

STAY FIT

You never know when someone might ask you to do something really BIG.

IGNORE NEGATIVE CRITICISM

Don't listen to the critics. Keep doing what has to be done.

PLAN AHEAD

It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

DON'T FEEL INFERIOR

Speed isn't always an advantage; after all, the snails were on the same Ark as the Cheetahs.

**DON'T
MISS THE
BOAT**

TRAVEL IN PAIRS
Because two heads are better than one.
And for safety as well!



SUCCESS IS NOT IN OUR HANDS
Remember, amateurs built the Ark;
professionals built the Titanic.

STAY CONNECTED WITH ALLAH SWT

No matter what the storm, when Allah SWT is with you there's a rainbow waiting.



JUZ 12 - LESSONS (4)

- The story of Prophet Yusuf AS has been called **the best of the stories** in the Qur'an because it is a story full of emotions.

Jealousy

Hatred

Pride

Passion

Patience

Terror

Cruelty

Deception

Loyalty

Bravery

Nobility

Compassion

- **Don't share your dreams and plans with everyone that you come across.** Share your good dreams only with someone you trust and you know they love you. Because there are people who dislike you and can harm you. When you see a bad dream then know that this is from Satan. Don't share this dream with anyone. If you wake up seek protection with Allah SWT by saying A'oothubillah (complete) and spit on your left side thrice.

- The Prophet SA said, **"Seek help in having your needs met by being discreet, for everyone who is blessed with something is envied."**

For example, when a woman conceives, when someone is getting a high-paying job or when someone is getting engaged or married. Hide your blessings until they become apparent. Protect yourself from the evil eye by giving sadaqah.

- **Don't let Satan put evil thoughts in your heart** (such as jealousy and hatred) for your own siblings if they are blessed. Say: **BarakAllahu feekum** and ask Allah SWT to bless you as well.

What is beautiful patience?

Not revealing your pain to others

Not talking about your trial

Not considering oneself free of sins

JUZ 12 - LESSONS (5)

Qualities of Yusuf AS

Strong connection
with Allah SWT

Alert conscience
against sins

Inner strength to
face temptations

- Those who are sincere to Allah SWT in their belief and worship are protected by Allah SWT against the tricks of Satan

- CHECK YOURSELF:

**Do I have the strength of saying NO
to any haram invitation?**



- Do Da'wah whether you are sitting comfortably in your home or imprisoned and made a captive

Righteousness & Knowledge

- Provides one the light with which he can distinguish between the right and the wrong
- Protects one from falling for Satan's tricks

VS

Wealth & Beauty

- Fitaan
- Makes it easy for one to slip
- Can cause humiliation & imprisonment

What do we look for when marrying off our children?

SELF-ANALYSIS:

What's my reaction when I see a non-mahram?

On screen (movie or drama), in person, on social media, on billboards, in print?

Do I comment on their looks? Gawk at them?

Talk about them with my friends? Think about them?

Is my conscience on high alert and I immediately lower my gaze when I see a beautiful non-mahram?

Hijab is not just the headscarf. It includes manners, facial expressions, tone, gait, speech, and thoughts. Hijab is Haya! Haya is for men too.

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Juz 13

JUZ 13 - LESSONS (1)

- **Every person is incited by his nafs.** Sometimes he's so overtaken by his pleasures that he doesn't distinguish between halal and haram.

Ask Allah SWT to protect you from the whisperings of your nafs. Make the following dua consciously:

اللَّهُمَّ اتِ نَفْسِي تَقْوَاهَا وَ زَكَّاهَا أَنْتَ خَيْرُ مَنْ زَكَّاهَا أَنْتَ وَ لِيُهَا وَ مَوْلَاهَا

“O Allah! Grant piety to my soul (nafs) and purify it, You are the Best of the ones to purify it; You are its Guardian and Patron.” (Sahih Muslim)

- If you're in a haram relationship that you fell into because of one wrong phone call, one e-mail reply, one text...but you want to get out of this haram relationship then **"ask" Allah SWT to change your heart** and replace the haram with halal. We can only get out of the evils by the Mercy of Allah SWT.

- Two qualities required for managing financial tasks: Accounting skills and trustworthiness

- **Develop your skills and become of those who benefit others**

- **Don't brag about your accomplishments, degree or skills.** If no one has asked you then remain quiet. Your work and speech "should show" how accomplished or knowledgeable you are. The only exception is when you are applying for a job or volunteering for a task. Then you must step forward and share your strengths.
#BeLikeYusufAS

Same rule applies to good deeds. Don't advertise or brag.

- **Good deeds and evil deeds leave their marks.** For e.g. people who spend their days and nights with the Qur'an, their faces are radiant. They don't need facials to maintain their appearance. Do more good deeds!

- We need patience to live at the level of a Muhsin - he who does everything at the level of excellence

JUZ 13 - LESSONS (2)

- Clean your heart from resentments. Remember that all negative feelings are from Satan. When he reminds you of the people who have hurt or harmed you, think about the people who have been kind and loving towards you. Make du'a for them and ask Allah SWT to purify your heart.

We can't become Muhsin if our hearts are ill.

- When people accuse you of something that you have not done then don't respond immediately. Wait for the right time to clarify your position. For the time being tell yourself, "**Allah is most knowing of what you describe.**" (12:77)

- Good reputation is required to do Da'wah. Read the story of **Imam Bukhari and 1000 Dinar** on our blog.

When things are not according to your plan or desires then remind yourself



"Allah decides for me, and He is the best of judges."

(12:80)

- Move away from an intense/painful environment. Turn to Allah SWT like Yaqoob AS did. He said:

إِنَّمَا أَشْكُو بَثِّي وَحُزْنِي إِلَى اللَّهِ

"I only complain of my suffering and my grief to Allah..." (12:86)

We don't need to narrate the tales of our sorrows to everyone. Share with the One Who can grant you relief.

This is #SabrunJameel - beautiful patience 



- Does not rely on himself
- Does not rely on his sons
- Does not rely on his wisdom

Yaqoob AS turns to Allah SWT in every situation

Only relies upon Allah SWT

JUZ 13 - LESSONS (3)

- Those who plot against others, Allah SWT will humiliate them

- Develop Akhlaq like Yusuf AS

Put yourself in his place:

- Harmed by blood relatives
- Separated from the parents at a young age
- Captured as a slave
- Evil intention of women
- Unjustly imprisoned

**Be A
Muhsin**

Does not complain. Forgives everyone

- **Allah SWT is our Wali** [Guardian/Protecting Friend]. Yusuf AS was a prophet yet he asks Allah SWT to enable him to die as a Muslim and to join him with the righteous. (Make this dua 12:101)

- **"That is from the news of the unseen which We reveal, [O Muhammad], to you..."** (12:102)
This ayah tells us that the Prophet SA did not know the Unseen. He only knew whatever and as much Allah SWT informed him.

SURAH AR-RAD

- Live between the hope of forgiveness and fear of His punishment

- **We don't care about ourselves as much as Allah SWT does.** He has appointed angels to protect us from accidents and harm. Recite your morning and evening Athkar regularly.

Sometimes we recite the Athkar yet are deprived of the mercy of Allah SWT. Scrutinize your homes. Have you blocked the entry of the angels in your homes by keeping pictures of animate beings, dogs, musical instruments (including listening to or watching musical programs on the internet or television)?

Unless we give up disobedience of Allah SWT, we should not expect Him to shower His blessings on us.

- Be conscious of the presence of the angels around you. They are recording everything.

JUZ 13 - LESSONS (4)

The Prophet SA and the Sahabah RA would seek protection with Allah SWT upon hearing thunder. Because they knew that thunderbolts were a mean of punishment for perished nations.

Do Tasbeeh upon hearing thunder.



- Everything in the heavens and the earth prostrates to Allah SWT. But man? Increase your prostrations by taking pleasure in Salah.
- The one who studies the Qur'an and the one who does not study are not equal. Even after you have completed a Qur'an course, stay connected with it. Do not let your company or environment influence you and deviate you from the right path.

TO DO: Complete the Journey through the Qur'an course in Ramadan. Do Aitekaaf. Seclude yourself in the last ten nights to connect with Allah SWT. Celebrate Eid. Come back and enroll in another course.

Do not leave the majlis of 'ilm (gathering of knowledge).

Who are the people of understanding?

- Those who fulfill their covenant with Allah
- Those who maintain ties of kinship
- Those who are patient, seeking the Countenance of their Lord
- Those who establish the prayer
- Those who spend secretly and publicly
- Those who prevent evil with good

(see 13:19-23)

SURAH IBRAHEEM

- The Qur'an takes people out of the darkness into light, from misguidance to guidance, from anxiety and sadness to contentment and peace
- Ask Allah SWT to make your city peaceful. Ask Him to protect you and your children and the generations to come from Shirk.

JUZ 13 - LESSONS (5)

- Be patient over the trials. Be grateful for the blessings for gratitude results in increase in favor.

What is gratitude?

Acknowledging a blessing
Praising Allah SWT
Being happy about it
Sharing it with others
Spending it in Allah's Way

What is ingratitude?

NOT acknowledging a blessing
NOT praising Allah SWT
NOT being happy about it
NOT being content with it
Desiring what one doesn't have

- Satan beautifies sinful actions for us. On the Day of Judgment he will say, "**Indeed, Allah had promised you the promise of truth. And I promised you, but I betrayed you. But I had no authority over you except that I invited you, and you responded to me. So do not blame me but blame yourselves.**" (14:22)

Control your desires (acts of disobedience, whisperings of Satan) as you control hunger when fasting. When Satan puts an evil thought in your heart immediately "recognize" it and ask Allah SWT for His help.

Allah SWT protects His righteous servants as He protected Yusuf AS.

- Before you do something or take a decision, ask yourself: Will this please Allah SWT or displease Him? Make the pleasure of Allah SWT your guiding light.

Be like the palm tree - firmly rooted (in knowledge and emaan) standing tall (above the filth and laghw) and fruitful (beneficial to the people) year long.



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Juz 14

JUZ 14 - LESSONS (1)

SURAH HIJR

- In the Hereafter, people will have regrets that they didn't listen to the Message or didn't follow the Qur'an. But right now, when it is the time to "listen" they are indulged in play, recreation, socialization, eating and drinking.

**Let them eat and enjoy themselves
and be diverted by [false] hope, for
they are going to know.(15:3)**

A Momina/Momin is not lost in Dunya. S/he is focused on the Hereafter and its pleasures while enjoying the blessings of this world. When s/he wakes up, s/he is thinking about the good deeds that s/he can do that day to raise her/his scales in the Hereafter. When s/he goes to bed at night s/he reflects on the missed opportunities of goodness.

#BecomeAMomina/Momin

- The Messengers AS were mocked by the people and called "madmen." If people make fun of you because you call them to the path of Allah SWT then do not grieve. In the Hereafter, the truth will be revealed - who was mad and who was sensible.

- Qur'an is the best source of remembrance of Allah SWT. He says, "We are its Guardian [Inna Lahu La-Hafidhoon]" (15:9) No matter what tricks people play to alter the Qur'an or its Ayaat, Allah SWT has promised to protect it.

THE VIRTUE OF BUILDING A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE QUR'AN

The Prophet (SA) said,

"Such a person as recites the Qur'an and masters it by heart will be with the noble righteous scribes (in Heaven). And such a person exerts himself to learn the Qur'an by heart, and recites it with great difficulty, will have a double reward."

[Al-Bukhari]

Ibn Masood (ra) said,

"The bearer of the Qur'an should be known by his night when the people are sleeping; by his day when people are awake; by his sadness when people are joyous; by his weeping when people are laughing."

[Tibyan al-Adab fi Hamalatul Qur'an]

JUZ 14 - LESSONS (2)

- Allah SWT sends down rain in due proportion. We may call it, "Too much," or "Too little," but Allah SWT knows the exact quantity that is required by the earth. Likewise, He created plants as much were required. **It is sad that man decided to play with Allah's creation and made modifications calling it genetic engineering.** Now neither the food tastes as delicious as it should nor are we saved from the climatic disasters.



Plant a tree no matter where you are or donate funds for the cause. Save the earth!



- **Allah SWT has the Khazayn [Treasures], so make du'a for whatever you want.** Do not forget the treasures and pleasures of the Akhirah. Ask for your Dunya and Akhirah.

- **Do not be like Iblees** - arrogant and disobedient. Anyone with an atom's weight of arrogance in their heart will not enter Jannah. When he disobeyed Allah SWT not only did he lose his status with Him but was also deprived of His mercy.

Shaytan promised to mislead all mankind except those who are the chosen servants [Mukhliseen] of Allah SWT. Beware of the traps of Shaytan! Ask Allah SWT to include you and your family among His chosen servants and to protect you from the treachery of Shaytan, ameen.

How can we save ourselves against the attacks of Shaytan?

By staying connected with the Qur'an and striving in doing good deeds. If you're reciting the Qur'an but your life is miserable then look at **YOUR** disobedience of Allah. **YOU ARE BLOCKING** the khair.

- Hell has seven gates (see 15:44)

**The people who will make it to the Jannah will have clean hearts.
So polish your heart**

- with forgiveness and Thikr of Allah SWT



**No resentments
No jealousy
No hatred
No arrogance**



Ask Allah SWT to purify your heart and remove all kinds of evils from it, ameen.

JUZ 14 - LESSONS (3)

- **Do not sympathize with someone who is openly disobeying Allah SWT.** Prophet Lut's wife was punished because she sympathized with the homosexuals.

- And indeed, the Hour is coming; so forgive with gracious forgiveness. (15:85)

- People who have been given the Qu'ran, know that this is the GREATEST blessing. Allah SWT says to His beloved, "And We have certainly given you, [O Muhammad], seven of the often repeated [verses] and the great Qur'an. Do not extend your eyes toward that by which We have given enjoyment to [certain] categories of the disbelievers, and do not grieve over them. And lower your wing to the believers" (15:87-88)

SURAH AN-NAHL

- Allah SWT provided the different kinds of rides and also showed man the "way," now it is on us to follow the right path or deviate and choose the wrong path. (May Allah SWT save us all from misguidance, ameen.)

- Only they can recognize the favors of Allah SWT who are a

"people who give thought"
(16:11)

"people who reason"
(16:12)

"people who remember"
(16:13)

- He subjected the sea for us so we could travel on it, eat from it and extract ornaments (pearls) from it. He placed the mountains on the earth to prevent it from shaking and made roads, rivers, and landmarks for our guidance.

"And if you should count the favors of Allah, you could not enumerate them. Indeed, Allah is Forgiving and Merciful." (16:18)

- Allah SWT can punish us right away but He gives us respite to fix our ways. When a person does not pay heed, his blessings are snatched until he realizes and repents.

- Allah SWT does not like the arrogant and wrongdoers. They are those who read the Qur'an and make fun of it or argue over it that these are tales of the past. They say these commands are no more applicable today or no one can act on this. The angels of death deal with them harshly at the time of death.

- On the contrary, the righteous people say, whatever Allah SWT has revealed is good. To them, the angels say:

May Allah SWT, make us of them, ameen.

*"Peace be upon you.
Enter Paradise for what you
used to do." (16:32)*

- The righteous people keep themselves physically and spiritually clean. Our thoughts reveal how "pure" we are. What do we think about? Halal or Haram?

JUZ 14 - LESSONS (4)

When a person desires guidance, Allah SWT shows him the path. But when a person chooses to live in his ignorance then Allah SWT too let this person remain in his error.

YOU have to take the first step!

- Whoever gives up something for the sake of Allah SWT, a haram job, a haram relationship or anything bad or sinful then Allah SWT will honor this person in this world and the next. They are those who patiently endure and rely on Him.
- Ahlul-Dhikr are those who recite the Qur'an and teach it to others. They are the ones who know what's in the Qur'an and take benefit from it.
- Everything prostrates to Allah SWT, so if we do not pray we should ask ourselves, "Am I this unfortunate that everything prostrates to Him except me?"
- People call Him in adversity and when the relief comes they forget Him
- In those days people used to bury their daughters out of humiliation and today people abort the fetus. We should remember that daughters, sons or no child are all decisions of Allah SWT.
- The honey bee consumes the pure and gives out pure. She does not damage the flower that she sits on. That's how a believer should be. Seek pure, give pure. Do not cause destruction on earth. Be of benefit to others no matter where you are.
- Seek protection with Allah SWT from old, miserable age
- The three doors of knowledge: eyes, ears and heart. See things in their real perspective and put them at their right place. Give Rights to Allah SWT, give rights to the people.
- "Allah has made for you from your homes a place of rest," (16:80)
- Qur'an contains clarification for all things and is guidance, mercy and good tidings for the Muslims

Allah SWT Orders

Justice, good conduct and giving to relatives

Allah SWT Forbids

Immorality, bad conduct and oppression

- "**Whatever you have will end, but what Allah has is lasting,**" (16:96) therefore, take out your wealth from the banks of this world and deposit it in the Bank of Allah SWT
- Whoever does righteous deeds will have good life in this world and the next
- Seek refuge in Allah SWT from the cursed Shaytan before reciting the Qur'an and whenever you feel you are losing your focus during the recitation. Shaytan does not want us to focus.
- The Qur'an was revealed gradually and completed a little before the death of Rasoolullah (salAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam). Stay connected with the Qur'an till your last breath.

*Verse by Verse Qur'an Study Circle
Come Let's Study The Qur'an*

Juz 15

JUZ 15 - LESSONS (1)

SURAH BANI ISRAEL/AL-ISRA

- **"Indeed, this Qur'an guides to that which is most suitable..." (17:9)**

We will slip but if we are connected with the Qur'an, we will be able to get back on track. If we let go of the Qur'an, then Shaytan will become our GPS.

- **"Man supplicates for evil as he supplicates for good, and man is ever hasty." (17:11)**

Sometimes because of the intensity of our trials, we ask Allah SWT for the wrong things. Do not be hasty. Watch your words and feelings when making a du'a. Express your brokenness and weakness to Him but be patient in your trials.

Du'a is a way to show - I believe in Allah SWT, I believe that He has the Power to fix my matters and grant me what I desire and what is better for me, therefore, I am asking Him.

- When you feel disconnected or broken inside, it might be a sign that you have distanced away from Allah SWT. **Connect with Him and feel complete again.**

- Whoever desires Akhirah should exert themselves. We cannot get Jannah merely by "wishing" for it.

- Make Du'a for your parents (even if they have passed away)

رَبِّ ارْحَمُهُمَا كَمَا رَبَّيَانِي صَغِيرًا

My Lord, have mercy upon them as they brought me up [when I was] small." (17:24)

- **"Give the relative his right, and the poor and the traveler, and do not spend wastefully."**

How do we waste wealth? When people in the world are dying of famine and wars, but we want to buy designer handbags and shoes or hold an extravagant wedding or party. If you have a lot of money, spend in the way of Allah SWT. Spend on your poor relatives, feed the poor and help the travelers so that this becomes a shield for you against the punishment of Hellfire.

FIVE QUESTIONS WE WILL BE ASKED:

- Our life and how we spent it
- Our youth and how he used it
- Our wealth and how we earned it and how we spent it
- How we acted upon the knowledge we acquired

**WE WILL BE
QUESTIONED ABOUT OUR
WEALTH** ➔

JUZ 15 - LESSONS (2)

- If you do not have money, **it is okay**. You do not have to yell at people, push them or be rude in any other way. Excuse yourself politely. Watch your words.
- **Do not kill your children fearing poverty** – NO ABORTIONS
- **Do not walk arrogantly on the earth**. It knows everything about us – the places that we go to, the people that we meet, the actions of obedience or disobedience that we do. On the Day of Judgment, it will reveal everything that we used to do. Be conscious. Be humble.
- **Everything around us glorifies Allah SWT**, then why does man love to talk about himself or his children or his possessions much but remembers Allah SWT little? Remember Him when you are sitting, standing, commuting, doing your chores, alone and in a gathering.
- **Shaytan induces dissension**. Because when people are drowned in negative thoughts and plotting against each other they cannot focus on their ibadah or good deeds.
- **Strive to get closer to Allah SWT**. We strive in this world to get a better college degree, a better job, a better home, why don't we strive for the Hereafter to get permanent blessings?
- We believe in the mercy of Allah SWT that He will forgive our sins but we should not be so relaxed that we do not make an effort. Allah SWT will overlook our shortcomings when there some good deeds in our records. Do not be negligent.
- **Say no to music and singing**. Check your phone's ringtone. Is it a song or something musical? They are the voices of Shaytan. (Do not put Athan or Qur'an recitation as your ringtone that's disrespect.)
- Instead of indulging in haram forms of entertainment, be grateful for the blessings and increase your good deeds. Being busy in entertainment (movies, dramas, music, mehndi ceremonies that involve singing and dancing, birthdays, baby showers and what have you) shows you have too much free time available on your hand.

If you have time, why not use it in worship, earning Halal so that you can do more sadaqah, gaining knowledge so that your Ibadah would improve and you get closer to Allah SWT?

- **Imagine reading your record (Book of Deeds) on the Day of Judgment.**

- How many missed prayers?

- How many missed fasts that we never bothered to make up?

- How many sins of the tongue? Rude comments?

- Little zakat? Little sadaqah? No Zakat? No sadaqah?

Are you eager to read it?

So what are we doing RIGHT NOW?

JUZ 15 - LESSONS (3)

- Read the Qur'an at Fajr time - in the prayer and outside prayer because Allah SWT says:

"Establish prayer at the decline of the sun [from its meridian] until the darkness of the night and [also] the Qur'an of dawn. Indeed, the recitation of dawn is ever witnessed."
(17:78)

Recite a longer Surah in Fajr prayer. If you have developed the habit of Tahajjud, do not leave it after Ramadan.

- **DU'A TO MAKE WHEN ENTERING A NEW CITY, A NEW JOB, BRIDE MOVING TO HUSBAND'S HOME:**

رَبِّ اَدْخِلْنِيْ مُدْخَلَ صِدْقٍ وَّاَخْرِجْنِيْ مُخْرَجَ صِدْقٍ وَاَجْعَلْ لِّيْ مِنْ لَّدُنْكَ سُلْطٰنًا تَّصِيْرًا

"My Lord, cause me to enter a sound entrance and to exit a sound exit and grant me from Yourself a supporting authority." (17:80)

- Do not go through the Qur'an in speed. It was revealed over a period of 23 years - a prolonged period. It was sent down progressively.

"And [it is] a Qur'an which We have separated [by intervals] that you might recite it to the people over a prolonged period. And We have sent it down progressively."
(17:106)

Two words

The Qur'an was revealed over a period of 23 years and not in one night or one year. It means we should go slow with the Qur'an when studying the meaning.

It also means stay connected with the Qur'an for your entire life like Rasoolullah SA.

One command at a time. We too should implement one command at a time and gradually progress in Deen.

Not stay at an average level despite being born in a Muslim home. Progress in Deen as you compete to progress in Dunya.

- Those who have knowledge of the Qur'an, they cry when reading its Ayaat and fall down in prostration. Are we among them? If not, then this is a sign that our hearts have become hard.

JUZ 15 - LESSONS (4)

SURAH AL-KAHF

- We find the virtues of memorizing Surah Al-Kahf in Ahadith:

"Whoever memorizes the ten beginning ayaat of Surah al-Kahf will be protected from the trial of Dajjal."

[Muslim]

"Whoever memorizes the ten ending ayaat of Surah al-Kahf will be protected from the trial of Dajjal."

[Abu Daw'oud]

- Dunya has been beautified for us to test who among us is the best in good deeds. Become an ascetic
- When you feel you are alone and everyone is against you because of your emaan then recite this du'a:

رَبَّنَا آتِنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً وَهَيِّئْ لَنَا مِنْ أَمْرِنَا رَشَدًا

"Our Lord, grant us from Yourself mercy and prepare for us from our affair right guidance."

(18:10)

- **When we leave something (haram) for the sake of Allah SWT, His mercy descends on us and our tasks become easy.** If our provision is restricted or life becomes difficult for us then we should look at the haram or disobedience that we are indulged in.
- **Do not ask unnecessary questions in Deen** especially when there is no benefit in knowing them (such as the number of the young men in the cave)
- When you decide to do a matter then say: **In sha Allah** (if Allah wills)
- **Do not seek Fatwa from the people who lack knowledge and do not fear Allah SWT**
- If you suffer from forgetfulness, then increase your Thikr of Allah SWT
- Stick with the people who **remember Allah SWT a lot** - they will only guide you to the best
- Do not follow/admire someone who has forgotten Allah SWT and is lost in Dunya
- Wealth and children are the adornments of this world - do not get too busy with them. The enduring good deeds are better.