

JUZ 16 - LESSONS (1)

SURAH AL-KAHF

- Gaining knowledge and traveling, staying or sitting with a scholar are two different things. What we can learn by being in the company of a scholar cannot be learned through an online class or by going to the Masjid or institute only for class and not observing the conduct or the manners of the teacher/scholar.

Allah SWT makes us go through small trials to save us from big calamities such as missing a flight...we might be angry at ourselves, at the taxi driver or the airport staff...but later when we find out that the same flight crashed we are grateful to Allah SWT for saving us.



Therefore, when we see that the life is not going according to our plans we should have a firm belief that there is "khair" [goodness] in this, I need to be patient, Allah SWT will reveal things to me later.

- When Allah SWT takes something away, He has a better plan for us. Think good about Him. Do not complain. Be patient. Wait for Him to reveal His plans.
- If you are a righteous person then even if you are no more in this world, Allah SWT will look after and protect your children. Your responsibility is to become righteous and develop a strong connection with Allah SWT.
- Ask Allah SWT for beneficial knowledge and that He removes the barriers that stop you from gaining knowledge (ameen)
- Use the means of this Dunya to build your Akhirah. Neither become arrogant upon receiving blessings nor get lost in them that you forget the Haq [Right] of Allah SWT and the people.

SURAH MARYAM

- #BeLikeProphetZakariyyaAS - Make heartfelt du'as - Connect with Allah SWT

We should acknowledge our weakness when making du'a such as, "O Allah! I am weak. I have no control over my nafs [soul] so protect me and save me from committing sins."

"O Allah! I am weak, my memory is weak but I want to learn Your Book, so please make it easy for me to learn, understand, memorize and implement Your Book." (ameen)

JUZ 16 - LESSONS (2)

SURAH MARYAM

- Ask Allah SWT to make you His favorite

Allahumma ij'alni min ahibbaik
(O Allah, make me of Your beloved ones)

- Name your male child Yahya! Because Allah SWT "chose" this name for a prophet and the son of a prophet. 

- Put the love of the prophets (AS) in the hearts of your children and not the love of fabricated characters such as Cinderella and Batman. Teach them what will benefit them.

- Qualities to instill in children:

Compassion

Purity
(Physical & Spiritual)

Taqwa
(Love & Fear of Allah)

Obedience &
Respect of
Parents

- We can only raise righteous children when we have proper knowledge of the Deen. If the parents do not "learn" or gain knowledge about what Allah SWT has revealed and commanded us to do, how can we expect our children to know everything automatically and be perfect Muslims?

- Allah SWT chose Maryam (AS) - the only woman mentioned by name in the Qur'an

He chose her, purified her and placed her above all the women of the world. So special she was that an entire Surah was named after her. Pray to Allah SWT **to choose you** too and **to purify you** too and **grant you chastity** (ameen). Tell your daughters about Maryam (AS)

Do not neglect your prayers. Do not pursue your desires. Do not say, "I don't feel like praying."

*Where do you fail? What are you unable to control?
Food, sleep, socialization, wasting time?*

Read:
**The Five Levels of Prayers
according to Ibn Qayyim**
(available on our blog)

- When Allah SWT takes something away, if you are righteous, He will replace it with something better Prophet Ibraheem's father kicked him out of the home, Allah SWT blessed him with a beautiful family - Isma'eel, Ishaq, Ya'qoob, Yusuf and generations of prophets (AS).

JUZ 16 - LESSONS (3)

SURAH MARYAM

- In Jannah there will be no noise, no filthy talk, no dirty jokes, no hurtful speech

How can we make it to Jannah?

- **Check your speech**
- **Remove any hints of laghw (swear words, dirty talk) from your vocabulary**
- **Think before you speak (your opinion is not required for every matter)**
- **Practice being quiet at times**
- **Analyze your conversations (what do you take part in?)**
- **Share what's beneficial for you and others**

- Be patient in the acts of worship

SURAH TA-HA

- **The Qur'an was not sent down to distress us** (see 20:2). Does the Qur'an make us happy?

- **Ask Yourself:** *Allah SWT loves me so much and I am failing Him, disappointing Him?
What am I doing with my life and time?*

- Worship is not limited to the rituals (prayers, pilgrimage), our entire life should be worship. Every aspect of our life should be according to the teachings of the Qur'an and Sunnah. We should give preference to what Allah SWT has commanded us to do and not what our hearts desire. We should submit to Him with our hearts, minds, and limbs.

- **The purpose of the Salah is to remember Allah SWT, "who or what" do we remember in our prayer?**

"...Establish prayer for My remembrance."

(20:14)

- "Indeed, the Hour is coming..." (20:15)

➔ **Are we prepared?**

We are curious about finding the "exact" time when the Day of Judgment will come. The most important question is what have we prepared for the Resurrection? A person's Qiyamah comes the day he dies. His chance/respite is over.

JUZ 16 - LESSONS (4)

- **Prolong your conversations with Allah SWT** as Prophet Musa (AS) did (see 20:18), even though Allah SWT knows everything about us. #BeLikeMusaAS

- Du'a to make when speaking (presentation, interview, exam) and to improve our communication skills (this includes writing skills as well). Teach it to your children.

رَبِّ اشْرَحْ لِي صَدْرِي - وَيَسِّرْ لِي أَمْرِي - وَاحْلُلْ عُقْدَةً مِّن لِّسَانِي - يَفْقَهُوا قَوْلِي

“My Lord, expand for me my breast [with assurance] and ease for me my task. And untie the knot from my tongue. That they may understand my speech.” (20:25-28)

- Make du'a. Acknowledge your limited capabilities and take help from others when needed. Ask Allah SWT to make your family and loved ones, your supporters in Deen and Da'wah, just like Musa (AS) asks Allah SWT to make his brother Haroon (AS) his helper in spreading the Message of Allah SWT. (This is the biggest favor of a brother on another brother in history.)

- Exalt and remember Him much

- Evil dreams are from Shaytan. We don't have to act on them. When you see something evil seek refuge in Allah SWT.

Use this time, this life to leave a legacy - strive in the path of Allah SWT so that you are known by this work and included among "His people."

“...And I produced you for Myself.”

(20: 41)

- How can we overcome fear? Do the right thing and rely upon Allah SWT Alone.

“I hastened to You, my Lord,
that You be pleased.”

(20: 84)

*Show your love for Allah SWT by running to Him!
When it's time to pray, do not delay. As soon as you hear the Athaan, leave whatever you are doing, get up and go pray.*

JUZ 17 - LESSONS (1)

SURAH AL-ANBIYA

"[The time of] their account has approached for the people, while they are in heedlessness [ghaflah] turning away." (21:1)

- Why do people fall into ghaflah [heedlessness]?

- By disconnecting from the Qur'an
- Not knowing the purpose of their creation
- Being in the wrong company/not looking for righteous companions
- Continuing to do disobedience of Allah SWT
- Not fearing accountability
- People are more worried about their Dunya than their Akhirah

Visualize the stages after death, are you ready to face them? A person who is preparing for the Akhirah cannot be in ghaflah. He gradually withdraws from the Dunya, increases his repentance and gets ready to meet his Lord.

- The Qur'an carries our mention - how?

You recite the Qur'an and feel as if Allah SWT is talking to you about your current situation - these were the exact words that you wanted to hear at this time! You are guided in your matter.

Contains instructions and advice for us

Talks about us



Our negligence and sad state.

May Allah SWT guide us, ameen.

He who studies the Qur'an, understands it, implements it, serves it is honored!



Honors us, if we connect with it and serve it

- If the world was only created to entertain ourselves and have fun then Allah SWT would not have sent the Books and Messengers (AS) to teach and guide us. He would not have given us the intellect to use our brain, sight to see, ears to hear and tongue to speak if we were only here to play and enjoy. He gave us these faculties so that we would **recognize Him** and worship Him.

- The angels don't get tired of exalting Allah SWT. We should check with what speed we complete our prayer and recite the Athkar. How fast is our Tasbeeh? Can we understand the words that we utter? How focused we are when doing Tasbeeh on our fingers?

JUZ 17 - LESSONS (2)

- Every Scripture denied Shirk - every Messenger who came to this earth taught people to worship only One God Alone, Who has no partners.

- **SPECIAL TRAIT OF THE ANGELS:** *They do what they are told to do. No ifs and buts!*

- To recognize Allah SWT, one should reflect on His creation. The One Who created the heavens and the earth, the sun and the moon, orbits and the planets, how Mighty He must be?

- Every soul will taste death. When you are slacking in worship remember your death.

- **Insaan is a "hasty" creature.** When he starts something, he wants it to end quickly. When he sees something, he is quick to react. When he hears something, he is quick to comment on it.

We should ask Allah SWT for forbearance and composure. We should carefully reflect on the situation and then respond (if required - not everything requires a response). When we have to take a decision, we should consult with Allah SWT and not be hasty. When we speak our speech should be slow and clear so that the listener can comprehend what we are saying.

*Likewise, do not run to or in the Masjid. Walk with dignity and tranquility.
Learn the etiquette of going to and being in a Masjid or a religious gathering.*



- Do not be deceived by your blessings

The recitation of the Qur'an is Mubarak

It brings barakah/blessings in our lives.

Won't you take out some time from your busy schedule for the Qur'an?

- Wisdom is not dependent on age. Someone younger than you can be wise too. Do not ignore their opinion. Do not discourage your children from speaking up.

- Do not say my responsibilities do not allow me to worship Allah SWT. Learn to manage your responsibilities. If you can take out time to work, study, cook, clean and socialize then you can take out time to worship your Creator and learn and serve His Deen as well.

"People who are having arguments in their families...where the spouses are fighting with one another...ask them how much of the Qur'an is being recited?"

If not causation, there is at least some correlation between the lack of recitation of the Qur'an and problems between the spouses."

(Sheikh Yahya Rhodus)

JUZ 17 - LESSONS (3)

-Memorize and recite this Du'a whenever you experience a hardship or are in pain

أَنْتِ مَسْنِي الضُّرِّ وَأَنْتِ أَرْحَمُ الرَّاحِمِينَ

"Indeed, adversity has touched me, and you are the Most Merciful of the merciful." (21:83)

Prophet Ayub's (AS) story tells us that even the righteous servants of Allah SWT go through hardships. The Prophet (SA) said:

"If Allah intends good for someone,
He afflicts them with trials."

[Al-Bukhari]

Prophets - the most beloved servants of Allah SWT were tested too. It is not a punishment from Allah SWT. It was decreed for you. Therefore, be patient in your trials and do not stop praying to Him. In some cases, this is also a wake-up call for the people to mend their ways.

- A special trait of the prophets (AS) was that they were patient. It means the ones striving in the path of Allah SWT or serving the Deen should be patient.

- **Prophet Yunus's Du'a**

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ سُبْحَانَكَ إِنِّي كُنْتُ مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ

"There is no deity except You; exalted are You. Indeed, I have been of the wrongdoers." (21:87)

Allah SWT appreciates when a person acknowledges his mistake and turns to Him. If you are in hardship then recite this Du'a.

- **Prophet Zakariyya's Du'a**

رَبِّ لَا تَذَرْنِي فَرْدًا وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الْوَارِثِينَ

"My Lord, do not leave me alone [with no heir], while you are the best of inheritors." (21:89)

Why were they blessed? Because they used to hasten to good deeds and supplicate to Allah SWT in hope and fear. And they were humbly submissive. Develop these traits to get your du'as answered.

JUZ 17 - LESSONS (4)

SURAH AL-HAJJ

SIMILARITIES BETWEEN HAJJ AND THE DAY OF JUDGMENT

HAJJ

The intensity of heat
Crowd of people
Long period of standing
All types of people
Fatigue
Alone if lost

DAY OF JUDGMENT

The sun will be very close
Crowd of people
1 day whose length will be 50,000 years
All types of the people
Fatigue
Raised alone

- Some people worship Allah SWT on the edge. They are those who have weak emaan. Allah SWT makes them go through trials - some turn to Him while other distance further away.
- Places of worship should be kept clean whether we are praying at home or at the Masjid
- Those who honor the Symbols of Allah SWT (such as mosques) are the ones with pure hearts
- Avoid false statements

QUALITIES OF MUKHBITEEN - THOSE WHO SUBMIT BEFORE THEIR LORD

- When Allah SWT is mentioned, their hearts are fearful
- They are patient over what has afflicted them
- They establish prayers
- They spend from what Allah SWT has provided them. (22:34-35)

ALLAHUMMA IJ'ALNA MIN AL-MUKHBITEEN ILAIK (O ALLAH, MAKE US OF THE MUKHBITEEN, AMEEN)

- Feed the beggar and the needy; do not be ungrateful
- Allah SWT will help those who help/serve His Deen. They are those who establish prayer, give Zakat, enjoin good and forbid evil. O Allah, make us of them, ameen.

JUZ 18 - LESSONS (3)

- Allah SWT asks in the Qur'an:

"Have they not reflected
over the Qur'an...?"

**Do we reflect
on the Qur'an?**

"And it is He who produced for you
hearing and vision and hearts;
little are you grateful." (23:78)

**Have we thanked Allah SWT
for our sense of hearing, sight,
and a functioning heart?**

Visit the hospitals
and see the people
suffering.

- Du'a to Seek Protection Against Shaytan

رَبِّ أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ هَمَزَاتِ الشَّيَاطِينِ وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ رَبِّ أَنْ يَحْضُرُونِ

"My Lord, I seek refuge in You from the incitements of the devils and I seek refuge in You, my Lord, lest they be present with me." (23:97-98)

- In the Hereafter, he will succeed whose scale of good deeds will be heavy (O Allah, make us of them, ameen.)

- Du'a for Seeking Forgiveness

رَبَّنَا آمَنَّا فَاغْفِرْ لَنَا وَارْحَمْنَا وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الرَّاحِمِينَ

"Our Lord, we have believed, so forgive us and have mercy upon us,
and You are the best of the merciful." (23:109)

Do not delay your repentance.

- If people mock you because of your following the commands of Allah SWT, do sabr. Allah SWT will grant you Jannah (in sha Allah).

- Allah SWT asks:

"...did you think that We
created you uselessly?"
(23:115)

**Have we recognized
the purpose of our
creation?**

- Du'a Allah SWT taught the Prophet (SA) and we should make too

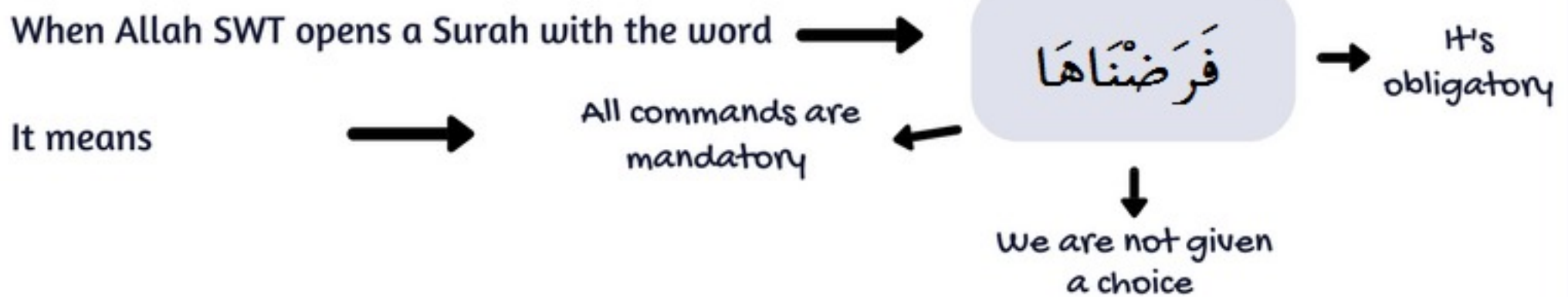
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"My Lord, forgive and have mercy, and You are the best of the merciful." (23:118)

JUZ 18 - LESSONS (4)

SURAH AN-NUR

- Allah SWT says: "[This is] a surah which We have sent down and made [that within it] obligatory and revealed therein verses of clear evidence that you might remember." (24:1)



Now from here on whatever command you will read remember that it is "obligatory." May Allah SWT open up the knots of our hearts and allow us to understand and implement His commands as He instructed us, ameen.

- In the ayah, the woman has been mentioned first because a man cannot commit the act of illegal sexual intercourse without the willingness of a woman. A woman's honor is more important in the Sight of Allah SWT, therefore, He narrated to us the story of Maryam (AS).

From ahadith we learn the virtue of marrying chaste women. The Prophet (SA) said,

"Women are married for four reasons: wealth, beauty, lineage and religious commitment. Choose the one who is religiously-committed..."

[al-Bukhari, Muslim]

"This world is temporary pleasures and the best of the temporary pleasures of this world is a righteous wife."

[Muslim]

Therefore, we have been instructed to not even go near the "Fawahish" [acts of indecency].

- People should not criticize the punishments ordained by Allah SWT because they have been imposed to stop these immoral acts and other crimes from spreading. The Prophet (SA) said that near the end times there will be a prevalence of open illegal sexual intercourse. May Allah SWT save us and our families, ameen.

We should not be involved in haram relationships, enjoy such discussions or approve of our loved ones being involved in such relationships. There is no concept of having boyfriends and girlfriends in Islam. No talking on the phone or dating when a couple is engaged to be married. Only Nikkah makes it permissible for you to be together alone.

JUZ 18 - LESSONS (5)

- Do not slander or participate in slander against anyone. When people come to you to talk about this say, **"It is not for us to speak of this,"** (24:16). The same principle applies to celebrity gossips, scandals, and dirty jokes. We should not take any interest in such conversations.

"Indeed, those who like that immorality should be spread among those who have believed will have a painful punishment in this world and the Hereafter." (24:19)

- If anything has happened in the past then we should turn to Allah SWT in sincere repentance. He is Kind and Merciful. (Salat ul Tawbah can be offered any time as soon as a person realizes they have committed a sin. It is two units of prayer offered with firm resolve not to repeat the sin.)

- Do not participate in acts of immorality and do not participate in false accusations. If we do, our tongues and limbs will testify against us on the Day of Judgment. May Allah SWT protect us, ameen.

ETIQUETTES TO LEARN WHEN ENTERING A PLACE AYAAT THAT CLOSE THE DOOR TO ZINA (24:27-31)

YOUR HOME

Make
your
presence
known

SOMEONE ELSE'S HOME

Seek permission
Make your presence known
Say salaam before entering
No answer, return home

PUBLIC PLACE

No permission required
Observe rules in place

- Allah SWT says: **Tell believing men and women to lower their gaze.** It means we cannot stare at a non-mahram on the street, on the screen, in the magazine or at the masjid. Look at your spouse.

Where in the Qur'an does it say that Hijab is mandatory? Here!

"And tell the believing women to reduce [some] of their vision and guard their private parts and not expose their adornment except that which [necessarily] appears thereof and to wrap [a portion of] their headcovers over their chests and not expose their adornment... And let them not stamp their feet to make known what they conceal of their adornment. And turn to Allah in repentance, all of you, O believers, that you might succeed." (24:31)

**Dress up in your home,
cover up when you go out**

If you want the success of
the Hereafter

The ayah also calls
for repentance.

JUZ 18 - LESSONS (6)

Our conversations are a reflection of who we are from the inside. Good people speak good.

- When you go out, check your clothes, shoes, and fragrance. Do not wear something that will attract others. Dress for yourself in your homes and conceal your beauty when going out.

Sadly, women (according to themselves) look like maids in their homes and expose their beauty when going out. Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji'oon.

- Marry your children as soon as they reach adulthood. Do not wait for personal home, personal car, this degree or that degree. Save them from falling into haram relationships. Parents should help their children in settling down. If you can't get married, then fast!

- When a person protects himself from haram, Allah SWT blesses them with Baseerat (insight)

- Men who do not forget their obligation towards Allah SWT (prayers and zakat) despite their work commitments are praised in the Qur'an (24:37). Do not think that if you will take out time for the prayer during your business or work hours, you will experience loss. No, if you give the Right of Allah SWT, He will put barakah in your provision.

- Even the tiny creatures such as birds praise and exalt Allah SWT, then why is man so ghafil?

"And whoever obeys Allah and His Messenger and fears Allah and is conscious of Him - it is those who are the attainers." (24:52)

**Belief + Righteous Deeds
=
Authority upon the
earth (24:54)**

**Prayer + Zakat +
Obedience of Rasoolullah
=
Mercy of Allah (24:56)**

**Keys
to
Success!**

- The children should be taught to knock at the door before entering the room before the dawn prayer, at noontime and after the night prayer. These are the timings when people are resting and wear light clothes. Parents too should observe these etiquettes especially when the children have reached puberty. Do not enter their rooms during these times just like that.

If living together (joint-families), the married couples should be given privacy.

SURAH AL-FURQAN

- Qur'an is Furqan [Criterion] that distinguishes between the right and wrong

- Each one is a Fitnah for the other (rich for the poor, poor for the rich, parents for children, children for parents) so that we may be patient. We ask Allah SWT to make us beneficial for others and to not make us a Fitnah for others, ameen.

JUZ 19 - LESSONS (1)

SURAH AL-FURQAN

- On the Day of Judgment people will have regrets:

**"Oh, I wish I had taken with
the Messenger a way."
(25:27)**

**"Oh, woe to me! I wish I had
not taken that one as a friend."
(25:28)**

The time is now to mend our ways! We are still breathing, so why don't we connect with the Qur'an and study the Seerah and Sunnah of Rasoolullah (salAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam) right now? Who are our friends? Do they call us to Allah SWT or only to events of Allah's disobedience?

If your friends neglect their prayers and other religious duties they are **NOT** your friends. Save your Hereafter and "look" for righteous companions.

FOUR QUALITIES OF A GOOD FRIEND

- They remind you of Allah SWT
- When you meet them you get an emaan boost
- They are your muhsin, not cheerleaders. They point out what is wrong in you so that you can fix it. They don't turn a blind eye to your wrongdoings.
- They encourage and support you to attend the gatherings of knowledge

Sometimes we want to adopt the company of the righteous people or study the Qur'an and gain knowledge of the Deen but we are trapped in such a company that we can't find a way. Each time we decide to adopt a good habit or go near Allah SWT our social circle distracts us. Learning about the regrets that the people will have in the Hereafter, one must exert themselves to leave such a company.

- Not only will the followers be complaining that why they didn't follow the Right Path, the Prophet (salAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam) too will complain to Allah SWT:

**"O my Lord, indeed my people have taken this Qur'an
as [a thing] abandoned.." (25:30)**

We are the Ummati - are we holding on to the Qur'an or have we abandoned it?

JUZ 19 - LESSONS (2)

LEVELS OF ABANDONMENT OF THE QUR'AN BY IBN QAYYIM

- 1) To abandon listening to it and believing in it
- 2) To abandon acting upon it, and ignoring its lawful and prohibited (halal and haram), even if one believes in it and recites it
- 3) To abandon judging by it and resorting to it as a judge when there are differences in the essence of the religion or other matters
- 4) To abandon pondering over it, understanding it, and seeking the explanation of it
- 5) To abandon using it as a cure for all types of diseases of the heart, and instead seek cure of these diseases by other means

Qur'an has the cure for all spiritual diseases - depression, sadness, jealousy, hatred, rancor, resentment, and superstitions. When you recite the Qur'an ask Allah SWT to cure your heart. Recite the Ayaat of Surah Al-Baqarah and Surah Al-Fatihah daily and kick out Shaytan.

- The Qur'an was revealed gradually so that the people would take out time to study and understand it - **one ayah at a time and not rush through it**. How do we recite the Qur'an? Many of us just focus on "finishing" the Surah or Juz.

By studying gradually, people can implement its Ayaat in their daily life such as recognizing the haram sources of earning a person would opt for halal options, understanding the importance of Hijab, a woman would immediately adopt it and from there onward start wearing the jilbab [long, loose outer covering] and then Niqab, in sha Allah.

Gradual understanding of the Qur'an allows the message to firmly settle in our hearts and we are motivated to act on it. May Allah SWT make us of those who do not just believe in and recite the Qur'an but also implement its teachings in their day-to-day affairs, ameen.

- People who develop a relationship with the Qur'an (they recite, study and teach it daily) get guidance from it according to their life's situation. If we are lost and confused, we must work on our relationship with the Qur'an.

- When a person feels down because of the things people say to them due to their following the Deen then such a person should recall the hardships of the Prophet (salAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam). They are mocking us today, tomorrow they are the ones who will be mocked.

- Do not make your nafs your god. Do not say, "I cannot wear Hijab because I do not want to look the odd one in the crowd," or "I want to follow fashion trends." Dress up in your home.

JUZ 19 - LESSONS (3)

- Allah SWT says: **Strive with the Qur'an - a great striving.**

WHAT IS MEANT BY STRIVING WITH THE QUR'AN?

Living by the Qur'an



Conveying its
Message to others

*What is our role in spreading the Qur'an?
What are WE doing?*

ALLAH SWT SAYS IN THE QUR'AN THIS IS YOUR JOB!

*Use your skills, wealth, resources and time to spread the Qur'an
Make a goal - to how many people will you convey the message of the Qur'an*

**PEOPLE EXERT THEMSELVES IN PROMOTING AND EXPANDING THEIR BUSINESSES
WHY CAN'T WE EXERT OURSELVES IN "MARKETING" THE DEEN OF ALLAH SWT?**



- Allah SWT created two seas, one fresh and sweet and one salty and bitter

Such are people - having different personalities. Our spouses, our children, our siblings, our colleagues cannot be exactly like us. We are different and each one of us has its specific role. Acknowledge the difference and focus on the goal.

It also means that sometimes a person can be in an extremely bitter environment but he does not have to be like them. He can remain sweet and spread the Deen of Allah SWT.

QUALITIES OF THE 'IBAD UR RAHMAN [THE SERVANTS OF THE MOST MERCIFUL]

- Walk humbly on the earth
- When an ignorant person addresses them harshly, they say Salaam and walk away
- Spend part of their night standing and prostrating before their Lord
- Ask Allah SWT to avert the punishment of the Hellfire from them
- Spend moderately in the way of Allah SWT
- Do not commit Shirk
- Do not kill innocent people
- Do not commit unlawful sexual intercourse
- Repent and do righteous deeds
- Do not testify to falsehood
- Do not participate in Laghw and dirty talk, leave such gatherings with dignity
- Pay attention to the Ayaat of Allah SWT
- Make du'a for a righteous spouse and offspring

**Are we 'Ibad ur
Rahman?**

Adopt these character traits because
Allah SWT calls them "The Servants of
the Most Merciful"

(see 25:63-76)

JUZ 19 - LESSONS (4)

SURAH ASH-SHU'ARA

- If you are starting out a religious project but are scared of the people's attitude then take the help of a righteous companion. Learn to delegate work. Do not take all the responsibilities on yourself. It helps in focusing better, being steady and including others in the khair.
 - It is not from our religion to remind others of our favors. Allah SWT enabled us to help others so be humble.
 - **Be patient when doing da'wah.** If they call you names, do not take it personally. Allah SWT has chosen you as an Ambassador of His Deen. ❤️ It's an honor in itself!
 - **Emaan gives you strength** - if it's difficult for you to act on the commands of Allah SWT or you easily get hurt or angry at what people say, then you need to work on your emaan
 - When people discourage you or stop you from working in the path of Allah SWT because of the challenges, remember what Musa AS said,
*"With me is my Lord,
He will guide me."
(26:62)*
- It teaches us that a leader should not be a coward.

Prophet Ibraheem's (AS) Introduction of Allah SWT to His People

- He created me, and He guides me
- He feeds me and gives me drink
- When I am ill He cures me (see 26:78-82)
- He will cause me to die and bring me back to life
- It is He Who I aspire will forgive me my sins on the Day of Judgment

- Prophet Ibraheem (AS) asks Allah SWT for Hukm - wisdom and decision making power.

رَبِّ هَبْ لِي حُكْمًا وَأَلْحِقْنِي بِالصَّالِحِينَ

"My Lord, grant me authority and join me with the righteous." (26:83)

Wisdom and the ability to take the right decision at the right time is a blessing of Allah SWT that allows a person to succeed in life. Whoever gets the company of the righteous, their worldly life becomes Jannah! They neither hear hurtful speech nor participate in disobedience.

Other than making our own du'as, we should memorize and make the Du'as that the prophets (AS) made because they "knew" what to ask for.

- Qalbun Saleem will help you tomorrow, so work on purifying your heart

JUZ 19 - LESSONS (5)

SURAH AN-NAML

- Prophet Dawud (AS) and Suleiman (AS) teach us to give thanks to Allah SWT at every step. When they were given knowledge that others didn't have they said,

"Praise [is due] to Allah, who has favored us over many of His believing servants." (27:15)

We should ask Allah SWT to help us recognize His favors upon us and do shukr.

- The Anbiya used to "smile" not laugh loudly. Check your laughter.
- Prophet Suleiman's (AS) Du'a

رَبِّ أَوْزِعْنِي أَنْ أَشْكُرَ نِعْمَتَكَ الَّتِي أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيَّ وَعَلَىٰ وَالِدَيَّ وَأَنْ أَعْمَلَ صَالِحًا تَرْضَاهُ وَأَدْخِلْنِي بِرَحْمَتِكَ فِي عِبَادِكَ الصَّالِحِينَ

My Lord, enable me to be grateful for Your favor which You have bestowed upon me and upon my parents and to do righteousness of which You approve. And admit me by Your mercy into [the ranks of] Your righteous servants." (27:19)

- If you are in a responsible position such as you are a parent, a husband or a leader, then look after those under your care
- A leader should verify information before reacting to it
- Start a letter/communication with Basmalah [Bismillah, not 786 digits]
- A leader should consult with his team when taking a decision
- Two qualities to qualify for a job: trustworthiness and required skill
- A person can achieve with knowledge and wisdom what cannot be done with strength. O Allah! Please teach us hikmah and beneficial knowledge (with afiya), ameen.
- Another instance when Prophet Suleiman (AS) thanks Allah SWT:

"This is from the favor of my Lord to test me whether I will be grateful or ungrateful. And whoever is grateful - his gratitude is only for [the benefit of] himself. And whoever is ungrateful - then indeed, my Lord is Free of need and Generous." (27:40)

JUZ 20 - LESSONS (1)

SURAH AN-NAML

- Allah SWT is our Creator, Only He deserves worship and subservience

أَلِلَّهِ مَعَ اللَّهِ

We should learn about the different types of Shirk and leave all of them. Make it a habit of saying:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

throughout the day and especially when going to bed to be resurrected on Tawheed.

- Allah SWT is He Who hears the supplication of the desperate

أَمَّنْ يُجِيبُ الْمُضْطَرَّ إِذَا دَعَاهُ

He makes us go through the pains so that we connect with Him. Sadly, when people are in this phase they call or text another human being to talk or complain to. Some turn on their television sets to watch a movie or a drama. Some go to the mall for their "retail therapy."

Allah SWT gave us this pain so that we would turn to Him and make sincere heartfelt du'as, but we turn to the creation to calm us down.

Make du'as to Him even if you do not see an immediate response.

- When a person has the "**yaqeen**" [certainty] of the Hereafter, they will work for it and not just dream about it or wish for it

- **La Tahzan!** If you are a Da'ee, get out of your depression. Do not be discouraged by people's attitudes and comments. Make your heart strong so that you stay motivated in spreading Allah's commands to others.

- **Allah SWT is Sufficient for you** against your opponents. Hand over all matters to Him. Make Him your Wakeel! **Let Him fight your case.** You busy yourself with His worship and obedience.

- He who desires Allah's Mercy and Guidance should hold on to the Qur'an

- It is not in our control to make some people listen to the Message - their hearts are blocked

- **Ad-Daabah** - a great beast that is hidden in the earth and will emerge near the End Times. It will have the ability to speak and reason. It will make marks on the people's noses which will distinguish the believers from the disbelievers.

JUZ 20 - LESSONS (2)

Do not say anything without knowledge especially about the Qur'an, Sunnah or any other religious issue

- The Day of Judgment will be a horrifying day. Only they will be saved from the terrors of that Day for whom Allah SWT desires. O Allah, please make us of them! (ameen)

- Whoever does good, will be compensated with goodness. We expect reward from the people, but ignore Allah SWT?

Do not stay behind in doing good deeds. Ask Him: O Allah, choose me for good deeds and enable me to do them with ease. Please do not choose someone else over me, ameen.

Do not get frustrated when people approach you for help - questions related to Deen (if you've authentic knowledge); parenting advice (if you're an inspirational parent); study help (if you're an outstanding student) or financial help (if you're blessed).

Do not frown! Do not turn people away when you're in a position to help them.



Allah SWT **CHOSE YOU** over others!

- Whoever does this will be in peace on the Day of Judgment so do not take this lightly

SURAH AL-QASAS

- Tyrant leaders rule over others by causing division among the people. Beware! Do not hate someone because they are of a different race or think differently than you.

- Allah SWT inspires His righteous servants regarding what they should do. Do not ignore inner thoughts to do something good. Ask Allah SWT:

اللَّهُمَّ الْهِمْنِي رُشْدِي وَاعِدْنِي مِنْ شَرِّ نَفْسِي

"O Allah! Inspire in me guidance and deliver me from the evils within myself." [at-Tirmidhi]

- When you are patient over a trial and ask Allah SWT for strength, you will notice an increase in your emaan

Allah SWT won't disappoint a person who relies on Him when taking a step or decision

JUZ 20 - LESSONS (3)

Judgment [Hukm - the ability to see things in their real form and take the right decision at the right time] and knowledge is a gift of Allah SWT. We ask Allah SWT for material things but fail to ask for innate abilities that will help us for life!

- The moment you realize you have committed a wrong, turn to Allah SWT in repentance the way Musa AS did.

#BeLikeMusaAS

- Stay connected to Allah SWT and talk to Him as your life's situation changes

When he accidentally kills a man

رَبِّ إِنِّي ظَلَمْتُ نَفْسِي
فَاغْفِرْ لِي

"My Lord, indeed I have wronged myself, so forgive me."
(28:16)

When he feels threatened

رَبِّ نَجِّنِي مِنَ الْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ

"My Lord, save me from the wrongdoing people."
(28:21)

When he finds himself lost

عَسَىٰ رَبِّي أَن يَهْدِيَنِي
سَوَاءَ السَّبِيلِ

"Perhaps my Lord will guide me to the sound way."
(28:22)

When he is in need of Allah's favors

رَبِّ إِنِّي لِمَا أَنْزَلْتَ إِلَيَّ مِنْ خَيْرٍ فَقِيرٌ

"My Lord, indeed I am, for whatever good you would send down to me, in need."
(28:24)

When a person wants to reach the destination/goal without hurdles or want to get out of his trials then he should make this du'a

Acknowledge you are faqeer, in need and weak, lack knowledge, lack wisdom

- A special character trait of woman



- HAYA IN DRESSING
- HAYA IN MANNERS
- HAYA IN SPEECH
- HAYA IN WALK
- COMPOSED

JUZ 20 - LESSONS (4)

- Guidance is for him who seeks it. Allah SWT knows our intentions, the day we become sincere in seeking guidance, He will open up the way for us.

- When someone from the People of the Book accepts Islam, they receive double rewards. One for believing in their Scripture and second for believing in the Final Messenger and the Qur'an.

Who are these people?

(see 28:52-55)

- they avert evil through good
- they spend from what Allah SWT has provided them
- when they hear ill speech, they turn away from it and say, "For us are our deeds, and for you are your deeds. Peace will be upon you; we seek not the ignorant."

- We can't guide anyone because guidance is in Allah's Hands. We should continue to advise them and make a lot of du'as for them.

- Never become arrogant when you are blessed

- Consult with Allah SWT in every matter. Do Istikharah yourself (don't ask others to do it).

"Seek, through that which Allah has given you, the home of the Hereafter; and [yet], do not forget your share of the world. And do good as Allah has done good to you." (28:77)

- We build and decorate our homes as if we are always going to live here. When there is an increase in our paycheck, we also increase our expenditures. Instead of upgrading your lifestyle here, upgrade your home of the Hereafter. Enjoy your blessings but do not forget the Right of Allah SWT. Give sadaqah. Arrange gatherings of knowledge in your homes. Spend money to build mosques and Islamic institutes.

Whatever Allah SWT has given you, think about how you can use it in His way.

- **SELF-CHECK:** When do you feel excited - when you get some material possession or when Allah SWT chooses you for a good deed? An Akhirah focused person will be happy to serve and please Allah SWT. He does not like hoarding wealth or possessions.

- Do not attribute your success to yourself. Everything that we have is from Allah SWT.

- Do righteous deeds in this world, protect your time, live as an ascetic, gain knowledge of the Deen and spread it - busy yourself in this, for a better reward in the Hereafter. Live a simple and content life. Do not desire what other's have. Less possessions = less accountability.

JUZ 20 - LESSONS (5)

SURAH AL-'ANKABOOT

- Do the people think that they will be left to say, "We believe" and they will not be tried?

Allah SWT tests His servants to separate the true believers from the hypocrites. Therefore, when you are being tested, be patient.

- Whoever strives only strives for the benefit of himself. Allah SWT is free from need. We are the ones in need. We need Allah's protection and mercy in this world and the next.

- Belief in Allah SWT and righteous deeds can erase the misdeeds so increase your good deeds

- Allah SWT knows the reality of the claims that we make and what we hide in our hearts

- In the Hereafter, no one will carry another's burdens so make sure you take your knowledge from the authentic sources and follow the Right Path - the path of Rasoolullah (salAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam). No innovations!

- Do not make du'as to dead saints or peers for an increase in provision. Ask directly from Allah SWT. He is the One Who provides to everyone.

- People of the Deen love others who are busy serving the Deen of Allah SWT - this is love for the sake of Allah SWT, the best form of love 

- Prophet Nuh (AS) called people to Allah SWT for 950 years...how easily do we give up when calling people to Deen? Be patient for the sake of Allah SWT. Do not give up. If you are sincere in your duty, He will help you.

- When you start a conversation talk about the good things first. Do not start a conversation with complaints or negative things.

- Homosexuality is an immoral act, an entire nation was destroyed because of this. Do not approve of something that is forbidden in our religion. Save your families and loved ones.

- Whoever plots against the Deen of Allah SWT their plots are as weak as a spider's web

- No one understands the examples given in the Qur'an except those who have knowledge. We ask Allah SWT for rushd and knowledge and to not make us of those who are arrogant or ignorant, ameen.

JUZ 21 - LESSONS (1)

SURAH AL-'ANKABOOT

-**The first right of the Qur'an after believing in it is recitation.** Recitation is not limited to reading it in Arabic but reciting it with proper Tajweed rules and stopping and reflecting on the meaning of the Ayaat as well. May Allah SWT enable us to give the Qur'an its right, ameen.

- **After emaan, prayer is the first obligatory deed.** If done properly (fulfilling all of its conditions), it protects one from immorality and wrongdoings, if a person too makes an effort to stay away from them.

Find out how to pray by reading the book of Imam Bukhari. Do not say, "My parents taught me to pray like this." Check what the Sunnah says.

We start our prayer by praising Allah SWT, how is it that we praise Him but do not listen to Him? What kind of praise is this?

Prayer reminds us that we are the servants of Allah SWT, therefore, we should submit to His commands. When we remember this, we will give up Fawahish.

-**Talk to the People of the Book in the best manner.** Do not dispute with them. If this is the command for talking to those who are different from us, then how should we speak with fellow Muslims especially when talking about religion?

-**Remember Allah SWT at all times** (as we learned about Musa AS in the previous Juz)

-Preserving something in our heart is a sign of our love for it. **How much of the Qur'an is preserved in our hearts?**

-If you are unable to worship Allah SWT wherever you are then what is stopping you from migrating to an Islam-friendly place? Allah SWT says the earth is spacious. Why do you not move?

Many people do not move because of their businesses, homes, jobs, and compromise on their Deen. They change the Islamic dress code, remove the Hijab, change their names, change their lifestyle – where is the Muslim identity?

The only migration that is pleasing in the Sight of Allah SWT is the one done for the sake of His Deen.

-An intelligent person is he who is focused on building a better life in the Hereafter not in this world

JUZ 21 - LESSONS (2)

- Whoever does utmost struggle in the path of Allah SWT, then He will show him the way. What is the utmost struggle? Fighting against your own nafs. When you want to sleep but you get ready to pray Taraweeh or Tahajjud. You want to eat but you are fasting for the pleasure of Allah SWT. You are into some kind of haram but you leave it for the sake of Allah SWT.

SURAH AR-RUM

- **Comfort people by saying positive things.** For example, when a widow shares her worries about the future do not say to her, "How will you spend this long life alone with these small children?" Rather say, "Allah SWT gave you this test, He will show you the way. He looks after the families of the righteous; He will take care of you and your children. Don't worry."

- People are indulged in their Dunya but heedless about their Hereafter. We have big degrees, MBA and MBBS, but zero knowledge of Deen. Neither the parents taught their children nor we bothered to learn about the Deen.

We do not know how to perform wudhu properly

We do not know how to perform Sadjah correctly or what is Sajdah Sahw

We do not know about Zakat (how much, on what, where, when)

We do not know how to perform Hajj

Every year we ask the same questions. Why don't we get Islamic education properly?

- Do not split religion into sects. Do not invent new things that were not taught by Rasoolullah (salAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam)

- Best category to give: your relatives, the miskeen, and the traveler

- People think dealing in Riba will increase their wealth. No, wealth is increased by giving sadaqah and zakat.

- Evil has appeared on the land and sea because of man's own doing

- Do not complain about the weather because Allah SWT sends it. When it rains or when the wind blows, fear Allah SWT and ask Him for beneficial rain and wind.

- Knowledge comes before Faith. It is the knowledge that makes one strong in their emaan. Allah SWT seals the hearts that do not seek knowledge.

⊕ Be patient in your trials, thinking about the rewards in the Hereafter

JUZ 21 - LESSONS (3)

SURAH LUQMAN

- Things that divert one from the Right Path and the Hereafter: music, singing, alcoholic drinks – anything that has no benefit

-Parents should share the advice of Luqman (AS) with their children

Be grateful to Allah SWT - whoever is grateful is grateful for his own benefit
Do not associate anything with Allah SWT
Allah SWT will bring forward any wrong be it be as small as a mustard seed
Establish prayer, enjoin what is right, forbid what is wrong
Be patient over what befalls you
Do not turn your cheek in contempt toward people
Do not walk through the earth exultantly
Be moderate in your pace
Lower your voice, for the most disagreeable of sounds is the voice of donkeys

-Ta'leem is different tarbiyah – tarbiyah is only possible when you give time to your children, talk to them and listen to them. If you're always criticizing them they'll go away from you.

- Whoever submits to Allah SWT while doing righteous deeds then he has grasped the most trustworthy handhold.

SURAH AS-SAJDAH

- The Prophet (salAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam) used to recite this Surah every night and in Fajr Salah of Friday. #FollowTheSunnah

- *They arise from [their] beds; they supplicate their Lord in fear and aspiration, and from what We have provided them, they spend. (32:16)*

Wake up for Tahajjud - don't abandon the habit after Ramadan. Spend from your provision on others. Keep your good deeds hidden. There is a hidden reward for those who do this.

SURAH AL-AHZAB

- "There has certainly been for you in the Messenger of Allah an excellent pattern for anyone whose hope is in Allah and the Last Day and [who] remembers Allah often." (33:21) #FollowTheSunnah

- Rasoolullah's wives were given a choice - do you want the pleasures of this world or the pleasures of the Hereafter, all of them unanimously chose the pleasures of the Hereafter

- If one decides to divorce his wife, then he should send her away with gifts and kindness