



Character Building for the Muslim Youth

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Lesson 3: *Kindness to Your Parents*



Objective:

The student should reflect upon the meaning of “Kindness to your parents,” inshaAllah. By showing students real examples of this phrase, they will be able to visually see its effect upon the individual, and the recipient, may Allah make them successful ameen.



Allah (subhanahu wa ta’ala) have said:

“And your Lord has decreed that you worship none but Him. And that you be dutiful to your parents. If one of them or both of them attain old age in your life, say not to them a word of disrespect, nor shout at them but address them in terms of honour.” Surah Al-Isra 17:23

Note: It is important to see that Allah has ranked being dutiful to your parents, right after the prohibition for shirk. This is a serious matter indeed.



Hadith of the Prophet (salla allahu Alaihi wa salaam)

It is reported on the authority of 'Abdullah that the Prophet of Allaah observed: The best of the deeds or deed is the (observance of) prayer at its proper time and kindness to the **parents**.

Sahih Muslim

Have you ever mumbled under your breath after your Ummy said something to you? What about back talking her is that a habit of yours? Allah forbid, have you ever raised your voice when talking to her?



Point of Benefit: From the Major Sins and the gravest amongst them

Anas narrated from the Prophet (salla Allaahu alayhi wa sallaam) about the major sins. He (the Prophet) observed: Associating anyone with Allaah, disobedience to **parents**, killing a person and false utterance.

Sahih Muslim

Are you one who is disobedient to your parents? Did you clean up the kitchen when asked? Or stay off the phone when told to go to bed? What about little things, did you do your homework that she assigned for you? Have you picked up those toys that may still be in the floor, or cleaned up your room that was a disaster area? Make Taubah and ask Allah to forgive you. Start Today! Obey your Parents, humble yourselves inshaAllah.



Point of Benefit: From the Major Sins and the gravest amongst them

It is narrated on the authority of 'Abdullah b. Amr b. al-'As that the Messenger of Allaah (salla Allaahu alayhi wa sallaam) observed: Abusing one's parents is one of the major sins. They (the hearers) said: Messenger of Allaah, does a man abuse his parents too? He (the Prophet) replied: Yes, one abuses the father of another man, who in turn abuses his father. One abuses his **mother** and he in turn abuses his (the former's) **mother**.

Sahih Muslim

Have you offended someone else's mother or father, did you disrespect them? This will be a sin upon you, you must make taubah, and ask for forgiveness from Allah first, and then the one whom you have offended inshaAllah

1. If your mother or father asks, you to obey them in something that is contrary to Islam (Qur'aan and Sunnah) are you suppose to obey them in that? Why or why not? How should you respond to their request? Should you go off about it?
2. The Messenger of Allah (salla allahu alaihi wa salaam) has told us to humble ourselves to our parents, what does that mean to you?
3. In your own words, describe how you treat your mother and father. Then tell us, is there something that you could improve on in your behavior.
4. From the ayaat above, tell me what thoughts you had when you read Allah's statement.
5. Class Discussion: The character of the companions (may Allah be pleased with them) in reference to how they asked questions about those things that would benefit them in the hereafter. Write down the conclusion.
6. Class Discussion: The seriousness of disobedience to the parents according to what the Prophet (salla allahu alaihi wa salaam) has mentioned.
7. Do you know of any other ayaat, hadith, benefits of Ilm from scholars, or Imaams etc... that you can share with the students? Please write it down here inshaAllah.



Point of Reflection: Hadith

Abu Hurairah reported Allaah's Messenger (salla Allaahu alayhi wa sallaam) as saying: Let him be humbled, let him be humbled. It was said: Allaah's Messenger, who is he? He said. He who finds his **parents** in old age, either one or both of them, and does not enter Paradise.

Sahih Muslim

1. What does it mean to you, if you see someone disrespecting their mothers or fathers? Give an example of this. And how you think the person should rectify the situation, inshaAllah write your thoughts. (On the back if you have to inshaAllah)
2. Can you provide a suggestion on a good deed that we can do for our parents that will make our mothers or fathers happy with us today, inshaAllah?