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Mahdavi Lifestyle



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Paying Attention To The Family On The Day Of Friday

Paying attention to the family is always favorable. However, it is particularly important to do good deeds to the family on Fridays, in order to make them notice the position of Fridays and create a sense of spirituality in them.

Concerning this, Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) said, “Supply fruit or meat to your family on Fridays to make them glad about Friday”¹.

By acting upon this saying, Imam Mahdi’s (PBUH) helps make Friday, which belongs to Imam Mahdi (PBUH), enjoyable to their families.

¹ Usul al-Kafi, vol. 6, p. 299

Dignifying Children

The origin of many social problems and disorders that happen to our youths, is lack of personality and respect among family members. On the other hand, dignity and esteem are important factors of sound morals. Therefore besides showing love and affections to children, dignity and self-esteem must be observed towards them.

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) says about this matter: “Respect your children (dignify them) and train them well because it brings you forgiveness.”²

The concern of the helpers of Imam Mahdi (PBUH) is to train children who are honorable and noble, because they wish to train a child who is a helper of Imam Mahdi (PBUH) too. We should have in mind that sometimes neglection of some seemingly small points, will result in big problems and disorders.

² Makarem al-Akhlaq, p. 222

Priority For Goodness Is For Daughters...

The habit of giving present to all, is a good habit.

But giving a gift to a family member is more superior and when you buy present for your family members, it is advised to prioritize the daughters. In today's society, if we do not fulfill our children's (specially daughters) emotional needs, perhaps they try to fulfill those needs from other ways that are not appropriate.

Hence: it is necessary that parents, especially the fathers, should take special care of their daughter's demands and needs and one of which should be buying them gifts on different occasions that these gifts enhance love in between parents and the daughters.

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) says: "When you give presents, you should prioritize daughters over sons. Because any one who makes his daughter happy is like he who has released a slave from the descendants of Ismael (PBUH)."³

³ Al-Amail by al-Saduq, p. 672

Preparing The Marriage Conditions For Children

One of the child's rights on father is preparing his/her marriage's conditions; a point many people neglect nowadays or consider other matters more important than this one.

Certainly this subject needs some basics, like: nurturing the child properly, preparing him/her for marriage through teaching life skills, prioritizing marriage in family's financial affairs and make savings for child from teenage years.

The belief of some fathers who say that: "I tried hard to achieve everything by myself and my child should try the same on his/her own as well" and do not provide any financial assistance and support to their children, is a belief totally contrary to religious instructions and Ahl Al-Bayt's manner.

Prophet Mohammed (PBUH), the prophet of kindness, says: "The rights of a child over his/her father are three; like finding a spouse for him/her when getting mature.

The Importance Of Praying For The Children

It's favorable to pray for the children in addition to training them and being kind to them. One of the prayers which contains very beautiful concepts regarding this matter is the prayer no. 25 of al-Sahifa al-Sajjadiyya. Some of its verses are as the following:

“Oh, God! Do me a favor and save my children and improve them and give me their benefit.”

“Oh, God! Lengthen their lives and make them healthy and guide them towards the true religion and good character.”

“Oh, God! Make them pious and insightful and loving and well disposed towards Your friends, and malicious and virulent towards Your enemies. ”

“Oh, God! Make my name everlasting through them and make them my helper in [fulfilling] the wishes, make them affectionate so that they be loving towards me and obedient to me, not disobedient and disrespectful.”

To Be Adorned At Home

A person who is willing to help Imam Mahdi (PBUH), should take all the words of Ahl al-Bayt as the guidelines for his life. One of the most important recommendations of Ahl al-Bayt to the Shias is to be adorned and beautiful at home and in the presence of the spouse.

Contrariwise, most of the people pay more attention to their beauty outside their houses and do not care about their appearance at home.

One of the most important recommendations of Imam Kadhim (PBUH) to the Shias is that he says: "Man's adornment for his wife is one of the factors of woman's chastity."⁴

⁴ The precious book of "Makarem al-Akhlaq", p. 97

Fasting And Holding Vigils (To Stay Awake At Night To Pray) At Home

Imam Ali (PBUH) says “Once Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) entered while Lady Fatimah (S.A) was sitting beside a caldron & I was cleaning lenticel.”

He said: “Oh Ali! Listen to me, I do not speak but from my God. A man who helps his wife in doing house chores, God rewards him with the prayer of fasting and vigil prayers” and Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said at the end:

“Oh Ali! No one helps his wife unless he is a righteous person or a martyr or a man for whom God has predestinated the goodness in this world and in hereafter also.”⁵

This is one of the important narrations that every awaiting person of Imam Mahdi (PBUH) should act upon and which is one of the major duties of awaiting persons for their family life style.

⁵ Jaameh al-Akhbar, page 103

Approval Of The Wife's Adornment

When a person loves someone, he goes after his approval. And if he hears a word from him, he goes after accomplishing it right away. Mahdi helpers love the Prophet (PBUH) and in a times when some of the Prophet's words are not heard or seen, they make their life's plans according to the words of the Prophet of kindness.

The Prophet of kindness says: "Anytime a woman leaves her house wearing makeup and perfume, and her husband approves it, a house of fire is built for that husband for every step that woman takes."⁶

Let it not remain unsaid that this narration should be noticed with many narrations that recommend good manners. Then if there is a warning, it should be with a soft tongue and a subtle diction.

⁶ Jama al-Akhbar, p. 158

The Importance Of Serving The Husband

One of the prayers which is recited a lot in the mosques at Qadr nights is Joshan-e-Kabir Doa. We merely request one wish from God in this prayer (Doa) and it shows how important and great this wish is as we call God a thousand times in this prayer to only request for one special thing:

“May God save us from the torment”. But saying this prayer (Doa) alone is not enough. There are some deeds which liberate us from the torment.

The Prophet of kindness (Muhammad (PBUH)) says: “When a woman moves a single thing in her husband’s house for improvement, God looks at her with kindness. And whoever God looks at with kindness, will not face torment.”⁷

The helpers of Imam Mahdi (PBUH), who seek for God’s blessings, should act upon this Hadith.

⁷ Bihar al-Anwar, volume 100, page 251

Honoring Genealogical Brother

In the current situation of the society, unfortunately the relations have been changed and friends of a person have replaced his brothers in a way that sometimes people spend hours with their friends and talk and enjoy this companionship, but they don't want to spend this much time with their actual brothers once a month.

Moreover, people don't respect their genealogical brothers as much as they respect their friends. But an awaiting person is not so. He is attentive and looks for the plans that pleases Ahl al-Bayt. He even sets his priorities with mentioned ones in the narrations.

Whoever honors his brother, Allah (God) will honor him." Then what do you think is the reward of someone who Allah (God) honors him?

The Position (Dignity) Of Elder Brother

In western lifestyle people are equal, with no difference from each other. No one has a special dignity. It's been even observed that in many cases, when people reach the legal age, they leave their family behind as if they know neither the father nor the elder brother.

But the religious lifestyle contradicts this. Everyone has his/her own position (dignity) and deserves a special respect in proportion to the position. An awaiting person who seeks the satisfaction of Imam Mahdi (PBUH) and pursues this satisfaction in the religious lifestyle, will also look for the lifestyle of Ahl al-Bayt in this matter.

Imam Reza (PBUH) says: "Among the brothers, the elder brother has a special dignity (degree) and he has the father authority in the family⁸.

⁸ Tuhaf al-Uqul, p. 442