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# INTERNALIZING INTEGRITY IN OUR LIVES



I remind myself and my

beloved audience to strive to

increase our *taqwa* of Allah

*Subhaanahu Wata'aala* by

fulfilling all of His Commands

and avoiding all

of His prohibitions. May we all  
attain blissfulness in this world  
and the Hereafter.

Today's *khutbah* will expound  
on a topic titled:  
***“Internalizing Integrity In  
Our Lives.”***

In general, integrity refers to values pertaining to trust, trustworthiness, honesty, obedience, and firm personal characteristics. Internalizing these integrity values will lead to the formation of an

excellent persona. This is in line with Islam that teaches the Muslims to internalize noble *akhlaaq* as it was truly manifested by Rasulullah ﷺ. Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* reported

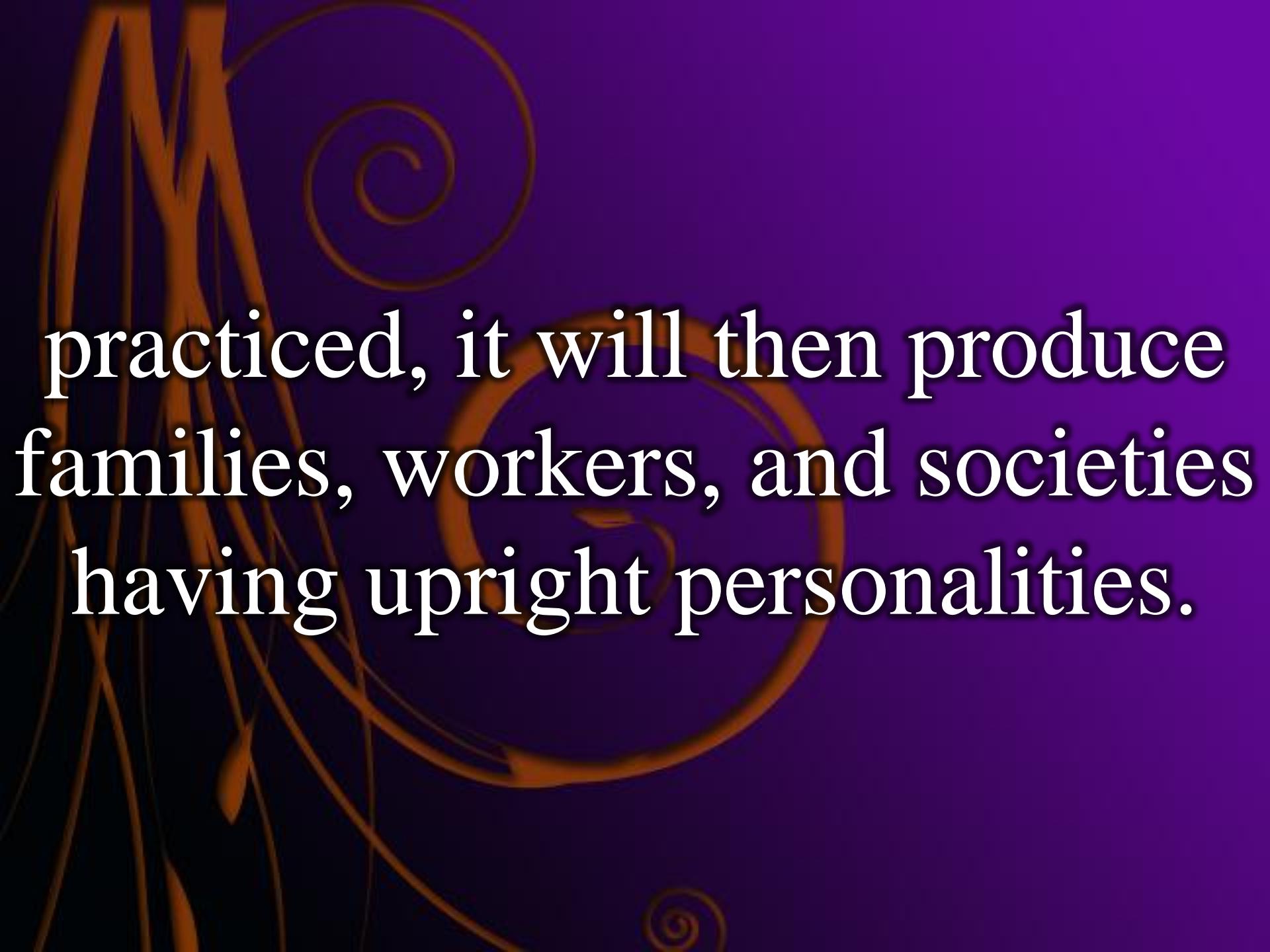
that Rasulullah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:

“I was sent to perfect good character.”

(al-Bukhaari’s al-Adab al-Mufrad:  
*saheeh*)

Therefore, as a Muslim, we must truly internalize values of integrity. We must always remain trustworthy, honest, just, and responsible, while manifesting praiseworthy characteristics such as

diligence, dedication, sincerity, loving each other, and being disciplined, for they are all enjoined in Islam. When these integrity values have been successfully cultivated and



practiced, it will then produce families, workers, and societies having upright personalities.

The absence of the internalization of integrity values will have a great impact in our lives. Among those effects that should be taken seriously:

1- The increase in bribery,  
corruption, and power abuse.

Integrity is often associated  
with the issue of bribery.

Bribery is *haraam* and it  
contradicts the *Shara'*.

The one giving or receiving  
bribery has actually committed  
a major sin, and they are both  
cursed. ‘Abdullah ibn ‘Amr  
*radiyAllaahu ‘anhuma*  
narrated:

“The Messenger of Allah  
صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) cursed the one who  
bribes and the one who takes  
a bribe.”

(at-Tirmidhi, Abu Dawood, ibn Maajah,  
Ahmad, ibn Hibbaan: *saheeh*)

Bribery does not only refer to the financial aspects, but instead has a broader definition which covers corruption and the abuse of power and position that is entrusted upon for the

benefit of one's own self, family, or certain parties. If integrity values are not internalized, then bribery will become more rampant.

2- The absence of *barakah*  
and the pleasure of Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wata‘aala* in  
one’s life.

When a person is void of  
integrity in his work,  
especially in terms of

fulfilling the responsibility in seeking lawful source of income by committing fraud, breaching trust, dishonesty, committing bribery, and others, then the income obtained originates from

unlawful sources. Indeed, such ways will only incur the Wrath of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala.*

It was narrated in a *hadeeth* that Rasulullah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:

“Every flesh that is  
nourished with *haraam*, the  
Fire is more befitting for  
it.”

(at-Tirmidhi, al-Bayhaqi, at-  
Tabaraani: *saheeh*)

The *hadeeth* indicates how the lives of these types of people will not attain *barakah* and the pleasure of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala*. Instead, some will even be punished in this

world by facing constant difficulties, a life that is devoid of tranquility, and *du'aas* not being accepted by Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wata'aala.*

### **3- The Muslim nation becomes weak and exposed to various security threats**

We have heard of various stories from the history of human civilization such as ‘Aad, Thaamood, Greeks,

Persians, and others. All were destroyed by Allah

*Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala* due to the greed of their leaders and followers without integrity.

They were overtaken by reprehensible

traits such as greed, envy, treachery, oppressive, arrogance, and many others, which only brought harm to the society and can expose the nation to security threats.

To conclude this *khutbah*, several measures have been identified to be inculcated and strengthen our civilization, as well as internalizing integrity values in our lives, namely:

1- The Muslim *ummah* must solidify its *imaan* and strengthen its personality for only *imaan* and upright persona can ensure that one remains *istiqaamah* in inculcating praiseworthy

traits and integrity within the self. When one has *imaan* and integrity values, then they will serve as the most potent shield in warding off wicked practices within the society such as bribery,

power abuse, corruption, and  
breach of trust. Anas ibn  
Maalik *radiyAllaahu 'anh*  
narrated that Rasulullah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)  
said:  
“There is no faith for the one  
who has no *amaanah*

(trust) and no religion for the one who does not fulfill his promises.”

(Ahmad and al-Bayhaqi)

2- The Muslim *ummah* must emphasize on the aspects of upbringing and education of integrity beginning from early childhood, followed by the primary, secondary, and tertiary level.

3- Law enforcement must be continuously intensified so that the society will realize upon the detrimental effect from neglecting integrity values, which can result in more crime and threatens

national security.

4- Awareness campaign in explaining integrity values must be further intensified by everyone so that it will become part and parcel of the society.

“Indeed, Allah commands you to render trusts to whom they are due and when you judge between people to judge with justice.

**Excellent is that which Allah  
instructs you. Indeed, Allah  
is ever Hearing and Seeing.”**

(an-Nisaa' 4:58)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْفُرْقَانِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي  
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَفَقَّلَ  
مِنِي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاقُتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ  
قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ  
الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ  
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ  
بِإِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

Once again, I would like to remind all of us that Islam teach its adherents to remain moderate in all actions and deeds. At the same time, the Muslims are to avoid any form of extremism in which its

**consequences will only disrupt  
the harmony, unity, and  
security of the Muslim ummah  
and our nation. Extremism will  
only give negative impression  
upon the nobility and holiness  
of al-Islam. On the contrary,  
the Muslim**

**ummah must inculcate noble akhlaaq, having utmost personality and attitude as true Muslims so that the world will know that Rasulullah (صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم) was sent down as a messenger, and Islam that was revealed is mercy**



**for the entire nation and  
universe.**

O Allah, You are the Lord that  
is All Mighty, we are grateful to  
You for having bestowed upon  
us *rahmah* and *ni'mah*, that we  
are able to continue the effort  
in empowering the Muslim  
*ummah* especially in Selangor,  
as an

**advanced state, prosperous,  
and providing welfare.**

**Hence, we sincerely beseech  
you, O Allah, strengthen our  
*imaan*, accept our deeds,  
strengthen our unity, increase  
our *rizq*, enrich us with**

**beneficial knowledge, cultivate  
our soul with good mannerisms,  
return us to the path that you  
are pleased with, protect us  
from disasters and your severe  
trials, so that our nation will  
become more peaceful and  
filled with blessings.**

**O Allah, we sincerely beseech you, strengthen our beliefs according to the creed of *Ahlus Sunnah wal-Jamaa‘ah*, and protect us from deeds and ‘aqeedah that are astray such as the extreme *Shee‘is*, *Qadiyani*, and other ideologies.**

**O Allah, open up our hearts in fulfilling the five daily prayers, performing *zakaat*, and other obligations. Bless those that have fulfilled their *zakaat* and loving the *fuqaraa'* and *masaakin*, and those that have**

made *waqf* and gave up their wealth for *Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor* (Islamic Development Trust Fund of Selangor) with continuous reward until the Hereafter.

**O Allah, increase and widen the  
*rizq* of those that made *waqf*  
from their wealth with  
perpetual rewards until the  
Last Day.**



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