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THE IMPORTANCE OF TIME IN HUMAN LIVES



Let us all strive to increase our
taqwa of Allah *Subhaanahu
Wata'aala* by striving our
utmost in fulfilling all of His
Commands and avoiding all

of His prohibitions. May we become among those whom are *muttaqeen*.

On this blessed day, let us ponder and internalize upon the *khutbah* entitled: “*The Importance Of Time In Human Lives.*”

It is obvious, as we all know that every human will be spending time in their daily affairs. Hence, fortunate are those that wisely spend their time with good and righteous deeds, while unfortunate for

those who have spent their time
with useless and futile matters.

The famous Arab proverb goes:
*“Time is like a sword, if you do
not cut it, it will cut you.”* These
words truly manifest the

importance of time in human lives. Allah *Subhaanahu Wata 'aala* is the creator of time and has set 24 hours or 1440 minutes in one full day (and night), no more no less. It is entirely up to us to

manage and utilize our time in attaining blissfulness in this world and the Hereafter.

Nowadays, we find the vast majority of us are actually neglectful and heedless with regard to the passing of time

or the time wasted in their lives.

They actually live in vain and heedlessness. They are just like those admonished by Allah

Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala in al-Qur’an:

**“Then did you think that
We created you uselessly
and that to Us you would
not be returned?”**

(al-Mu’minoon 23:115)

Therefore, time management in our daily lives is of utmost importance and it must be properly planned out so that our time could be managed and utilized wisely and effectively.

Hence, in our daily lives, whether we realize it or not, we have actually set a daily schedule automatically where we unconsciously know the time to perform a certain act, such as working,

resting, sleeping, eating,
drinking, and others. We must
remain cognizant to the fact our
time is an *amaanah* from Allah
Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala, for
each *amaanah* will be
questioned

by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala*
in the Hereafter.

Mu‘adh bin Jabal
radiyAllaahu ‘anh narrated that
Rasulullah ﷺ said:

“The two feet of Allah's servant shall not move one inch on the Day of Judgment until that servant is asked about four qualifications (*khisaal*): (1) his life – how he spent it,

(2) his youth – how he used it, (3) his wealth – where he earned it and how he spent it, (4) his knowledge – how he acted upon it.”

(at-Tirmidhi also narrated with similar wording and graded it *hasan saheeh*)

In the effort to efficiently manage time in our daily lives, let us practice these three methods as our guideline:

1- Do not procrastinate in fulfilling the rights,

amaanah, and responsibilities. Also, do not procrastinate in executing tasks entrusted upon us.

2- Do not delay in performing ‘ibaadah and implementing *Shara* rulings

(Islamic law).

3- Do not procrastinate and delay in spreading the message of Islam, and also in striving and defending Islam.

Indeed, time will pass by,
leaving us, and never to return
again. The time that has passed
will leave two groups. The first
group is the successful ones, for
they truly value their time in
their

lives. The second group is those that are always in a state of loss, for allowing time to pass without being spent on righteous deeds and obedience to Allah Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala. In

this regard, let us reflect and internalize upon the Words of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala* in Surah al-‘Asr. This is the surah that we often recite upon concluding any sitting (*majlis*) or

gathering, but unfortunately it only remain upon the lips, let alone its actual internalization and practice in the daily life.

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**“By time, indeed, mankind
is in loss, except for those
who have believed and
done righteous deeds and
advised each other to truth
and advised each other to
patience.”**

(al-‘Asr 103:1-3)

This surah explains to us that the vast majority of mankind actually live in a state of loss for not utilizing their time in this worldly life in the best manner. This surah also describe those that are not

properly utilizing their time in
the obedience to Allah

Subhaanahu Wata‘ala and His
Messenger are actually from
among the losers for allowing
time to pass by without
benefitting from any

of it through advising and guiding each other to internalize Islam as a complete way of life. This surah also explains on the four groups whom are fortunate:

1- Those possessing *imaan* that will guide them towards righteousness and prevent them from transgression.

2- Those performing good deeds that actually benefit themselves, their families,

and mankind in general.

3- Those calling others to live upon the principles of Truth that is based on the *Sharee'ah* of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala.

4- Those who remain patient while conveying the *Sharee'ah* of Allah, and while facing hardship and trials from Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala.

As a conclusion of this *khutbah*,
let us utilize the very
opportunity of time and
blessings in life that was
bestowed by Allah *Subhaanahu
Wata'aala* upon us in attaining
success in the

life of this world, and more importantly in the Afterlife.

Hence, time must be managed in the best manner as it was conveyed to us from Nabi

Muhammad ﷺ .

ibn ‘Abbaas

radiyAllaahu 'anhuma reported:
Rasulullah ﷺ said to a man
and he was admonishing him:
**“Take advantage of five before
five: your youth before your
old age,**

your health before your illness, your riches before your poverty, your leisure before your work, and your life before your death.”
(al-Bayhaqi, Ahmad, al-Haakim:
saheeh)

Therefore, we must always remember and remain cognizant that:

- 1- The time in our life is for the obedience of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala* and performing beneficial deeds

as provision after we die.

2- The time while we are still healthy is for performing ‘ibaadah to Allah Subhaanahu Wata‘ala and all form of good deeds.

3- The leisure time is for personal enhancement whether in terms of ‘ibaadah, career advancement, and increasing knowledge.

4- The time during youth is a period of potential filled with high energy and the willingness to face the challenge in achieving excellence.

5- Having wealth provides ample opportunity to perform ‘ibaadah or righteous deeds that requires material wealth such as hajj, zakaat, waqf, and sadaqah.

“If you could but see when the
criminals are hanging their
heads before their Lord,
[saying], “Our Lord, we have
seen and heard,

so return us [to the world];
we will work righteousness.
Indeed, we are [now]
certain."

(as-Sajdah 32:12)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ
مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ
قُولِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّجِيمُ

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*

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(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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