

The Ummah Needs Mothers & Daughters Like These

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Shaykh Muṣṭafá George (حفظه الله) mentioned the following points:

The Introduction: The Virtues Of Seeking Knowledge

- The prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) was ordered to seek an increase in knowledge.

﴿ وَقُلْ رَبِّ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا ﴾

“And say, ‘My Lord! Increase me in knowledge.’ [Sūrah Ṭā-Hā 20: 114]

- Imam Al-Hāfiẓ Ibn Ḥajr (رحمه الله) mentioned in Fatḥh Al-Bārī that Allāh (عز وجل) did not order the prophet to seek an increase in anything except knowledge , which indicates the status and virtue of knowledge.
- The prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) **said ‘Whoever treads a path seeking knowledge, Allāh will make the path to Paradise easy for him.’** (Muslim)
- We have come to the Masjid to get closer to Allāh (سبحانه و تعالى), not to talk about this gathering and later post about it on Facebook or Twitter. Nor did we come here to socialize.
- Imām Aḥmad (رحمه الله) said your intention in seeking knowledge is to remove ignorance from yourself and from others.

Sisters Have An Important Role In Seeking Knowledge And Taking Care Of The Family.

- The prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, ‘**all you are shepherds and you will all be questioned about your flock.**’
- A woman in her husband’s home is responsible and accountable and will be questioned about her flock.
- Allāh (سبحانه و تعالى) said,

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا قُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا وَقُودُهَا النَّاسُ وَالْحِجَارَةُ عَلَيْهَا مَلَائِكَةٌ غِلَاظٌ شِدَادٌ لَا يَعْصُونَ اللَّهَ مَا أَمَرَهُمْ وَيَفْعَلُونَ مَا يُؤْمَرُونَ﴾

“O you who believe! Ward off from yourselves and your families a Fire (Hell) whose fuel is men and stones, over which are (appointed) angels stern (and) severe, who disobey not, (from executing) the Commands they receive from Allāh, but do that which they are commanded.” [Sūrah

Taḥrīm 66: 6]

- The believing women understand that the command in the above āyah is for both the husband and the wife.

Some Scholars View That The Responsibility May Be Greater Upon The Wives Because They Spend More Time With The Children.

- The husbands are out seeking sustenance for 12 hours or more, while the wives are home the entire day.
- Women have a tremendous responsibility in terms of teaching children.
- **How much of the dīn have you learned so you can teach your children?**

Exemplary Mothers That The Believing Women Should Emulate

The Sacrifice That Brought Umm Sulaym (رضى الله عنها) Great Benefit.

- Umm Sulaym (رضى الله عنها) was one of the Anṣār (a tribe in Madīnah) and she is the mother of Anas Ibn Mālik (رضى الله عنه).

- When the prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) came to Madīnah, Anas' father was a disbeliever and he fled to Shām to escape the prohibition of alcohol.
- Umm Sulaym gave Anas Ibn Mālik to the prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) as a servant.
- This was a very strategic move since Umm Sulaym gave her son to the prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) so that she could learn the dīn.
- Anas Ibn Mālik would serve the prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) during the day and would return to his mother Umm Sulaym at night and he would benefit her with what he had learned from the prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) during the day.
- Umm Sulaym benefited tremendously as a result and ended up being one of the narrators who narrated many aḥādīth.
- Umm Sulaym sacrificed (not literally) her son so that he could be in the company of the prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) and the prophet would make du‘ā’ for Anas, and correct and instruct him.
- Look how much Umm Sulaym (رضى الله عنها) benefited.

The Mother Of Imām Mālik Ibn Anas (رحمه الله) Would Adorn Him For Seeking Knowledge.

- Imām Mālik Ibn Anas (رحمه الله) is the author of Al-Muwatṭā. He was one of the greatest scholars of the salaf. He was one of the four Imāms.
- When Imām Mālik was a child his mother would dress him up in his best clothes and say go and learn from the scholars.
- Imām Mālik's was a teacher for Imām Shafi‘ī (رحمهما الله).
- His mother would prepare him to go and study with the scholars.
- Some mothers only let children go out and play.
- There should be a great amount of time set aside for learning the dīn.
- Football and video games will not help your children on the Day of Judgment.
- Learning ḥadīth, fiqh, Qur‘ān and ‘aqīdah is what will help them.

Imām Ahmad Ibn Hanbal (رحمه الله) Would Invite His Sons To Admire The Scholars.

- ‘Abdullāh Ibn Aḥmad (Imām Aḥmad’s son) (رحمهما الله) said, “whenever my father had guests from Ahl-Al-‘Ilm, my father would call me and my brothers to come and meet and admire the people of knowledge.”
- Imām Ahmad is one of the greatest scholars of Islām but he wanted his sons to have reverence, love and admiration for the people of knowledge.
- Do you keep your children away from the people of knowledge?
- The salaf would dress their children up for seeking knowledge.
- Children should have love, respect and reverence for Ahl-Al-‘Ilm

A Mother Travelled For Hajj And Left Her Son Under The Care Of The Scholars Of Makkah: The Story Of Imām Muhammad Ibn Isma‘īl Al-Bukhārī (رحمه الله)

- Imām Al-Bukhārī (رحمه الله) is known in every Muslim country by every Muslim.
- His father died when he was young so he grew up as an orphan under the care of his mother.
- Imām Al-Bukhārī is from the southern part of Russia – he was not an Arab.
- **When Imām Al-Bukhārī was a teenager**, his mother traveled with her sons (رحمهم الله) on foot (from Bukhāra Russia) on a journey to perform Ḥajj.
- Today, this journey would take 3-4 days by car. Imagine how long it would take on foot or camel 1200 years ago?
- When Imām Al-Bukhārī’s mother reached Makkah, she noticed that her son (Imām Al-Bukhārī) had a strong desire to learn and he did not want to return home with her. Was this because he was playing football or video games?
- Imām Al-Bukhārī’s mother searched for people to teach her son that he could learn and benefit from and she left Imam Al-Bukhārī in Makkah.
- How difficult is it for a mother to leave her young son in a foreign land? Yet look how far Imām Al-Bukhārī reached in his knowledge.
- Imām Al-Bukhārī gathered the most authentic book after the Qur’ān

Mothers! What Are You Doing With The Blessing That Allāh Has Given You?

- Take the example of these mothers.
- Are you making the right decisions for your children to follow the correct path and to learn and become scholars?
- This is a reminder for all of us.

When The Son Of Ādam Dies, All His Good Deeds Come To An End Except For Three:

- 1) Sadaqah Jāriyah – Ongoing Charity.
 - 2) A righteous child that makes du‘ā’ for you.
 - 3) Beneficial knowledge. (Muslim)
- When you are dead in your grave you can no longer pray, or make Ḥajj, or pay Zakāt or make dhikr (contrary to what the Ṣūfīs believe).
 - Teach your children tawḥīd, ḥadīth, fiqh, Qur’ān and ‘aqīdah. When you die, your children will use this knowledge and you will benefit from it in your grave.
 - Anas Ibn Mālik benefited his mother a great deal. He was one of the ṣaḥābah that narrated many narrations from the prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) and his mother will benefit from that.
 - Make the necessary changes if you fall short with regard to your children.

Shaykh Muqbil Bin Hādī Al-Wādi‘ī (رحمه الله) Gave Private Lessons To His Family.

- Shaykh Muqbil (رحمه الله) used to give private lessons to his daughter until she became a Shaykha, Umm ‘Abdillāh Bint Muqbil Al-Wādi‘īyah (حفظها الله).
- Umm ‘Abdillāh Al-Wādi‘īyah (حفظها الله) authored several books including, ‘My Advice To The Women.’
- Umm Salamah Al-Salafiyah (حفظها الله) the wife of Shaykh Muqbil (رحمه الله) authored a book called ‘The Final Journey Of The Imām Of Al-Jazeera’
- Look how these women took notice of studying and benefitting from Shaykh Muqbil.
- These are the types of daughters that we want in the Ummah.
- These are mothers and daughters that serve the Ummah and raise righteous children.

Shaykh Al-Albānī’s Daughter (رحمهما الله) Used To Write For Him When He Could No Longer Write.

- When Shaykh Al-Albānī was approaching his death and could no longer write and type, his daughters would write and type for him.
- In the Introduction of ‘Silsat Al-Aḥādīth Al-Ṣaḥīḥah,’ by Shaykh Al-Albānī, it mentions ‘my daughter wrote this volume!’
- His daughter Safiyah and Ruqayah authored several books, including a detailed book in volumes on the subject of Tajwīd.

- These daughters benefited greatly from their fathers.
- Sisters should not feel that seeking knowledge is only for men and that women should only cook and clean the home.
- The believing women have to learn, memorize and study so that they can teach their children.
- **These are the kinds of mothers and daughters that the Ummah needs!**

وصلى الله على نبينا محمد وعلى آله وصحبه وسلم

