

Constants on the Path of Success

Steadfastness

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Success

رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ وَرَضُوا عَنْهُ ذَلِكَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ (119) المائدة

فَمَنْ زُحِرَ عَنِ النَّارِ وَأُدْخِلَ الْجَنَّةَ فَقَدْ فَازَ (185) آل عمران

فوز

فوز العظیم

فزت ورب الكعبة

Women in the grave in Sindh

Success vs Failure

﴿وَالْعَصْرِ - إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَفِي خُسْرٍ - إِلَّا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ
وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالْحَقِّ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالصَّبْرِ﴾

Lets understand this surah in a group of 3.

- What sort of people are successful?
- What must they do for success?
- How frequently must they do it?

الايمان و الاعمال الصالحة

- Light in the Dark... Leadership session tomorrow

تواصوا بالحق و تواصوا بالصبر

- In what kinds of situations do believers have to be patient?
 - Groups of 10
 - 5 min

Confusion, doubt, temptations

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: أتني على الناس زمان القابض على دينه كالقابض على الجمر

"The one who holds on to his religion is like one who holds on to a burning coal." [Tirmidhi]

Wealth

وَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ عٰهَدَ اللّٰهَ لَئِنۡ ءَاتٰنَا مِنْ فَضْلِهٖ لَنَصَّدَّقَنَّ وَلَنَكُوْنُ مِنَ الصّٰلِحِيْنَ
فَلَمَّا ءَاتٰهُمْ مِنْ فَضْلِهٖ بَخِلُوْا بِهٖ وَتَوَلَّوْا وَهُمْ مُّعْرِضُوْنَ

"And of them are some who made a covenant with Allah (saying): 'If He bestowed on us of His Bounty, we will verily give charity and will be certainly among those who are righteous. Then when He gave them of His Bounty, they became niggardly, and turned away, averse.'
[Surah At-Taubah 9:75-76]

Power and Authority

وَاصْبِرْ نَفْسَكَ مَعَ الَّذِيْنَ يَدْعُوْنَ رَبَّهُمْ بِالْغَدُوَّةِ وَالْعَشِيِّ يُرِيْدُوْنَ وَجْهَهُ وَلَا تَعْدُ عَيْنَاكَ
عَنْهُمْ تَرْيَدُ زِيْنَةَ الْحَيٰوةِ الدُّنْيَا وَلَا تَطْعَمُ مَنْ اَغْفَلْنَا قَلْبَهٗ عَنْ ذِكْرِنَا وَاتَّبَعَ هَوَاهُ وَكَانَ اَمْرُهٗ
فُرْطًا

"And keep yourself patiently with those who call on their Lord morning and afternoon, seeking His Face, and let not your eyes overlook them, desiring the pomp and glitter of the life of the world; and obey not him whose heart We have made heedless of Our Remembrance, one who follows his own lusts and whose affair (deeds) has been lost." [Surah Al-Kahf - 18:28]

Family

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِنَّ مِنْ أَزْوَاجِكُمْ وَأَوْلَادِكُمْ عَدُوًّا لَكُمْ فَاحْذَرُوهُمْ وَإِنْ تَعَفَّوْا
وَتَصَفَّحُوا وَتَغْفِرُوا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ

" ... Verily, among your wives and your children there are enemies for you (i.e., may stop you from the obedience of Allah), therefore beware of them!" [Surah At-Taghabun - 64:14]

Persecution, Oppression and Injustice

قُتِلَ أَصْحَابُ الْأُخْدُودِ . النَّارِ ذَاتِ الْوَقُودِ . إِذْ هُمْ عَلَيْهَا قُعُودٌ . وَهُمْ عَلَىٰ مَا يَفْعَلُونَ
بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ شُهُودٌ . وَمَا نَقَمُوا مِنْهُمْ إِلَّا أَن يُؤْمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ الْعَزِيزِ الْحَمِيدِ . الَّذِي لَهُ مُلْكُ
السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَاللَّهُ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ شَهِيدٌ

"Cursed were the people of the ditch, fire supplied (abundantly) with fuel, when they sat by it (the fire), and they witnessed what they were doing against the believers (i.e., burning them). They had nothing against them, except that they believed in Allah, the All-Mighty, Worthy of all Praise! To Whom belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth! And Allah is Witness over everything."

[Surah Al-Burooj - 85:4-9]

Dajjal

عن أنس رضي الله عنه قال :
قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم : ما من نبي إلا وقد أُنذر أمته الأَعور
الكذاب .. ألا إِنَّه أَعور ، وإن ربكم عز وجل ليس بأَعور ، مكتوب بين عينيه :
" ك . ف . ر " متفق عليه .

بهذا بدأ رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم حديثه عن المسيح الدجال .
فقال له أصحابه : يا رسول الله ؛ أَكثَرْتَ الحديث عنه ، فخفنا ، حتى ظنناه قريباً
منا ، وكأنه سيطلع علينا بعد قليل من ناحية هذا النخيل .
قال صلى الله عليه وسلم : غيرَ الدجال أخوفني عليكم ، إذا خرج فيكم فأنا
حجيجه دونكم - أكفيكم مؤونته - ، وإن يخرج ولست فيكم فامرؤٌ حجيجٌ
نفسه - فكل منكم مسؤول عن نفسه - ، والله خليفتي على كل مسلم .
رواه مسلم

Death

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا رَبَّنَا اللَّهُ ثُمَّ اسْتَقَمُوا تَتَنَزَّلُ عَلَيْهِمُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ أَلَّا تَخَافُوا وَلَا
تَحْزَنُوا وَأَبْشِرُوا بِالْجَنَّةِ الَّتِي كُنتُمْ تُوعَدُونَ

"Verily, those who say: 'Our Lord is Allah (Alone),' and
then they stood straight (followed Islam truly), on them
the angels will descend (at the time of their death)
(saying): 'Fear not, nor grieve! But receive the glad
tidings of Paradise which you have been promised!' "
[Surah Fussilat 41:30]

تواصوا بالحق و تواصوا بالصبر

- What constants must a believer have in their life to attain success?
 - Group of 10
 - 10 min

TURNING TOWARDS THE QUR'AN

وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَوْلَا نُزِّلَ عَلَيْهِ الْقُرْآنُ جُمْلَةً وَاحِدَةً كَذَلِكَ لِنُثَبِّتَ بِهِ فُؤَادَكَ وَرَتَّلْنَاهُ تَرْتِيلًا . وَلَا يَأْتُونَكَ بِمَثَلٍ إِلَّا جِئْنَاكَ بِالْحَقِّ وَأَحْسَنَ تَفْسِيرًا

Thus (it is sent down in parts), that We may strengthen your heart thereby. And We have revealed it to you gradually, in stages. And no example to similitude do they bring (to oppose or to find fault in you or in this Qur'an), but We reveal to you the truth (against that similitude or example), and the better explanation thereof." [Surah Al-Furqan 25:32-33]

ADHERING TO THE LAWS OF ALLAH AND DOING RIGHTEOUS DEEDS

يُثَبِّتُ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا بِالْقَوْلِ الثَّابِتِ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ وَيُضِلُّ اللَّهُ
الظَّالِمِينَ وَيَفْعَلُ اللَّهُ مَا يَشَاءُ

"Allah will keep firm those who believe, with the word that stands firm in this world and in the Hereafter. And Allah will cause to go astray those who are dhalimun (polytheists and wrongdoers, etc.), and Allah does what He wills."

[Surah Ibrahim - 14:27]

THE STORIES OF THE PROPHETS AND THEIR EXAMPLE

- "And all that We relate to you (O Muhammad) of the news of the Messengers is in order that We may make strong and firm your heart thereby. And in this has come to you the truth, as well as an admission and a reminder for the believers." [Al-Qur'an 11:120]
- "They said: 'Burn him and help your alihah (gods), if you will be doing.' We (Allah) said: 'O fire! Be you coolness and safety for Ibrahim!' And they wanted to harm him, but We made them the worst losers." [Al-Qur'an 21:68-70].
- "And when the two hosts saw each other, the companions of Musa said: 'We are sure to be overtaken.' Musa said: 'Nay, verily! With me is my Lord, He will guide me.' " [Al-Qur'an 26:61-62]
- "Believe you in him (Musa) before I give you permission? Verily! He is your chief who taught you magic. So I will surely cut off your hands and feet on opposite sides, and I will surely crucify you on the trunks of date-palms, and you shall surely know which of us [I (Pharaoh) or the Lord of Musa] can give the severe and more lasting torment. We prefer you not over the clear signs that have come to us, and to Him Who created us. So decree whatever you desire to decree, for can only decree (regarding) the life of this world." [Al-Qur'an 20:71, 72]

DU'A' (SUPPLICATION)

رَبَّنَا لَا تُرِغْ قُلُوبَنَا بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا وَهَبْ لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْوَهَّابُ

"Our Lord! Let not our hearts deviate (from the truth) after You have guided us." [Surah Al-Imran 3:8]

وَمَا بَرَزُوا لِمُجَالُوتَ وَجُنُودِهِ قَالُوا رَبَّنَا افْرِغْ عَلَيْنَا صَبْرًا وَثَبِّتْ أقدامَنَا وَأَنْصِرْنَا
عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ

"Our Lord! Pour out constancy [patience] on us and make our steps firm ... " [Surah Al-Baqarah – 2:250]

REMEMBRANCE OF ALLAH (DHIKR)

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا لَقِيتُمْ فِئَةً فَاثْبُتُوا وَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ

"O you who believe! When you meet (an enemy) force, take a firm stand against them and remember the Name of Allah much, so that you may be successful."
[Surah Al-Anfal - 8:45]

LEARNING

- How did the sahaba maintain their sabr in the face of great odds?

HAVING CONFIDENCE IN THE ROAD YOU ARE FOLLOWING

- " ... Praise and thanks be to Allah, and peace be on His slaves whom He has chosen (for His Message)!" [Al-Qur'an 27:59]
- "Then We gave the Book (the Qur'an) for inheritance to such of Our slaves as We chose ... " [Al-Qur'an 35:32]
- "Thus will your Lord choose you and teach you the interpretation of dreams (and other things) ... " [Al-Qur'an 12:6]

CALLING OTHERS TO ALLAH (DA'WAH)

فَلذَلِكَ فَادُعْ وَاسْتَقِمْ كَمَا أُمِرْتَ وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ وَقُلْ ءَامَنْتُ بِمَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ مِنْ كِتَابٍ
وَأُمِرْتُ لِأَعْدِلَ بَيْنَكُمْ اللَّهُ رَبُّنَا وَرَبُّكُمْ لَنَا أَعْمَلْنَا وَلَكُمْ أَعْمَلُكُمْ لَا حُجَّةَ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ
اللَّهُ يَجْمَعُ بَيْنَنَا وَإِلَيْهِ الْمَصِيرُ

"Now then, for that (reason), call (them to the Faith), and stand steadfast as you are commanded ... "

[Surah Ash-Shuara 42:15]

KEEPING CLOSE TO PEOPLE WHO WILL HELP MAKE YOU STEADFAST

- "Among the people are some who open the way to goodness and close the way to evil." [Hasan, reported by Ibn Majah from Anas, 237, and by Ibn Abi 'Asim in Kitab as-Sunnah, 1/127. See also as-Silsilat as-Sahihah, 1332]

BEING CONFIDENT OF THE HELP OF ALLAH, AND THAT THE FUTURE BELONGS TO ISLAM

وَكَانَ مِنْ نَبِيِّ قَتَلَ مَعَهُ رَبُّيُونَ كَثِيرًا فَمَا وَهَنُوا لِمَا أَصَابَهُمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَمَا ضَعُفُوا وَمَا اسْتَكَانُوا وَاللَّهُ يُحِبُّ الصَّابِرِينَ . وَمَا كَانَ قَوْلَهُمْ إِلَّا أَنْ قَالُوا رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْ لَنَا ذُنُوبَنَا وَإِسْرَافَنَا فِي أَمْرِنَا وَثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَنَا وَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ . فَءَاتَاهُمُ اللَّهُ تَوَابَهُمُ اللَّهُ تَوَابَ الدُّنْيَا وَحَسُنَ تَوَابُ الْآخِرَةِ وَاللَّهُ يُحِبُّ الْحَسْبِينَ

"And many a Prophet fought (in Allah's Cause) and along with him (fought) large bands of religious learned men. But they never lost heart for that which did befall them in Allah's Way, nor did they weaken nor degrade themselves. And Allah loves as-sabirin (the patient ones). And they said nothing but: 'Our Lord! Forgive us our sins and our transgressions (in keeping our duties to You), establish our feet firmly, and give us victory over the disbelieving folk.' So Allah gave them the reward of this world, and the excellent reward of the Hereafter ... " [Al-Qur'an 3:146-148]

UNDERSTANDING THE REALITY OF FALSEHOOD AND NOT BEING MISLED BY IT

- "Let not the free disposal (and affluence) of the disbelievers throughout the land deceive you." [Al-Qur'an 3:196]
- Then, as for the foam, it passes away as scum upon the banks ... " [Al-Qur'an 13:17]
- "And thus do We explain the ayat (proofs, evidence, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) in detail, that the way of the mujrimun (criminals, polytheists, sinners) may become manifest." [Al-Qur'an 6:55]

ACQUIRING THE CHARACTERISTICS THAT WILL HELP ONE TO REMAIN STEADFAST

- "No one is given any gift greater and more bountiful than patience." [Reported by al-Bukhari in Kitab az-Zakah, Bab al-Isti'faf 'an al-Mas'alah; and by Muslim in Kitab az-Zak'ah, Bab Fadl at-Ta'affuf was-Sabr)

THE ADVICE OF RIGHTEOUS PEOPLE

- The story of Imam Ahmad ibn Hanbal

DELIGHTS OF PARADISE, PUNISHMENTS OF HELLFIRE & DEATH

- The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) passed by Yasir, 'Ammar and Umm 'Ammar when they were being tortured for the sake of Allah and said, "Patience, family of Yasir, patience, family of Yasir, for your destination is Paradise." [Reported by al-Hakim, 3/383; it is a hasan sahih hadith. See Fiqh as-Sirah, ed. al-Albani, p. 103]
- The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) used to tell the Ansar: "You will face selfish people after my death, so have patience until you meet me at the Hawd (cistern – on the Day of Judgement)." [Agreed upon]
- the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "Always remember the destroyer of pleasure." [Reported by at-Tirmidhi, 2/50; classed as sahih in Irwa' al-Ghalil, 3/145]

Questions

- **Confusion, doubt, temptations**
 - "The one who holds on to his religion is like one who holds on to a burning coal."
 - "The heart (qalb) takes its name from its constant changes (taqallub – alteration, variation, ups and downs). The likeness of the heart is that of a feather at the root of a tree, being turned over and over by the wind." [Reported by Ahmad, 4/408; Sahih al-Jami', 2364]
- **Wealth**
 - "And of them are some who made a covenant with Allah (saying): 'If He bestowed on us of His Bounty, we will verily give charity and will be certainly among those who are righteous. Then when He gave them of His Bounty, they became niggardly, and turned away, averse.'" [Al-Qur'an 9:75-76]
- **Power and Authority**
 - "And keep yourself patiently with those who call on their Lord morning and afternoon, seeking His Face, and let not your eyes overlook them, desiring the pomp and glitter of the life of the world; and obey not him whose heart We have made heedless of Our Remembrance, one who follows his own lusts and whose affair (deeds) has been lost." [Al-Qur'an 18:28]
 - "Two hungry wolves sent against the sheep could not do more damage to them than the damage done by a man's eagerness for wealth and power to his religion." [Reported by Imam Ahmad in al-Musnad, 3/460; see also Sahih al-Jami', 5496]
- **Family**
 - "... Verily, among your wives and your children there are enemies for you (i.e., may stop you from the obedience of Allah), therefore beware of them!" [Al-Qur'an 64:14]
 - "Children are the cause of cowardice, the cause of stinginess and the cause of grief." [Reported by Abu Ya'la, 2/305 – it also has corroborating reports. See also Sahih al-Jami', 7037].
- **Persecution, Oppression and Injustice**
 - "Cursed were the people of the ditch, fire supplied (abundantly) with fuel, when they sat by it (the fire), and they witnessed what they were doing against the believers (i.e., burning them). They had nothing against them, except that they believed in Allah, the All-Mighty, Worthy of all Praise! To Whom belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth! And Allah is Witness over everything." [Al-Qur'an 85:4-9]
 - "We complained to the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) when he was reclining on his cloak in the shade of the Ka'bah. He (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: 'Among the people who came before you, there was a man who was taken and put into a hole dug for him in the earth, then a saw was put on his head and he was cut into two pieces, and an iron comb was used to tear the flesh from his bones, but this still did not turn him away from his religion.' " [Reported by al-Bukhari, see Fath al-Bari, 12/315]
- **Dajjal**
 - "O people, there has never been any fitnah (trial) on the face of the earth since Allah created Adam greater than the trial of the Dajjal ... O slaves of Allah, O people, stand firm, for I shall describe him to you in a way that no Prophet before me has described him ... " [Reported by Ibn Majah, 2/1359; see Sahih al-Jami', 7752]
- **Death**
 - "Verily, those who say: 'Our Lord is Allah (Alone),' and then they stood straight (followed Islam truly), on them the angels will descend (at the time of their death) (saying): 'Fear not, nor grieve! But receive the glad tidings of Paradise which you have been promised!' " [Al-Qur'an 41:30]