



IN THE NAME OF ALLAAH THE MOST MERCIFUL THE MOST KIND

# At Taqwa Youth

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## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the first issue of At-Taqwa Youth.

This is especially designed for the younger generation, but it is not simply a newsletter, we want you to write articles that we can print and we want you to take part in the competitions. To make things more interesting, there will be awards for competition winners!

If you think of ways to improve this newsletter, write to us at:

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Hoping to hear from you

## QUR'AAN REMINDER

**"O my people! Truly, this life of the world is nothing but a (quick passing) enjoyment, and verily, the hereafter that is the home that will remain forever."** [Ghafir : 39]

## BE IN THIS WORLD AS A STRANGER

The Prophet (saw) said:

*"Be in this life as if you were a stranger or a traveller on a path."*

*"If you reach the evening then do not expect to reach the morning, and if you reach the morning then do not expect to reach the evening. Take from your health before your sickness, and from your life before your death."* [Bukhaaree]

These hadeeth remind us we are not going to live long in this world. We must not expect to live forever nor must we have so many hopes and dreams. We do not know when we will die!

In fact this world is not our real home - our real home is Paradise insha'Allaah. That is our goal! That is where we want to stay forever, where all hopes and dreams will come true. In this world we are on a journey, travelling to our next life and we must be ready at all times to leave at any moment.

If we live to see the evening of a day, we can not EXPECT to see the next day. Likewise, if we see a new morning, don't EXPECT to live to see the evening. We have no knowledge of

the future, of what Allaah has planned for us.

Ali (ra) used to say, *"Certainly this life has begun travelling away, and the hereafter has begun travelling forward, and each has its children. So be from the children of the hereafter, not from the children of this life. For indeed today there is action with no account, and tomorrow there will be account with no action."*

The children of the Hereafter are those that work hard, preparing for their future in the next life - saving themselves from Hellfire by avoiding sin and evil. They struggle hard to earn the reward of Paradise, obeying Allaah and following the perfect example of the Prophet (saw).

The Hadeeth goes on to warn us that in this life we can do anything we want, Allaah will not ask us about what we are doing. However in the next life, when we can no longer do any deeds, Allaah will question us about our time in the world. Did we spend our time obeying Allaah and our noble Prophet (saw)? Did we pray our prayers, fast in Ramadaan, give in charity,



read the Qur'aan, listen to our elders? Or did we ignore the advice of those around us, acting as we pleased, enjoying ourselves? Did we forget our religion and our Lord?

Remember at all times - this short life is our one and only chance. We can never get it again, no matter how hard we try or beg. We must give ourselves a shake and wake up! Each of us needs to look and decide where he is going - are we running towards the tortures of Hellfire or struggling for the pleasures of Paradise. Is our Islaam the most important thing in our lives? Are we ready to listen, to learn and to follow the Commands and teachings of our Prophet (saw)?

Can we truly call ourselves good Muslims?

# QUIZ TIME

Are you ready to take on the quiz? Read the instructions below to help you complete the quiz.

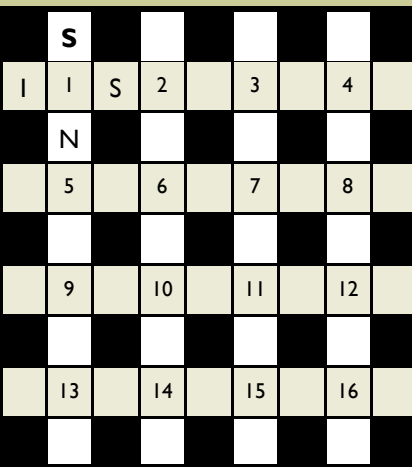
When finished, send a copy of your answers, your name, age and address to the editor at the address given on the front.

There will be a cash prize for the winner! Answers will be published next issue.

## INSTRUCTIONS

Fill in all the boxes using the words given. Each word fits around a numbered box. The word *SINS* has started you off. You can use the letter *S* to form a new word and the letter *N* to form a new word.

- The words do *not* have to start from the top square.
- The words can go round clockwise or anti-clockwise.



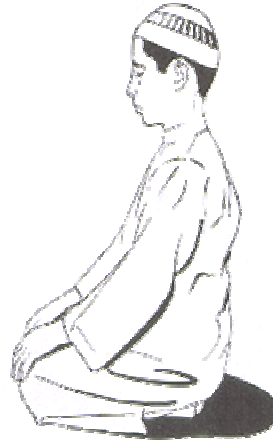
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**Fear Allaah wherever you are, follow up a bad deed with a good one and it will wipe it out, and behave well towards people.** [Tirmidhee]

## Prayer Makes The Difference

I got up early one morning  
 And rushed right into the day  
 I had so much to accomplish  
 That I didn't have time to pray  
 Problems just formed around me  
 And heavier became each task  
 'Why doesn't God help me?' I wondered  
 He answered, 'You didn't ask'  
 I wanted to see joy and beauty  
 But the day toiled on grey and

bleak  
 I wondered why God didn't show me



He said, 'But you didn't seek'  
 I tried to come into God's nearness  
 I used all my keys at the lock  
 God gently and lovingly chided  
 'My servant you didn't knock'  
 I woke up early this morning  
 And paused before entering the day  
 I had so much to accomplish  
 That I had to take time to pray

## SPEAKING GOOD

The Messenger of Allaah (saw) said:  
 'Whoever believes in Allaah and the Last Day should either say good things or be silent...'  
 [Bukhaaree & Muslim]

In this hadeeth, the Prophet (saw) shows us how important good speech is. He does this by saying that those who truly believe in Allaah and those who truly believe in the Day of Judgement should only say good things. If they have nothing good to say, they should keep quiet.

As Muslims, we all believe in Allaah and the Last Day. But can we call ourselves true

believers - do we think twice before speaking. Do we worry if what we are about to say is bad speech that might cause us to be punished?

Those who have strong belief in Allaah know that Allaah is watching and listening to them at all times. They always remember they have angels by them ready to record all their deeds - good and bad. This strong belief will help stop them from speaking evil and encourage them to speak more good.

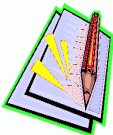
we should always be careful, to avoid backbiting and slander.

On the Day of Judgement, our mouths will not be able to speak. Instead Allaah will make our body parts speak the truth, telling Allaah what we used to do, even though He already knows.

**"When they reach the (Fire), their hearing, sight and skins will bear witness against them concerning what they used to do."**

[Fussilat 41:20]

The Noble Prophet (saw) cared so much for us he constantly gave us advice on how to help ourselves and save ourselves from the Fire. Will you listen to his advice?



## WRITERS WANTED ~ R U INTERESTED?

We need junior writers for this newsletter. You don't need any previous experience, you don't have to be a certain age, it's open to everyone!

If you can give us short Islamic stories/articles/facts/did-you-knows then send them to the editor at the address given on the front. OR mail them to me at

At-Taqwa\_Youth@hotmail.com!

Remember to make sure to give us the source/reference of any hadeeth or Qur'anic aayahs you use, for the benefit of all readers insha'Allaah.