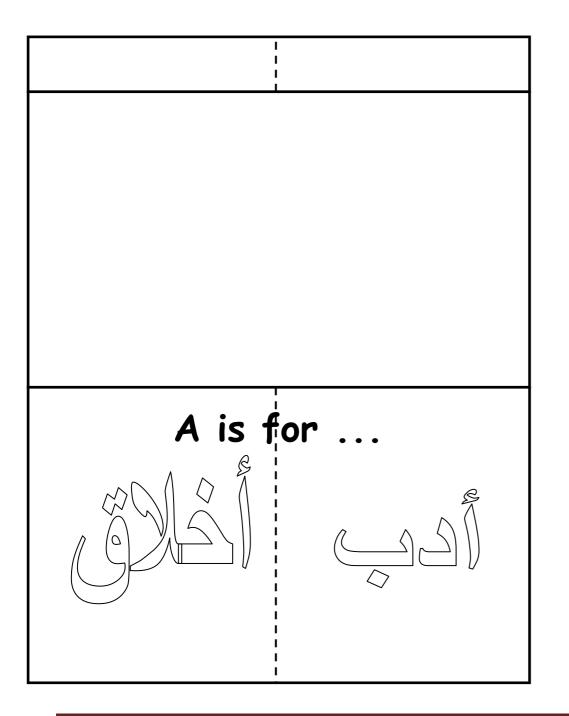
BALLA.







Akhlaq:

And indeed, you (O Muhammad) are of a great moral character.

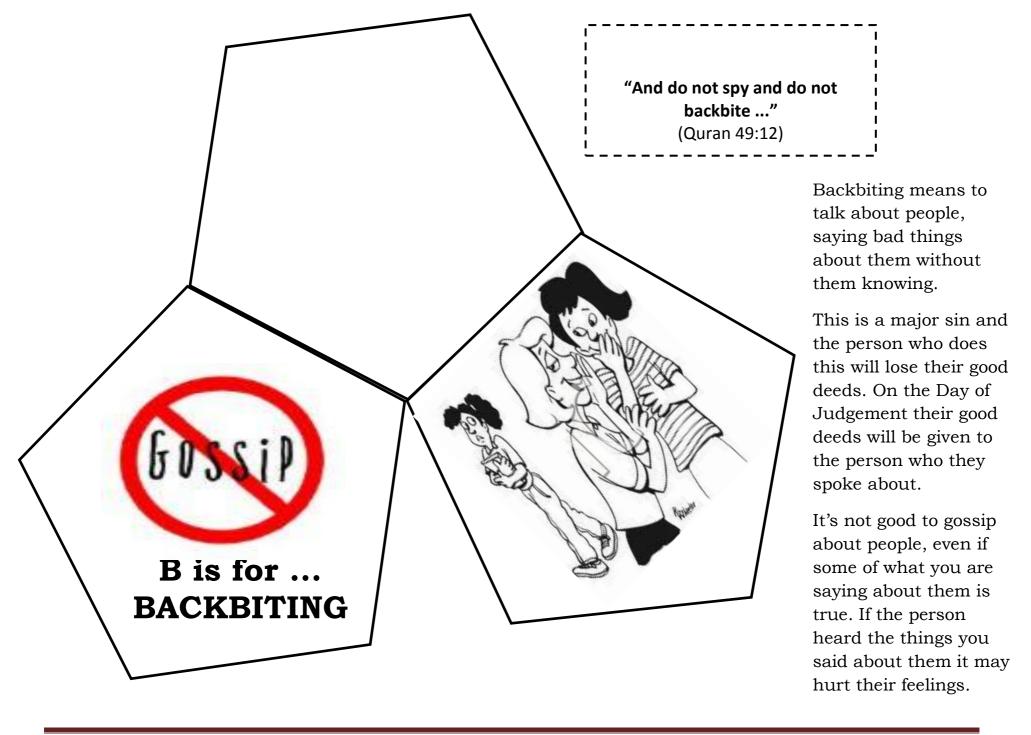
[Quran 68:4]

Allah will be pleased with us if we try to follow the Prophet (pbuh) having good character, good behaviour and good manners.

Adab:

Narrated 'Abdullah bin 'Amr: The Prophet (pbuh) never used bad language ... He used to say "The best amongst you are those who have the best manners and character."

[Sahih Bukhari, Book 56, Hadith 759]

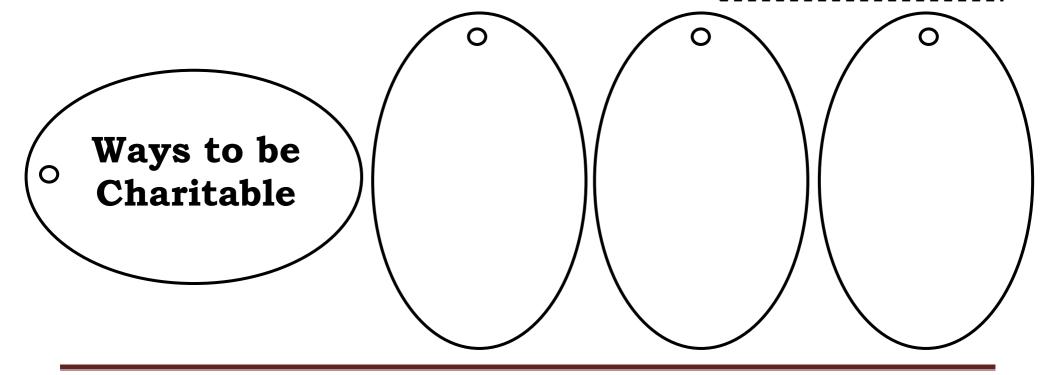




The Prophet (pbuh) said: "Save yourself from hellfire by giving even half a date in charity." – (Sahih Al-Bukhari, Book 2, Hadith 498)

The Prophet (pbuh) said: "The believer's shade on the Day of Resurrection will be his charity." – (Al-Tirmidhi, Hadith 604)

The Prophet also said: "Every act of goodness is charity." - Sahih Muslim, Hadith 496



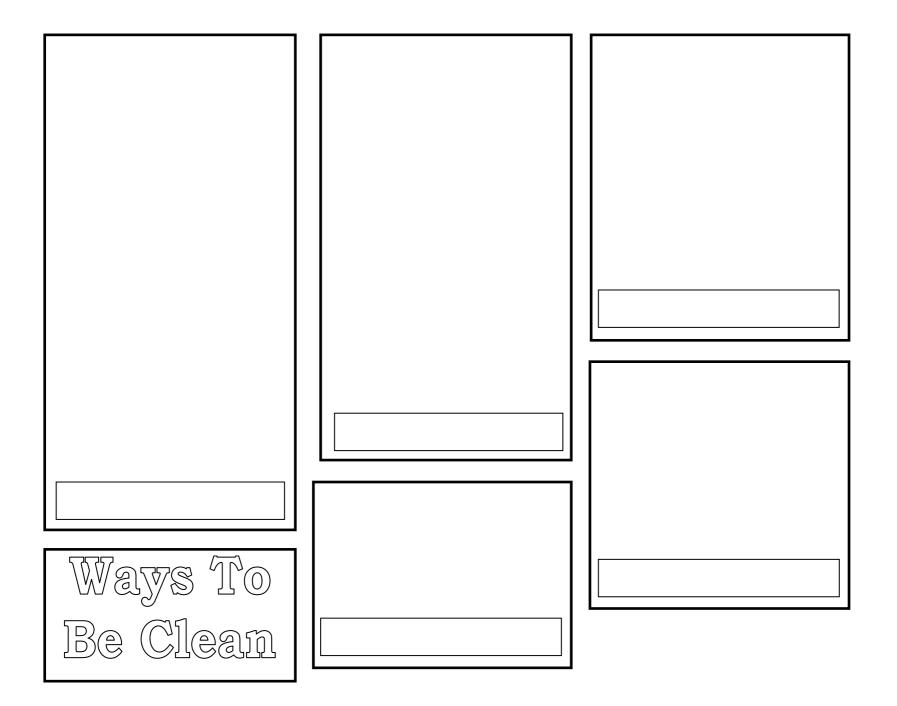
C is for ... Cleanliness

The Prophet (pbuh) said: Cleanliness is half of faith.

! (Sahih Muslim)

(Allah) loves those who purify themselves.

(Qur'an 2:222)



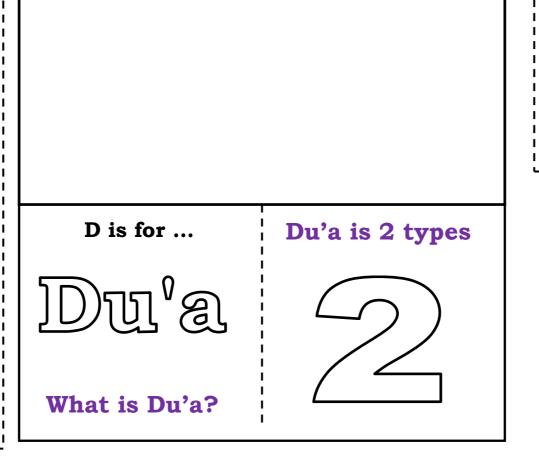
Dhikr is to say some words to remember Allah. D is for ... Such as: Subhan'Allah • Alhamdulillah • Allahu akbar La ilaha ill Allah What is Dhikr? What is The Prophet (pbuh) i said: the best The best remembrance of Allah is to say: Dhikr? La ilaha ill Allah. [Tirmidhi]

Du'a is 2 types:

Du'a of Need and Du'a of Worship.

Whenever we ask for anything from Allah, such as asking for forgiveness, asking for guidance, asking for help then this is called the Du'a of Need.

Any act of worship is a du'a. Doing a good deed, such as giving charity, is an act of worship and we are asking Allah for rewards for that. We are calling on Allah through our good deeds, so this is Du'a of Worship.



Du'a is to call on Allah

Allah says:

"Call on me; I will answer your du'a ..."

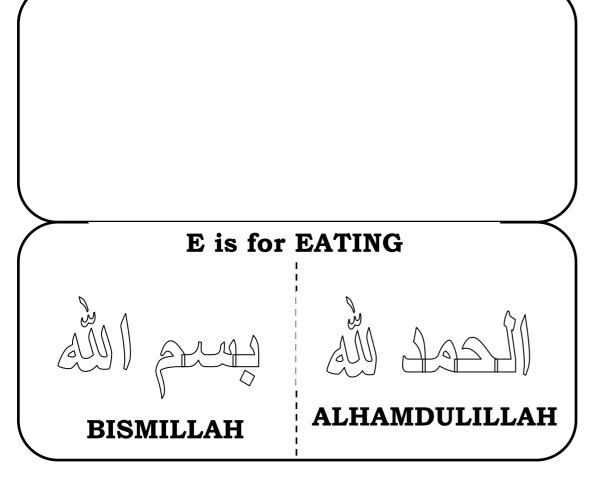
[Qur'an 40:60]

We must only call on Allah alone because Allah says:

And the mosques are for Allah, so do not call on anyone along with Allah.

[Qur'an 72:18]

Calling on anyone or anything else is SHIRK.



Before we start eating we say 'BISMILLAH' so that we remember that it is Allah who provided us with the food

When we finish eating we say 'ALHAMDULILLAH' to show we are grateful to Allah for what he has blessed us with.

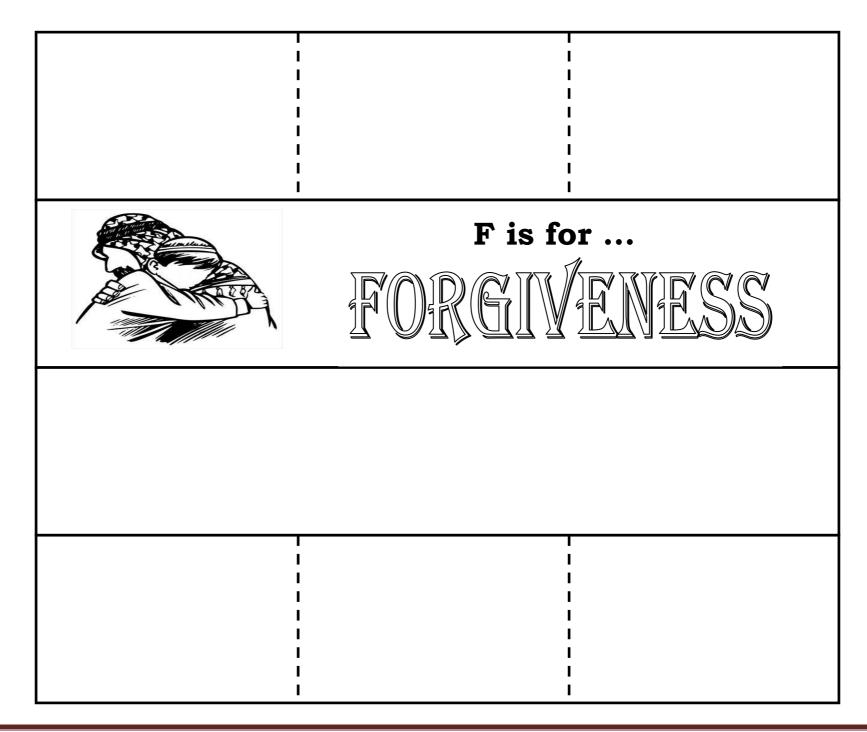
It is sunnah to eat with the right hand.

The Prophet (pbuh) said: "If one of you eats, he should eat with his right hand.

And if he drinks something, he should drink with his right hand. For indeed,

Shaytan eats and drinks with his left hand." [Sahîh Muslim)





Those who ...control their anger and forgive other people. Truly, Allah loves those who do good [Qur'an, 3:134]

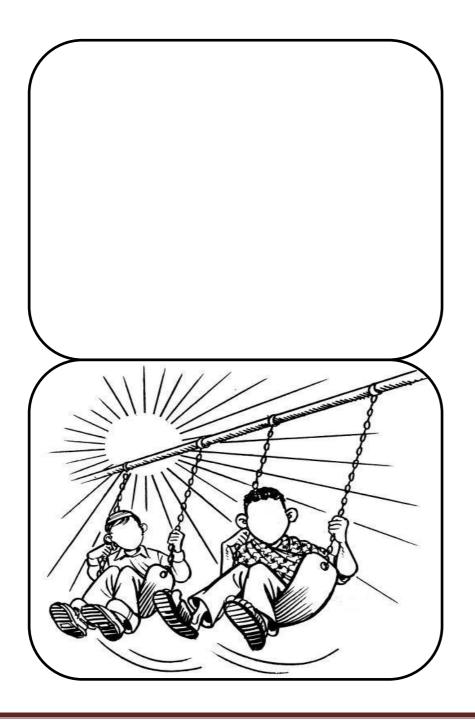
Hold to forgiveness, command what is right, and turn away from the ignorant. [Qur'an, 7:199]

Instead they should forgive and overlook. Would you not love Allah to forgive you? Allah is Ever-Forgiving, Most Merciful." [Qur'an, 24:22]

The repayment of a bad action is one equivalent to it. But if someone forgives and puts things right, his reward is with Allah. [Qur'an 42:40]

But if someone is steadfast and forgives, that is the best course to follow." [Qur'an, 42:43]

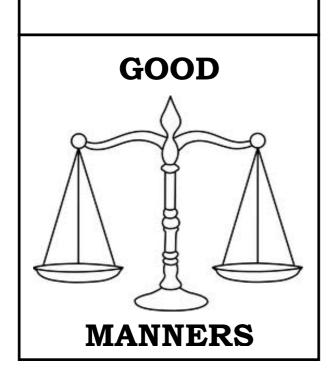
But if you pardon and exonerate and forgive, Allah is Ever-Forgiving, Most Merciful. [Our'an, 64: 14]



The Prophet (saas) said:

A Believer is friendly and easy to make friends with. There is no good in a person who is unfriendly and doesn't make friends.

[Imam Ahmad]



Abu Ad-Darda reported: The Prophet, (pbuh), said,:

"Nothing is heavier on the scale of the believer on the Day of Resurrection than his good manners.

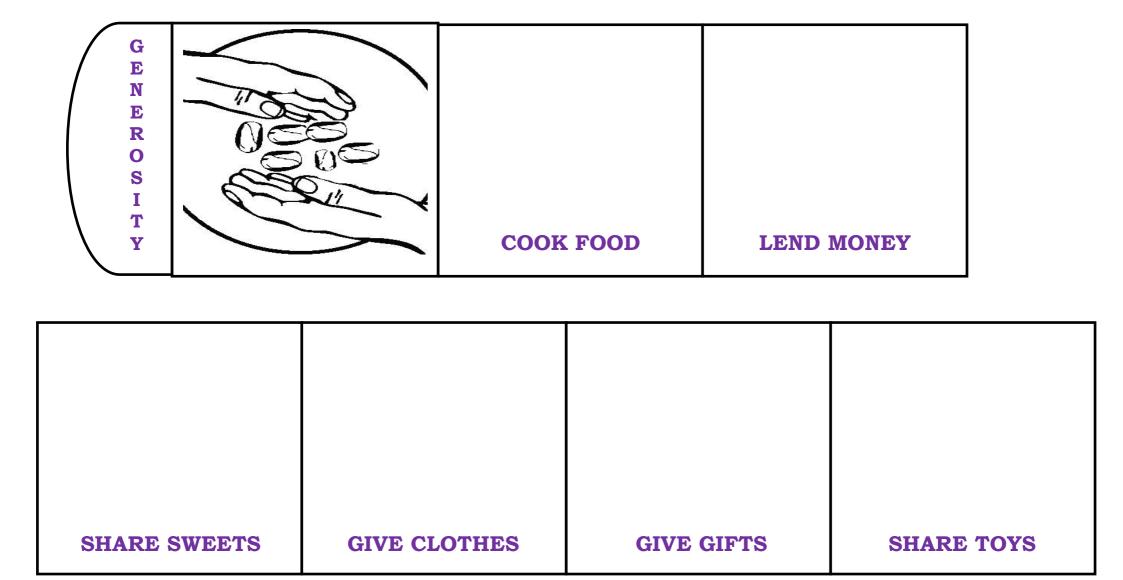
Examples of good manners:

- Saying please and thank you
- Not interrupting, being patient
- Not arguing or shouting
- Being kind and sharing
- Asking permission



The Prophet (saas) said:
Truly, Allah is gentle and loves gentleness.

! [Sahih Bukhari and Muslim]

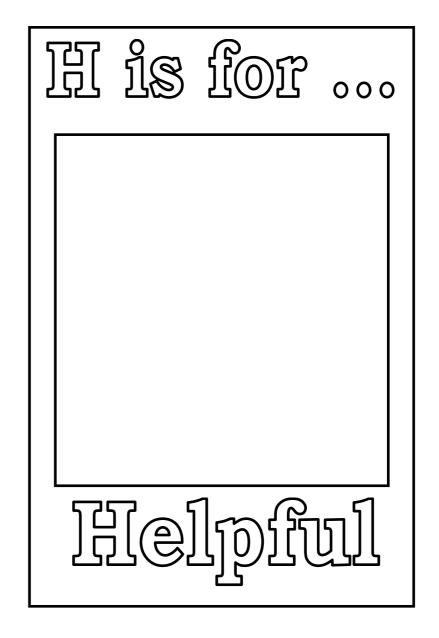


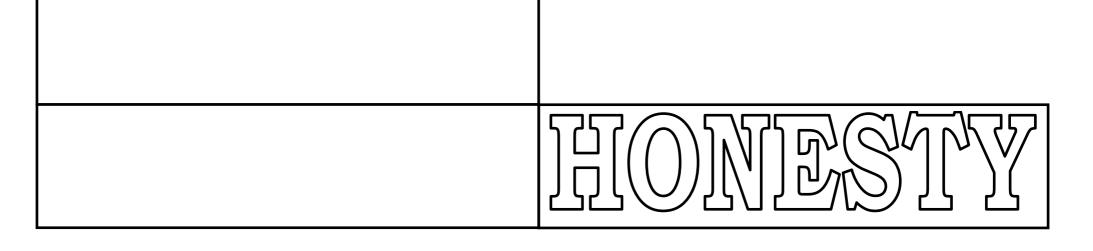


The Prophet (saas) said:

"Allah will help a servant (of His) so long as the servant helps his brother (in Islam)."

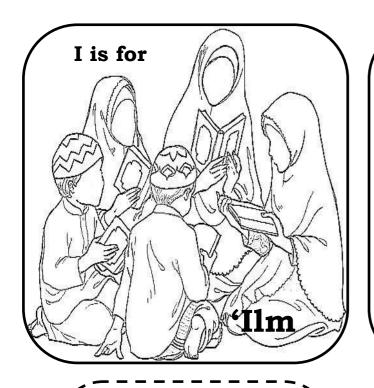
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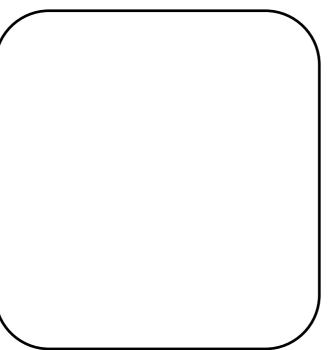


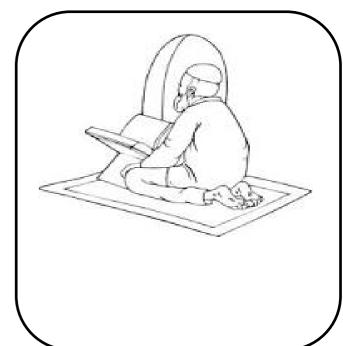


" ... The best thing is to work honestly ..."

[Qur'an 2:220]





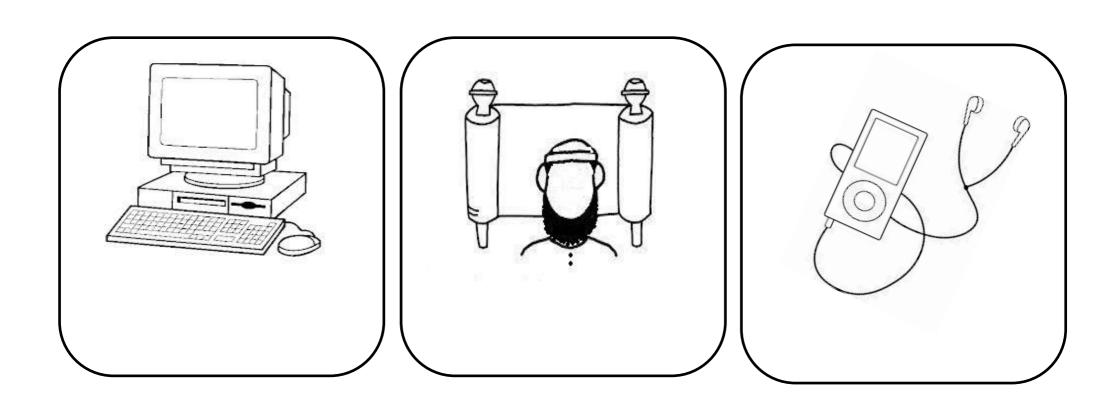


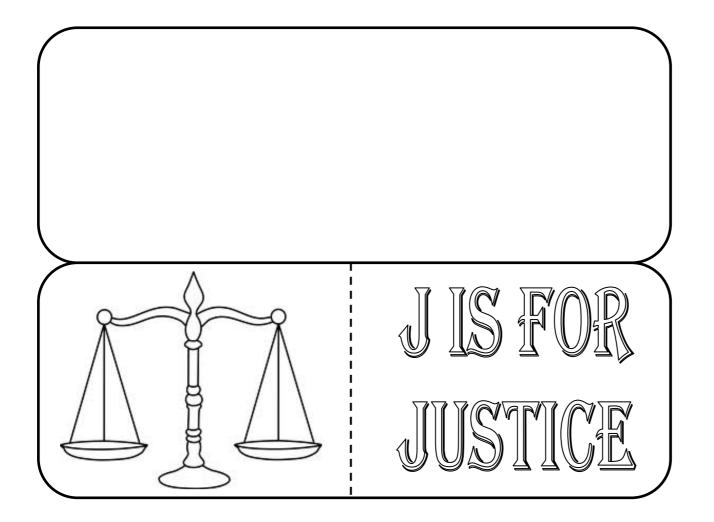
"Are those who know equal to those who know not?" [Qur'an 39:9]

The Prophet (saas)
said: "The seeking of
knowledge is
obligatory for every
Muslim." [Al-Tirmidhi,
Hadith 74]

Ways of Seeking knowledge

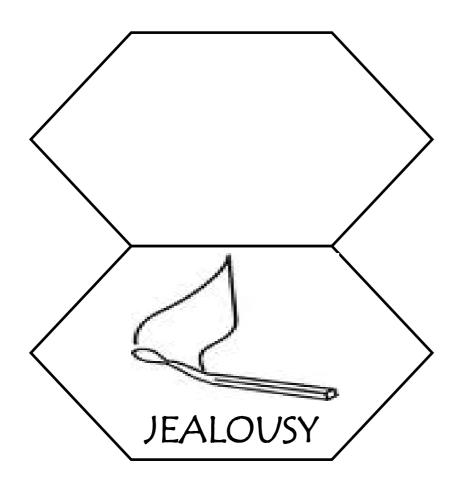
- Attending halaqaat
- Reading books
- Using the internet
- Contacting the scholars
- Listening to lectures





O you who believe!
Stand out firmly for
justice, as witnesses
to Allah, even though
it be against
yourselves, or your
parents, or your kin
... [Quran 4:135]

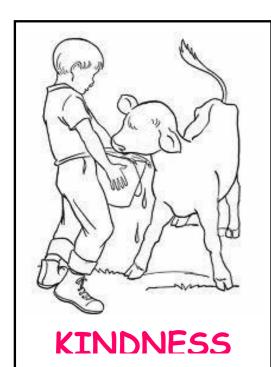
Justice means to be fair. We should be fair when telling the truth and not take sides with people just because we may be close to them.



The Prophet Muhammad (saas)
said

| "Avoid jealousy, for it | destroys good deeds like fire | destroys wood."

I [Abu Dawud]

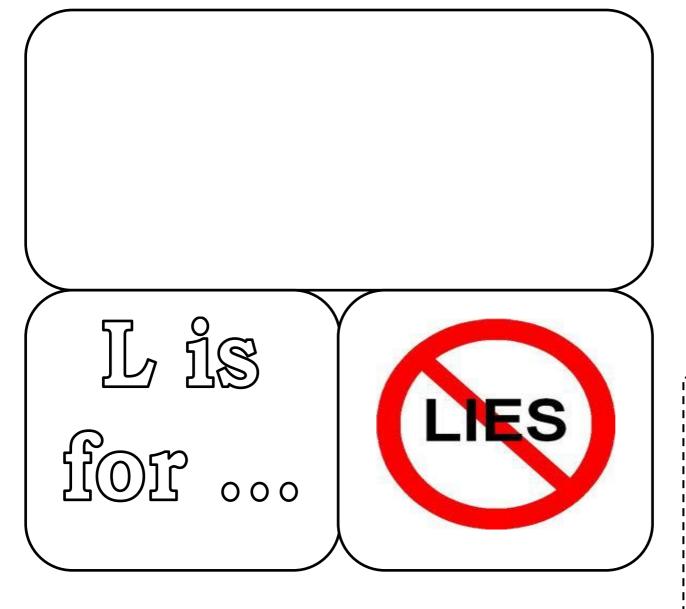




The Prophet (saas) said:

"Those who are kind and considerate to Allah's creatures, Allah bestows His kindness and affection on them. Show kindness to the creatures on the earth so that Allah may be kind to you."

Hadith - Abu Dawud and Tirmidhi



Not a word does he (or she) say but there is a watcher by him ready (to write it down).

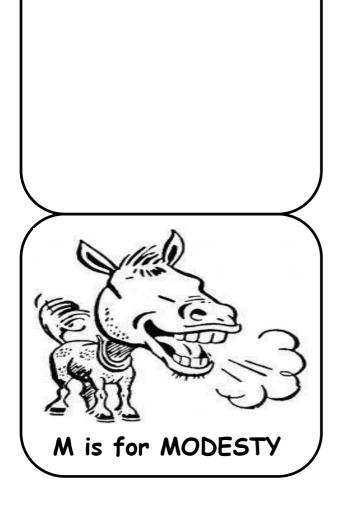
[Quran 50:18]

The watcher is an angel who is writing down our deeds. Even the words we are saying. So if we tell a lie, the angel will write it down and Allah will judge us for it on the Last Day. This should be a reminder for us so that we remember to think about what we say before we say

Ibn Mas'ud stated that the Messenger of Allah, (saas) said:

"Truthfulness leads to piety and piety leads to Jannah. A person should be truthful until he is written down as truthful with Allah. Lying leads to deviance and deviance leads to the Fire. A person will lie until he is written down as a liar with Allah."

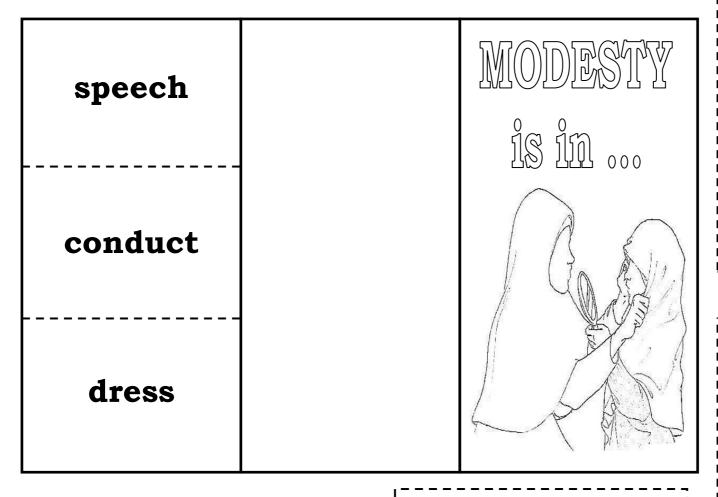
i (Bukhari and Muslim)



And be moderate in your walking, and lower your voice. Verily, the harshest of all voices is the braying of the donkeys.

[Quran 31:19]

Allah shows us in Quran the advice of Prophet Luqman to his son. He told him not to walk around proud and loud because people who do this are like donkeys.



Narrated Anas ibn Malik:
Allah's Messenger (saas)
said:

"Coarse talk (bad speech)
does not come into anything
without disgracing it, and
modesty does not come into
anything without adorning it
(making it beautiful)."

[Tirmidhi. #1253]

Tell the believing men to lower their gaze and guard their modesty ...

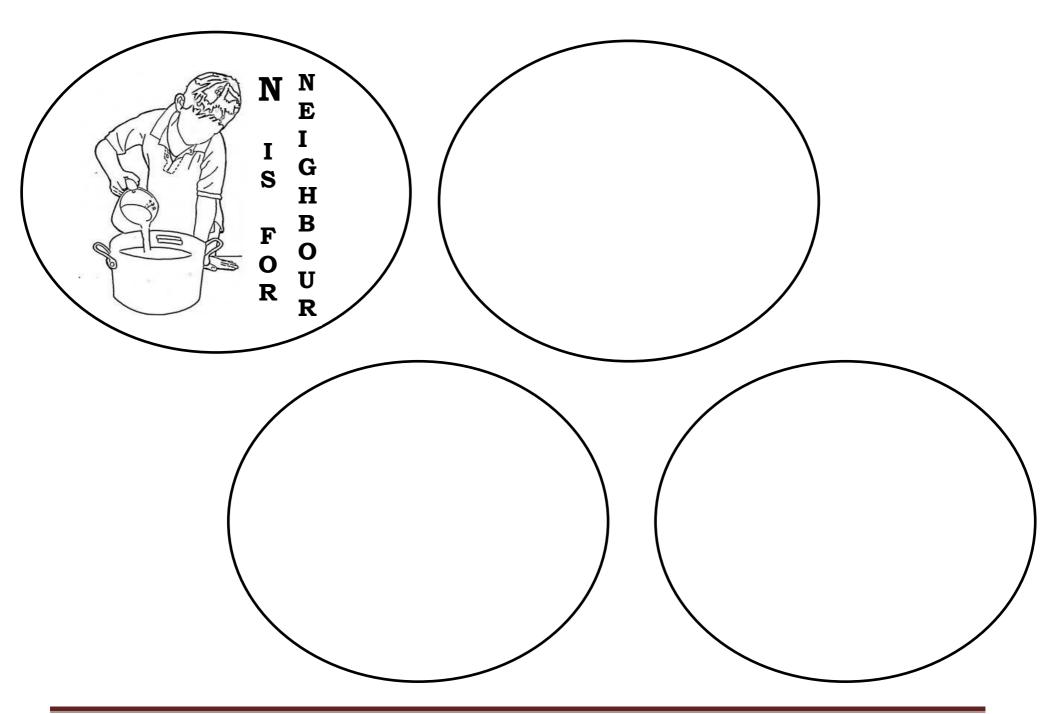
Likewise tell the believing women to lower their gaze and guard their modesty, not to display their beauty ...

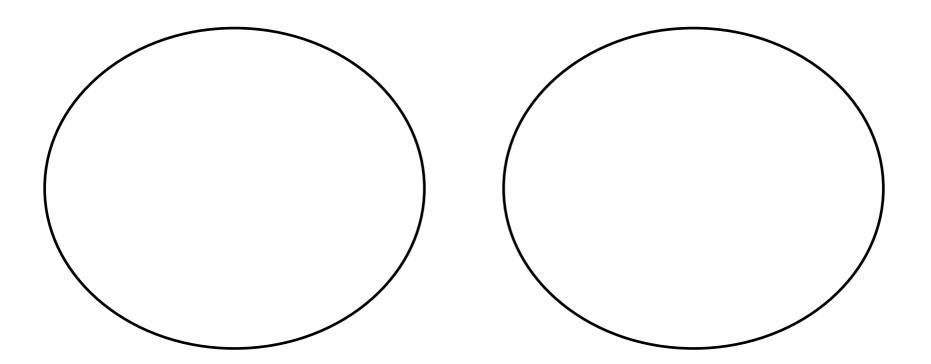
[Quran 24:30-31]

The Messenger of Allah (saas) said:

Every deen has natural character.
The character of Islam is modesty.'

Al Muwatta 47.9





Allah says in the Quran:

Worship Allah, and join not any partners with Him; and do good - to parents, relatives, orphans, those in need, neighbours who are near, neighbours who are strangers ...

[Quran 4:36]

Allah orders us to do good to people including neighbours who we know and neighbours who we don't know. This helps to connect the community and helps people to feel safe and happy.

The Prophet (saas) said: Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day, he should treat his neighbour well ... [Sahih Bukhari and Muslim] The Prophet (saas) said: 'Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day should not harm or annoy his neighbour...' [Sahih Bukhari] The Prophet (saas) once told his companion: O Abu Dharr, if you cook some broth (soup), add extra water to it, and see if your neighbour needs some. [Sahih Muslim] The Prophet (saas) said A person is not a believer if he eats until he is full while he knows his neighbour has nothing to eat. [Sahih Bukhari]

	ALLAH	O is for OBEDIENCE
THE PROPHET (saas)		OUR PARENTS

Allah says:

And when My slaves ask you about Me, then (tell them), I am indeed near (to them by My Knowledge). I respond to the du'as of the supplicant when he calls on Me. So let them Obey Me and believe in Me, so that they may be led aright (guided).

[Quran 2:186]

Allah says in the Quran many times to obey Him and to obey His Messenger and to obey our parents. These three are often mentioned together showing how important they are.

Allah commands us in the Quran to obey His Messenger (saas):

And whatsoever the Messenger gives you, take it and whatsoever he forbids you, abstain (from it).

[Quran 59:7]

Obeying the Messenger is the same as obeying Allah:

O you who believe! Obey Allah and His Messenger ...

[Quran 8:20]

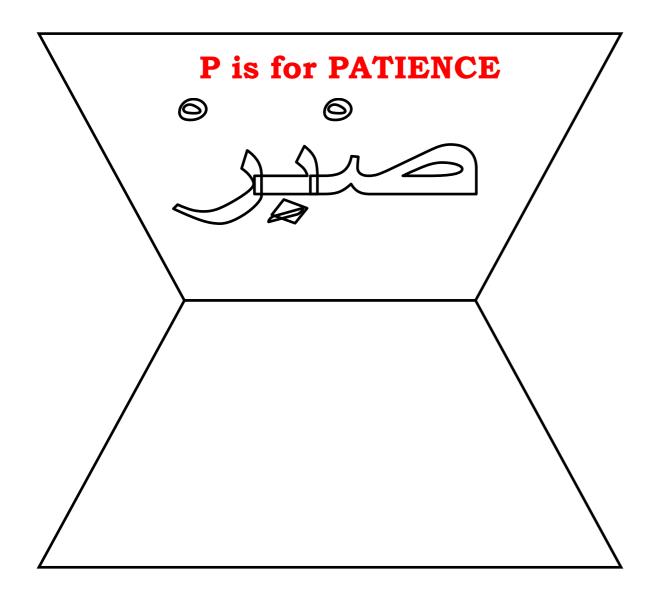
Allah says:

And We have enjoined on man to be dutiful and kind to his parents ...

[Quran 46:15]

Ibn 'Abbas said, For any Muslim who has two Muslim parents and who goes to them every morning obeying their requests, Allah opens two doors to Jannah. If he has one parent Allah opens one door to heaven for him. If he displeases his parents, Allah will not be pleased with him until his parents are pleased with him.

[Al Adab al-Mufrad, Bukhari]



O you who believe! Seek help in patience and As-Salat (the prayer). Truly! Allah is with As-Sabirun (the patient).

[Surah Al Baqarah 2:153]

The Arabic word 'sabr' means patience.

Sabr is of two kinds:

The first is to be patient for the sake of Allah in doing good deeds, remaining steadfast and all that pleases Allah.

The second is to be patient in staying away from sins and all that Allah dislikes.



Q IS FOR QUR'AN

And as to those who hold fast to the Book and perform As-Salat, certainly We shall never waste the reward of those who do righteous deeds. [Our'an 7:170]

To hold fast to the Qur'an means to do what is commanded in the Qur'an. If we do this and perform the prayers correctly and on time then our good deeds will never be wasted and we will be rewarded.

This is the Book (the Qur'an), whereof there is no doubt, a guidance to those who are Al-Muttaqun [Qur'an 2:2]

The Qur'an is the book that is revealed by Allah and we truly believe this and do not doubt it. It contains guidance for those who truly fear Allah and want to be guided.

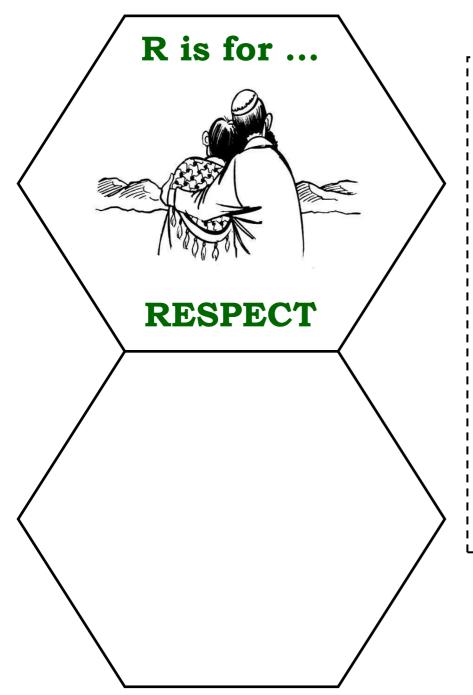
And We have not sent down the Book to you except that you may explain clearly unto them those things in which they differ, and (as) a guidance and a mercy for people who believe.

[Qur'an 16:64]

In the Qur'an are ayat that are easy to understand and others that are not, so the Prophet (saas) explained the meaning of these ayat through his Sunnah.

It is He Who has sent down to you the Book. In it are Verses that are entirely clear, they are the foundations of the Book. [Qur'an 3:7]

The foundations of the Book are the ayat of Al Ahkam (the commandments), Al Fara'id (obligatory duties) and Al Hudud (laws of punishment)



I The Prophet (saas)

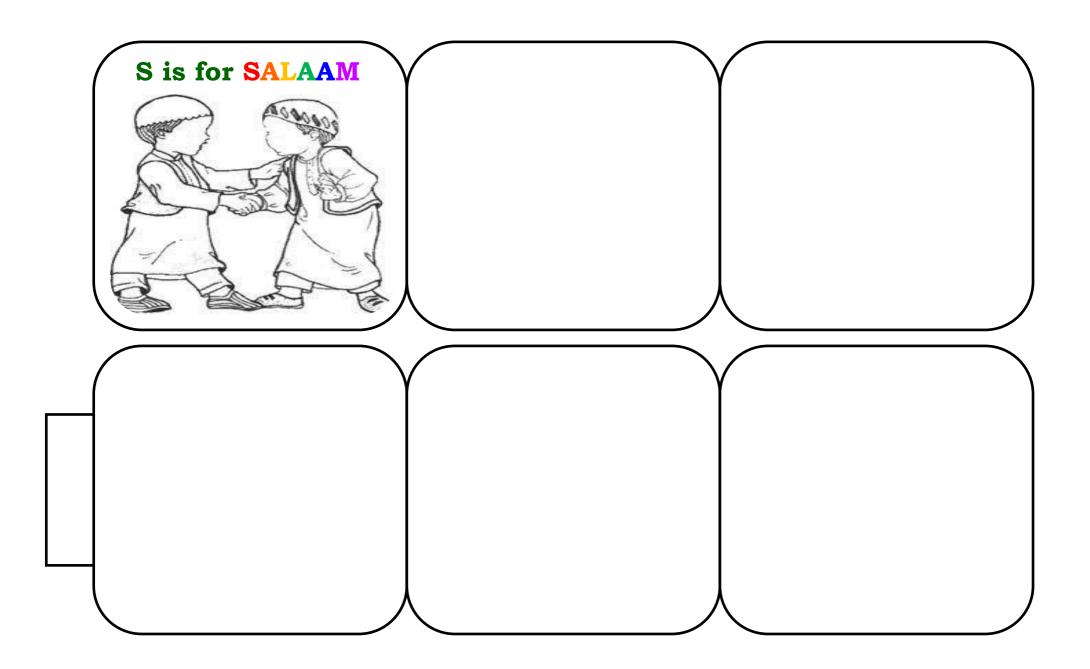
"Part of being dutiful to Allah is to respect an elderly Muslim whose hair has turned grey, a hafidh of the Qurán, and a just ruler."

[Sunan Abi Dawúd]

The Prophet (saas) has ordered us to respect those older than us, especially those who are in their old age. He also said to show respect for the one who has memorised the Qur'an and for to have respect for a leader who treats the people fairly.

"Whoever does not respect our elders, is not compassionate to our youth, and does not give our scholars due honour is not of us." [Ahmad, Hákim and Tabaráni]

If we don't respect those who are older or be kind to those who are younger and don't respect those who have more knowledge then we will not be a good Muslim.



"... greet one another with a greeting from Allâh; (a greeting that is) blessed and good."

[Qur'an 24:61]

The greeting of the Muslims is:

"Asalamu alaykum"
which means 'peace be on upon you'

"When you are greeted with a greeting, greet in return with what is better than it, or (at least) return it equally."

[Qur'an 4:86]

This means we should reply by saying:

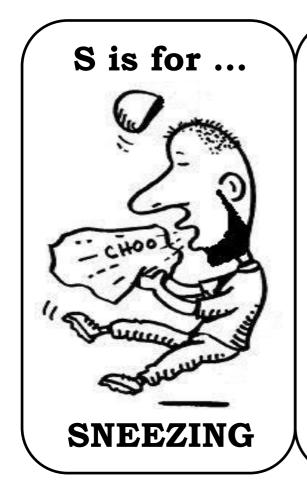
"Walaykum salam wa rahmatullahi wa barakatu" which means 'and peace be upon you and the Mercy of Allah and His Blessings'.

We must at least reply:

"Walaykum salam"

The greeting of salaam is very important and it is the duty of every Muslim towards another Muslim.

The Prophet (saas) taught us to spread salaam to increase love between the Muslims [Sahih Muslim]



The prophet (saas) said:

Allah created Adam (as) and breathed his soul into him.
When his soul spread and reached his nose, Adam sneezed.

The angels told him to say 'Alhamdulillah'.

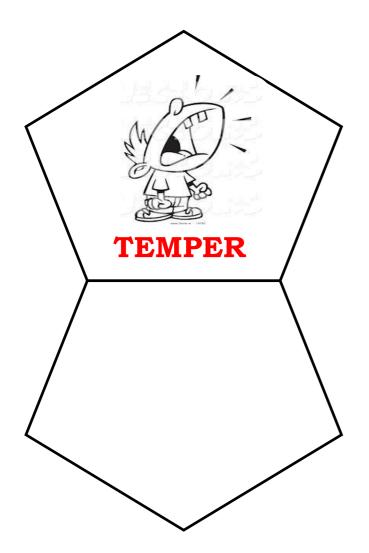
Allah replied: Yarhamukullah, Ya Adam! (May Allah have mercy on you, O Adam!)

[Tirmidhi 4662]

If a Muslim sneezes and says 'Alhamdulillah', it is our duty to say 'Yarhamukullah' (May Allah have Mercy on you).

But if he doesn't praise Allah after sneezing then we do not say it because the Prophet only said it to those who said 'Alhamdulillah'

[Sahih Bukhari]



Sometimes we can become angry and lose our temper. But it is better if we can control anger as Allah says in the Qur'an:

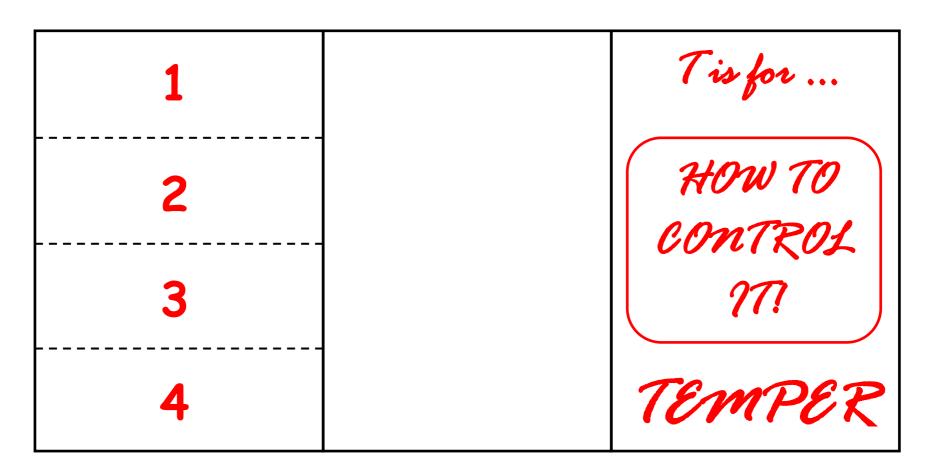
(Those) who control their anger, and who forgive people; verily, Allâh loves those who do good.

[Qur'an 3:134]

And the Prophet (saas) said:

The strong person is not the one who can beat someone with his strength. The strong person is the one who can control his anger.

[Sahih Bukhari]



Calm down by seeking refuge in Allah

Say: A'uthu billahi min ash-Shaytan ir-Rajeem

[Sahih Bukhari]

Make wudhu

The Prophet (saas) said: Anger comes from Shaytan, Shaytan is made from fire, fire is put out with water so make wudhu if you become angry.

[Sunan Abu Dawood]

II Sit down

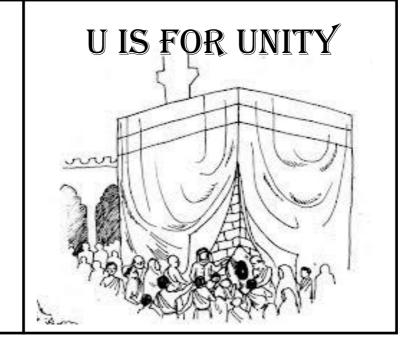
The Prophet (saas) said: If some gets angry while standing, he should sit down.

If the anger leaves him it's good, but if it doesn't ...

Lie down

... then he should lie down (until the anger is gone).

[Sunan Abu Dawood]



Allah says in the Qur'an: And hold fast, all of you together, to the rope of Allah (i.e. this Qur'an), and be not divided among yourselves (3:103)

We are commanded to be united in following the Qur'an. We should follow it and understand it in the same way as the first Muslims. If we try to understand the Qur'an with our own interpretation we will become divided.

Sadly the Muslims have become divided into groups and sects because they did not follow the Qur'an in the same way as the first Muslims, even though Allah commanded them not to divide like the Jews and Christians.

And do not be like the Mushrikoon who split up their religion, and became sects [30:31-32]

Vanity is a form of arrogant pride called 'takabbur' in Arabic. To be vain means to think you are better than others. As Muslims we are not allowed to think we are better than someone else. We may think we are better because we have nicer clothes or a bigger house. We may even think we are better than others due to our race. But this is a very wrong way of thinking. The Prophet (saas) taught us that no Muslim is better than another except by having tagwa and obeying Allah. V is for ... He (saas) said: An Arab is not better than a non-Arab and non-Arab is not better than an Arab; a black person is not better than a white and a white person is not better than a black, except through taqwa and good deeds.

W is for ...



Muslims should not be wasteful. There are many ways in which people are wasteful.

We can be wasteful with food, with energy, with money and with time.

The Prophet (saas) taught us not to be wasteful with food. He said:

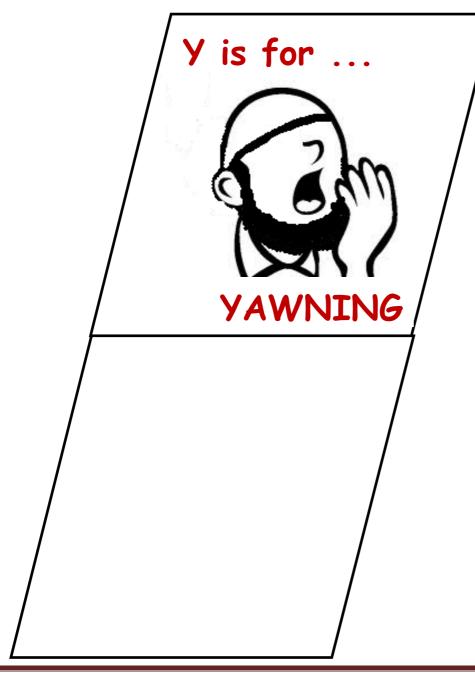
If anyone drops a piece of food, he should pick it up, clean it and eat it and not leave it for the Shaytaan. And when you finish eating you should lick your fingers because you don't know in which part of the food is the blessing. [Sahih Muslim]

We must also be careful not to waste our time on things that will not earn us reward and may distract us from remembering Allah and doing good deeds.

! The Prophet (saas) said:

There are two blessings of Allah that are forgotten by most people. They are: health and free time.

While we are healthy and strong we should do as many good deeds as we can and if we have some free time we should use that to do good deeds to and not waste it.



The Prophet (saas) said:

Yawning is from Shaytan. If anyone feels the need to yawn he should try to resist as much as possible and if he yawns he should not say "haa" because Shaytan will laugh at him.

[Sahih Bukhari]

The Prophet (saas) said:

If one of you yawns he should cover his mouth to stop the Shaytan from entering.

[Ibn Majah and At-Tirmidhi]

The Prophet (saas) said:

Yawning in the prayer is an act of Shaytan so you must try to resist yawning while praying.

[Ibn Majah and At-Tirmidhi]