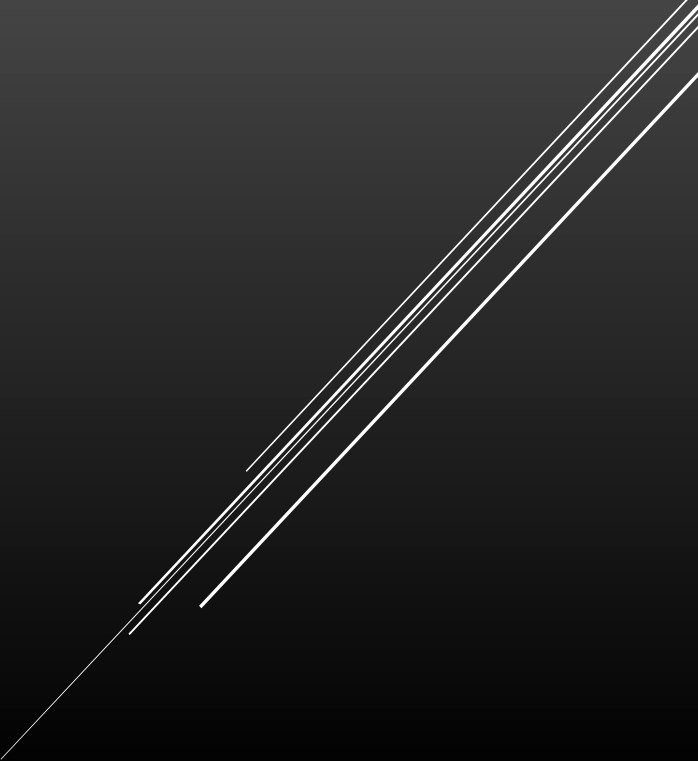




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Remind one another, for
indeed a reminder is
beneficial for the believers

The Sahaabah رضي الله عنهم the noble companions رضي الله عنهم of our Nabi صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم had many beautiful qualities. There are a few qualities, which if we practice upon Allah ﷻ will make it easy for us to practice Deen. We should make an effort to bring it into our lives.

FIRST QUALITY: IMAAN



A. لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

Object:

To have yaqeen, (firm conviction) that Allah ﷻ is the sole controller of everything. Allah can do anything and everything without the help of the creation and the entire creation can do nothing without the help of Allah ﷻ.

Virtue:

That person who recites the kalimah with sincere yaqeen Allah ﷻ will forgive his sins and enter him into jannah.

How to acquire it:

- Recite the Kalimah correctly and know it's meaning and what it demands from us.
- Give Dawat towards the greatness of Allah ﷻ.
- Make dua asking Allah ﷻ to grant us the reality of Imaan.

B. مُحَمَّدٌ رَّسُولُ اللَّهِ

Object:

To be successful in this life and in the life of the hereafter we have to follow the lifestyle of our beloved Nabi Muhammad ﷺ. If we follow any other lifestyle we will be at a loss and unsuccessful.

Virtue:

Those who follow the Sunnah, Allah ﷻ will love them and forgive them inshallah.

It is mentioned in the hadith that if we revive one Sunnah, we will get the reward a martyr.

When we practice the different Sunnah our entire life will become Ibaadah (worship)

How to acquire it:

- Give dawat towards the Sunnah of Nabi ﷺ.
- Make dua asking Allah ﷻ to grant us the reality of Sunnah.
- Practice the various sunnah eg. Eating, sleeping, dressing, toilet etc.

The Qudrat Of Allah:

- Discuss an example from the world.
- Discuss an example from within our bodies.
- Discuss an example from the ghaib, unseen world.

SECOND QUALITY: SALAAH

Object:

- To draw from the unseen and unlimited treasures of Allah ﷻ.
- To live our life out of salaah as we are in salaah. Obedient to every call.

Virtue:

When a person performs his 5 daily salaah with regularity Allah ﷻ will bless him with 5 favours:

1. His rizq, daily needs will be made easy
2. He will be saved from the punishment of the grave
3. He will receive his book of deeds in his right hand
4. He will cross the bridge across Jahannam hell, with the speed of lightning
5. He will enter Jannah, heaven without reckoning

How to acquire it:

- Make a concerted effort to perform Salaah according to the Sunnah
- Make a concerted effort to build concentration in Salaah
- Give Dawat towards performing perfect Salaah
- Make dua asking Allah ﷻ to grant us the reality of Salaah.

THIRD QUALITY: ILM AND ZIKR

SEEKING KNOWLEDGE & REMEMBRANCE OF ALLAH ﷻ

A. Ilm – Seeking of Knowledge

Object: To know what Allah ﷻ wants us to do at any given situation and any given time.

Virtue: The angels and all creation make dua for those who seek knowledge.

How to acquire it:

- We should sit in the gatherings of ta'leem
- Ask the ulamaa regarding the laws of all issues in our life.
- Give Dawat towards attaining Ilm
- Make dua asking Allah ﷻ to grant us the reality of Ilm.

B. Zikr – Remembrance of Allah ﷻ

Object: To act according to our Ilm knowledge at all times.

Virtue: The person who makes the zikr of Allah ﷻ is like a living person and the person who does not make the zikr of Allah ﷻ is like a dead person.

How to acquire it:

- Recite the following 100 times morning and evening:
 - ✓ **Istighfaar** – seeking of forgiveness
 - ✓ **Durood** – blessings on our Nabi ﷺ
 - ✓ **Third kalimah**
- Recite the Sunnah duas for the relevant situations eg. Eating duas, toilet duas, masjid duas, etc.
- Tilaawat of Quraan
- Give Dawat towards making Zikr
- Make dua asking Allah ﷻ to grant us the reality of Zikr.

FOURTH QUALITY: IKRAAM-E-MUSLIM

HONOURING YOUR FELLOW MUSLIM

Object:

To value, love and honour the muslim people for the only reason that they have Imaan. If any muslim has any bad qualities then we must look down upon the action, not the muslim person.

Virtue:

Allah ﷻ will help us as long as we help our muslim brothers.

When we conceal the faults of others, Allah ﷻ will conceal our faults on the day of qiyaamah.

How to acquire it:

- Always look to fulfill the rights of others eg. Visit them when they are sick, make salaam to them, accept his invitation, etc.
- Overlook when others do not fulfill our rights
- Give preference to others, even though we may be in need.
- Give Dawat towards fulfilling the rights of others
- Make dua asking Allah ﷻ to grant us the reality of Ikraam

FIFTH QUALITY: IKHLAAS UN NIYYAH

SINCERITY OF INTENTION

Object:

To attain the pleasure of Allah ﷻ

Virtue:

When we do any type of action only for Allah ﷻ then He will reward us. If we do any action to show people, for name and fame Allah ﷻ will punish us.

Even if we give a small fruit for Allah ﷻ he will reward us equal to a mountain or even more.

How to acquire it:

- We should always check our intention before doing an action, while doing an action and after doing an action.
- If we find any wrong intentions we should seek forgiveness and correct our intention.
- Give Dawat towards Sincerity
- Make dua asking Allah ﷻ to grant us the reality of Ikhlaas.

SIXTH QUALITY:
STRIVING IN THE PATH OF ALLAH ﷻ
CALLING PEOPLE TOWARDS ALLAH ﷻ

Object:

Correct usage of our:

- 1) Life
- 2) Time
- 3) Wealth

These three things should be used in the following manner:

- 1) Firstly for serving the Deen of Allah ﷻ
- 2) Secondly for fulfilling the rights of the creation upon us.
- 3) Thirdly for fulfilling our necessities and need not our greed.

Virtue:

If dust touches any part of the body while in the path of Allah ﷻ then that particular part will not burn in the fire of Jahannam.

The dust from the path of Allah ﷻ and the smoke of Jahannam cannot come together.

A little while in the morning and evening in the path of Allah is better than the entire world and whatever it contains.

How to acquire it:

We should make an effort to create an Islamic environment by going out in the path of Allah and establishing the effort of the masjid.

The 5 efforts (a'maal) of the masjid are:

- 1) In-Ghush and Out-Ghush**
- 2) Ta'leem in the masjid and ta'leem at home**
- 3) Daily Fikr - mashwarah**
- 4) 2 and half hours daily to keeping the masjid alive**
- 5) 3 Days every month**

We should go out in the path of Allah to learn this effort and teach others by going out for 4 months and 40 days every year.

Very Importantly:

After giving the 6 qualities, or any talk, tashkeel has to be made. Ask the people if they are ready to do this effort. Also a specific tashkeel for Nusrat of the jamaat during their stay at the particular masjid, must be requested from the local brothers. Always ask local brothers for mashwarah how to work in their masjid and request special time from them for nusrat.

The 12 Usool (Principles) of Tabligh

A. There are 4 things we should always be doing:

1. Da'wat:

- a. Ijtimaai, collective Dawat – when addressing a group
- b. Infiraadi, individual Dawat - when addressing a person

2. Ta'leem:

- a. Ijtimaai, collective –
- b. Infiraadi, individual -

3. Ibaadat:

- a. Ijtimaai, collective – Salaah with jamaat
- b. Infiraadi, individual – zikr, tilaawat, qadhaa salaah

4. Khidmat:

- a. Ijtimaai, collective – cooking for the jamaat
- b. Infiraadi, individual – seeing to your personal needs, helping other people for their needs.

B. There are 4 things we need to do but should spend less time doing:

- 1. Going out of the masjid
- 2. Eating
- 3. Sleeping
- 4. Talking

C. There are 4 things we should avoid doing:

- 1. Wasting
- 2. Asking
- 3. Desiring
- 4. Using anyone's things without permission.

Intentions to keep in mind before entering a locality

1. How every male and female can fulfil the commands of Allah ﷻ and live the life of the Sunnah of our Nabi ﷺ.
2. From each home one person to come out in the path of Allah ﷻ.
3. How every muslim and and female can become regular with their 5 daily salaah.
4. If the effort of deen is not taking place in the particular musjid, then we have to make such effort that the 5 a'maal are established.
5. If the 5 a'maal are established, we have to make effort to strengthen it and increase it.

Things that should be done on arrival at the Musjid

1. Make contact with the responsible brothers.
2. Visit the Imaams and Muazzin.
3. Visit brothers involved in the effort.
4. Make Mashwarah on how to make effort in that specific locality. (Make Mashwara on how to spend our time in that area fruitfully).
5. Appoint brothers for khidmat.

Mashwarah- Consultation

Object:

To unite the hearts of the brothers onto one fikr, worry and concern.

To create thoughts and fikr in the brothers so that the best method and strategy could be used to get people to go out in the path of Allah ﷻ.

Importance:

Mashwarah is not only a sunnah of Nabi ﷺ but it is a command of Allah ﷻ in the quraan as well.

The person who works according to the mashwarah of the ameer will be steadfast.

Virtue:

A seeker of opinion never loses and the seeker of mashwarah never regrets.

Those who make mashwarah are protected from harm by Allah ﷻ.

Eg. The battle of Badr.

A Few Etiquettes:

- ❖ There must be an ameer
- ❖ Aim is to fulfil the takaazah of the effort not our own personal agendas
- ❖ Do not be proud of your opinion
- ❖ Do not be objective of or criticise the opinion of others
- ❖ Never insist on your opinion

- ❖ Give your opinion with respect, love and humility
- ❖ Always mention what Allah ﷻ has placed in your heart when asked to speak. Never hide what you have to say.
- ❖ The ameer can ask everyone for their opinion or only a few people.
- ❖ The ameer can decide against the majority
- ❖ Never speak unless asked to, if you really need to mention something, take the permission of the ameer
- ❖ The ameer should always turn his attention towards Allah ﷻ before the mashwarah and not decide anything beforehand
- ❖ No mashwarah before the mashwarah. The brothers should make fikr individually about the items to be discussed, they should never have a discussion before the mashwarah so as to try and influence the outcome
- ❖ No mashwarah after mashwarah. The brothers should not discuss and complain about the decision of the ameer after it has been made. Accept the decision and trust Allah ﷻ

However if any circumstances do arise, a second mashwarah can be called up by the ameer and he can change the decision of first mashwarah

Types of Ghush

1. **Ta'leemi:**

This is done while the jamaat is making ta'leem in the masjid. Two brothers at a time will go out for a few minutes looking for people who are free. They will be encouraged by telling them:

Once Hazrat Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه went to the bazaar area and told the people that the inheritance of Nabi ﷺ was being distributed in the masjid and that they should come. When the people got to the masjid they found no type of material wealth, only ta'leem was taking place. Hazrat Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه explained to them that this ta'leem was the inheritance of Nabi ﷺ. So likewise my brother we invite you to sit for a few minutes, even if it be just 5 minutes for the ta'leem in the masjid.

2. **Umoomi:**

This is the house to house visits. Knocking at each door and giving a short dawat. He should not speak as short as an e'laan nor long as a bayaan. He should speak briefly and leave the brother with some fikr of Allah ﷻ, hereafter and how valuable he as an ummati of Nabi ﷺ is. He should encourage the brother to join the jamaat or go to the masjid and join the talk that is taking place currently. If the brother excuses himself to come immediately then request him to join later.

Alhamdulillah my brother we have come to meet you for the leasure of Allah ﷻ. When muslim brothers meet for the

pleasure Allah ﷻ their minor sins are forgiven. Each one of us who are reciters of this kalimah لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷻ are beloved are so valuable to Allah ﷻ, that He will keep this entire world and all it's systems, the food chain, solar system, lunar system, every system intact as long as there is even one person to take the name of Allah ﷻ. So my respected brother even if that last person is yourself or myself Allah ﷻ will not bring about qiyaamah until this last person of imaan passes away. We are more valuable than this entire world and what it contains.

As reciters and believers in this Kalimah لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷻ we have to make a concerted effort to put the love and greatness of Allah ﷻ into our hearts. Allah ﷻ is our creator, Sustainer and Nourisher. Allah ﷻ is the controller of everything. The past, present and future all are affected by the decisions of Allah ﷻ. The birds in the sky fly through the power of Allah ﷻ. There are no strings holding this bird up, only the Qudrat of Allah ﷻ is holding it up.

Out of love for us Allah ﷻ sent his perfect creation Hazrat Muhammad Mustafaa ﷺ to us. He ﷺ showed us the perfect way of life through his sunnah. If we live according to the sunnah our entire life will be regarded as ibaadah.

We have to make a concerted effort now before it is too late. This worldly life can end at any moment whereas the hereafter is forever. So regarding how we all can become closer to Allah ﷻ we humbly request you to join us.

3. Khusoosi:

This visit is to people of different high positions, people who are familiar and also not familiar with the effort, old workers, ulamaa, etc. Object of this ghush is to win the person over gradually, and show respect to those of position. During this type of ghush according to the situation and the mentality of the person, the talk should progress.

4. Tashkeeli:

This visit is to go and specially get a person ready to go out in the path of Allah ﷻ, or to tashkeel someone to fulfil a specific taqaadah. Full dawat and encouragement should be given around the first and sixth quality. Also some advice should be given to him on how to solve certain issues or commitments that maybe the cause of preventing him from going out in the path of Allah ﷻ.

5. Wusooli:

This visit is to pick up the person who has committed himself for any taqaadah. "Picking up" can mean taking him physically, picking up a cash deposit from him, picking up his passport, picking up his bedding. Basically any type of confirmation that the brother can hand over to show he is serious and ready. Again dawat and encouragement should be given around the first and sixth quality, to revive the desire and strengthen the brother. Also acknowledgement and appreciation on his sacrifice should be shown.

Always Remember:
There is no Tashkeel without Dawat
There is no Dawat without
introducing yourself

Ta'leem

Object:

To listen repeatedly to the promises and warnings of Allah ﷻ and his Rasool ﷺ, so that the desire comes into the heart to practice good deeds, and the hatred to abstain from bad deeds.

Virtue:

The angels surround the gathering.

When we remember Allah ﷻ in a gathering, Allah remembers us in a better and nobler gathering, the gathering of the angels.

Intentions to be made:

- To please Allah ﷻ
- Ta'zeem: To have full respect for the sayings of Nabi ﷺ
- Tasdeeq: To have firm yaqeen on what is being read
- Ta'meel: To practice what is being heard
- Tableegh: To propagate what is being heard

3 Parts of Ta'leem:

During the two and half hour ta'leem divide equal time for each of the following:

1. Reading from the kitaab
Read from all the different sections
2. Halqah of tajweed – object is :- 2S & 2C
 - a. Sunnat
 - b. Sawaab
 - c. Correction
 - d. Concentration
3. Muzaakarah of 6 qualities – object is to practice

A Few Etiquettes:

- Come on time
- Have wudhu
- Make two rakaats of salaah before ta'leem asking Allah ﷻ to grant us taufeeq and hidaayah from it.
- Make miswaak and use itr before not during.
- Be attentive and look at the face of the reader and imagine that you are in the time period of Nabi ﷺ
- Sit as long as possible in tashahud position.
- Suppress the urge to talk, drink water, toilet, etc
- Always say a quality of Allah ﷻ when taking His name.
- When we hear the name Nabi ﷺ we should send durood upon him.
- Say “alay his sa laam” when taking name of a prophet.
- Say “ra di yall laa hu anh” when taking name of Sahaabah.
- Say “alay hir rah mah” when taking the name of pious people.

- Be Happy when you hear about Jannah and fearful when you hear about Jahannam
- We should sit close to each other.
- Cover our head.
- Make place for late comers.

E'laan – Announcement after Salaah

Alhamdulillah, my respected brothers, my success, your success and the success of the entire mankind lies only in following the commands of Allah ﷻ in the way shown to us by our beloved master Nabi Muhammad ﷺ . Inshallah after the remaining sunnah / dua a very important fikr will be taking place. We humbly request one and all to take part for a short while. Jazaakumullah.

First Meeting with the people of the Locality

Alhamdulillah my respected brothers, we are grateful to the Sahaabah رضى الله عنهم. It is through their sacrifices that this deen has reached us today.

For this deen to come alive in their lives and in the world, Sahaabah رضى الله عنهم from Makkatul Mukarramah made hijrah, left their homes and family, and migrated to Madinatul Munawwarah. These are the muhaajireen.

The Sahaabah رضى الله عنهم from Madinatul Munawwarah made their nusrat, helped those who had made hijrat. These are the ansaar.

Allah ﷻ loved these actions of hijrat and nusrat so much that He took the noor of this hijrat, combined it with the noor of nusrat and spread the fire of hidaayat across the world.

Our Jamaat has made hijrah to your area. We humbly request the brothers to make our nusrat by taking us to visit the brothers of the area and spending time with us.

Our hijrat and your nusrat can never be like that of Sahaabah ﷺ but Allah ﷻ in his mercy will use us to spread hidaayah in the world.

We humbly request that the brothers remain behind and advise us how to work in the area.

Zikr Talk

After reading from the section of zikr from the kitaab mention the following:

Alhamdulillah my respected elders and brothers, this time from Asr to Maghrib and from Fajr till Ishraq are very blessed times. Those angles who were on duty during the night are returning to the heavens, and those angles who were on duty during the day descend for the start of their duties, and vice versa.

When we engage ourselves in the zikr, remembrance of Allah ﷻ during these times, the angels report to Allah ﷻ that they found us in Ibaadah when they arrived and that we were in Ibaadah when they left.

So in this way Inshallah Allah ﷻ will overlook what was in between, forgive us and count us as obedient servants.

Therefore those of us who are bay'ah to a sheikh of tasawwuf should do his zikr as prescribed by his sheikh. The rest of us should at minimum recite the following 100 times morning and evening:

- ✓ Istighfaar – seeking of forgiveness
- ✓ Durood – blessings on our Nabi ﷺ
- ✓ Third kalimah

Also our jamaat is ready to meet people of the locality at any time. We humbly request the local brothers to show us around.

Aadaab - Etiquettes of Ghush

Alhamdulillah, we thank Allah ﷻ for not only for blessing us with Imaan, but for placing us in the ummah of the final messenger, our master Nabi Muhammad ﷺ. Respected friends the most beloved creation of Allah ﷻ, came with only one worry and concern. How the entire mankind be saved from the hell fire and be entered into the gardens of paradise. Nabi ﷺ mission was to link the creation with their creator, to take mankind out of worship of the creation, to pull them out of darkness and bring them into light. He came with the very same message that all prophets ﷺ and messengers ﷺ had brought: Oh people! Say لا اله الا الله and you will be successful.

In the undertaking of his mission to mankind and out of love and concern for you and I, Nabi ﷺ sacrificed everything. His honour, his family, his wealth, his health, everything that he could use to help in the hidaayah of mankind. Nabi ﷺ was given such hardships in the path of Allah ﷻ, that no person before him underwent, nor will any person after him ever undergo. This is my way, I call towards Allah. We only have to look at the incident of Taaif to understand the sacrifices of our beloved Nabi ﷺ.

The success of this world and the hereafter is in following Deen. Deen is beloved by Allah ﷻ. The most beloved people to Allah ﷻ are the Ambiyaa ﷺ. They were sent for the effort of deen. If there was any other better effort, than this effort of deen, Allah ﷻ, would have blessed the Ambiyaa ﷺ with it. Those who followed the Ambiyaa ﷺ were successful in both the worlds.

It is due to the effort of deen that the mercy and help of Allah ﷻ comes down to the ummah. As there are no more Ambiyaa ﷺ to come, the responsibility of the effort of deen now lies upon our shoulders.

The Sahaabah ﷺ saw first-hand all the fikr and sacrifices of Nabi ﷺ. They also realised that due to Nabi ﷺ being the final messenger, they had to shoulder the same responsibility that the final messenger had been carrying out. They realised that the ummats of the past only had to believe in Tauheed and obey the messenger of the time, however due to us being the last ummah we have an extra duty, and that is to make the effort of the Nabi, so that his message and mission will

continue till qiyaamah. We learn many incidents from the stories of the Sahaabah ﷺ regarding their sacrifices.

If dust touches any part of the body while in the path of Allah ﷻ then that particular part will not burn in the fire of Jahannam.

The dust from the path of Allah ﷻ and the smoke of Jahannam cannot come together.

The people who guide others to do good actions will get the same reward as those whom they have guided.

A little while in the morning and evening in the path of Allah is better than the entire world and whatever it contains.

Are we all ready to go for jowlah / ghush?

Due to this effort being the effort of the Ambiyaa, it is a high and noble one. Therefore we have to do it in a systematic way and not haphazardly.

Every single person in the jamaat is valuable, however a few brothers will be given extra responsibility.

1. **Ameer: Leader**

- ✓ The responsibility of the ameer is to ensure that The jamaat goes out with the correct zikr and fikr.
- ✓ If anything occurs the ameer according to his discretion, may return the jamaat to the masjid.

2. **Daleel / Rehbar: Guide**

- ✓ The rehbar will take the jamaat to those homes which have been instructed in the mashwarah.
- ✓ He will introduce the jamaat to the menfolk by saying:
“These are the servants of Allah, who have come from the house of Allah, to meet you for the pleasure of Allah.”
The reason he will introduce the jamaat in this way so as to impress the name of Allah ﷻ on the heart of the person the jamaat is visiting.
- ✓ Care should be taken that the rehbar does not expose any sin or fault of the people to be visited, as this is not permissible. He should only explain to the Mutakallim the occupation of the brother, if the brother has spent time in the path of Allah ﷻ etc. so that the Mutakallim knows how to speak to the brother.
- ✓ If there are no men folk at the home then simply say that the brothers from the masjid request the men folk to visit them when they return.

3. **Mutakallim: Spokesman**

- ✓ He should not speak as short as an e’laan nor long as a bayaan. He should speak briefly and leave the brother with some fikr of Allah ﷻ, hereafter and how valuable he as an ummati of Nabi ﷺ he is.

- ✓ He should never engage in a debate or argument with any person but should remain silent. If any such situation occurs the Ameer should take over and handle the situation.
- ✓ He should encourage the brother to join the jamaat or go to the masjid and join the talk that is taking place currently. If the brother excuses himself to come immediately then request him to join later.
- ✓ When the mutakallim is speaking he should not focus his gaze only onto the brother visited but as he is talking he should look around at the other brothers as well. Likewise the brothers of the jamaat should focus on the mutakallim and not on the brother.
- ✓ If he finds that the brother is eating or busy with some work then he should make his dawat as short as possible.

4. **Zaakir:**

- ✓ Is the person who will remain behind in the masjid making ibaadah and dua for hidaayah.
- ✓ He is the link between Allah ﷻ and the jamaat.
- ✓ The more he is focussed on Allah ﷻ in zikr and dua, the more the help of Allah ﷻ will be with the jamaat, thus ensuring effect of the dawat on the hearts of the people.

5. **Istiqbaal: welcome**

- ✓ This person will stand at the entrance of the masjid and welcome those coming in.

- ✓ With love and respect he will find out if the person has read salaah.
- ✓ Once the person has read his salaah, he should be encouraged to join the sitting talk.

6. Sitting Talk:

- ✓ While the jamaat is out on ghush, a continuous talk should be taking place in the masjid.
- ✓ This talk is focussed around the greatness of Allah ﷻ and the 6 Qualities.
- ✓ If the speaker has finished the 6 qualities he should not feel shy to repeat the talk.
- ✓ He should also encourage those sitting to give their names during the tashkeel after the main talk.

7. General Points to be aware of during the ghush:

- ✓ Never do anything to offend anyone
- ✓ Although we are working in a limited area and for a limited time have the niyyah of hidaayah for all of mankind, for all of time.
- ✓ Not less than 3 people or more than 10 in a jamaat.
- ✓ Before leaving make dua.
- ✓ Walk on the right hand side of the road.
- ✓ Walk in pairs if possible.
- ✓ Make salaam and return salaam.
- ✓ Make zikr of the 3rd Kalimah in the residential areas and of the 4th kalimah in the business areas.
- ✓ Keep the gaze lowered, away from not only haram, but from anything which will take our fikr away from Hidayah for mankind and the hereafter.

- ✓ Remove any obstacles and harmful objects from the road.
- ✓ Knock a maximum of three times, if no reply, continue.
- ✓ Do not look into people's houses.
- ✓ As this is umoomi ghush avoid going into the homes of people unless the ameer feels that by not going in the person will become offended
- ✓ Only the Ameer and mutakallim are allowed to talk.
- ✓ Do not make zikr while the mutakallim is talking.
- ✓ Return with Istighfaar.

We will go out in this way.

The ameer of the jamaat should then make out the groups for ghush.

Imaani Muzaakarah

- Discuss an example from the world.
- Discuss an example from within our bodies.
- Nafee Isbaat – Negation and Establishing
- Discuss an example from the ghaib, unseen world.

Nafee and Isbaat: Negating and Verifying

The kalimah لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ , makes us negate everything and establish Allah ﷻ.

1. وَاللَّهُ خَالِقُ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ

Allah ﷻ is the creator of everything, no one can create anything except Allah ﷻ. لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

- a. Allah ﷻ is the creator of all physical things, no one can create any physical thing except Allah ﷻ. لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

Allah ﷻ created the cow/bee, no one can create a cow/bee except Allah ﷻ. لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

Allah ﷻ created milk/honey, no one can create milk/honey except Allah ﷻ. لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

- b. Allah ﷻ is the creator of all conditions things, no one can create any condition except Allah ﷻ. لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

Allah ﷻ created happiness and sadness, no one can create happiness and sadness except Allah ﷻ. لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

Allah ﷻ created heat and cold, no one can create heat and cold except Allah ﷻ. لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

2. وَ عِنْدَهُ خَزَائِنُ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ

Allah ﷻ has the unlimited treasures of everything.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

- a. Allah ﷻ has unlimited treasures of physical things.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

- b. Allah ﷻ has unlimited treasures of conditions.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

- c. Allah ﷻ has unlimited treasures of physical things.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

If we combine all the milk/honey in the world from the time of Adam عليه السلام until the last day, it would not even equal to a drop of milk/honey that a person in the smallest Jannah will receive.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

- d. Allah ﷻ has unlimited treasures of conditions. لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

If we combine all the happiness/sadness in the world from the time of Adam عليه السلام until the last day, it would not even equal to a second of happiness/sadness that a person in the smallest Jannah/Jahannam will feel.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

3. اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ

Allah ﷻ is independent. Allah ﷻ does not need any of the creation to do anything. لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

The entire creation is dependent on Allah ﷻ for everything that they do. لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

- a. Allah ﷻ does not need a cow/bee, to create milk/honey. In Jannah there are rivers of milk/honey, but this milk/honey did not come from a cow/bee. It came from the qudrat, power of Allah ﷻ. لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

- b. Allah ﷻ does need wealth or fame, to give happiness. We find in this world many people who have wealth or fame, but they are not happy. Some of them even commit suicide because of depression. We also find many people with no wealth or fame but are happy and content. This is because happiness does not come from wealth and fame, but happiness comes from the qudrat, power of Allah ﷻ.

4. فَعَالٌ لِّمَا يُرِيدُ

Allah ﷻ does as he pleases. Nothing can stop him. Allah ﷻ is free of asbaab, use of an agency to do anything. Allah ﷻ does with asbaab means, without asbaab means, and against asbaab means. لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

- a. Allah ﷻ does with asbaab means.
Allah ﷻ keeps us alive, healthy and strong by means of us eating food and drinking water. لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ
- b. Allah ﷻ does without asbaab means.
Allah ﷻ kept Yunus عليه السلام alive in the stomach of the fish for 40 days, without him eating or drinking. لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ
- c. Allah ﷻ does against asbaab means.
Khaalid bin Walid رضي الله عنه took the name of Allah ﷻ and drank poison but Allah ﷻ kept him alive.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

5.

A. Allah ﷻ is constant, never changing. Allah ﷻ always remains the same. لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

a. The zaat, being of Allah ﷻ never changes, it always remains the same. لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

Allah ﷻ does not get old with the passing of time.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

b. The sifaat, qualities of Allah ﷻ are never changing, they always remain the same. لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

Allah ﷻ does not get stronger or wiser with the passing of time. Allah ﷻ strength and wisdom were always perfect and complete even before the creation of time.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

B. The creation changes according to the will of Allah ﷻ.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

a. The zaat, being and shape of the creation changes according to the will of Allah ﷻ. لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

b. The sifaat, qualities of the creation changes according to the will of Allah ﷻ. لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

i. Sometimes Allah ﷻ changes both the shape and the quality.

Allah ﷻ changed the stick of Moosa عليه السلام into a snake.

The shape of the stick is hard and rough, and the shape of the snake is soft and smooth.

The quality of the stick is help and the quality of the snake is harm.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

- ii. Sometimes Allah ﷻ changes only the quality and leaves the shape as normal.

Allah ﷻ changed the quality of the fire that Ebrahim عليه السلام was thrown into, from hot into coolness, but the shape of the fire Allah ﷻ left it the same. لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

- iii. Sometimes Allah ﷻ changes only the shape and leaves the quality as normal.

Allah ﷻ changed the Bani Israeel into apes. Their shape was that of an ape but their inside quality was that of humans. لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

8 intentions for every action

Moulana Ilyaaas رحمه الله عليه - If a person attempts to make these 8 intentions for every action that he does, for 3 days, ﷻ will make Imaan flow through his veins just how blood flows.

1. ﷻ , You are giving me the Tawfeeq (ability) to do this Amal (action) and the outcome of this Amal is in Your hands.
2. ﷻ , I'm doing this Amal to obey Your command and to follow the Sunnah of Nabee-e-Kareem صلى الله عليه وسلم .
(Think of the Command of ﷻ سبحانه وتعالى and the Sunnahs in this action)
3. To think of the fadhaa'il (virtue) of the Amal and Istihzaar (thinking of the reward by doing the action) at the time of doing the Amal.
4. To ponder over the fact that ﷻ سبحانه وتعالى is watching me, He hears me, knows what I am doing and He is with me.
5. ﷻ , I am not fit (deserving) to do this amal (coz of my sins) and everyone else who is doing it is fit to do it.
Through their acceptance, accept my amal as well.
6. ﷻ , I am doing this Amal only to please You.
7. ﷻ , I am doing this Amal, please accept it and make it a means of hidayah (guidance) for me and all humanity.
8. After doing the amal, make shukr to ﷻ (thank ﷻ) and make istighfaar (seek forgiveness) that I could not do the action as it was ought to be done.

Moulana Ilyaaas رحمه الله عليه used to say these are **Sifaat-E-Qubooliyat** (qualities of acceptance of any Amal action)

Always do A'maal with:

1. Yaqeen
2. According to the Sunnah
3. With the awareness of Allah ﷻ
4. Only for the pleasure of Allah ﷻ
5. Pondering over the virtues and rewards of the a'mal
6. Suppressing the nafs, desires
7. Punctuality and with steadfastness

Things which create Unity

1. Salaam: always greet
2. Kalaam: speak softly and politely
3. Ikraam: help and assist others
4. Hadiyyah: giving of gifts
5. Dua: for each other in their absence
6. Ta'reef: talk good about those absent

Things which bring about Disunity

1. Tanqees: Fault finding
2. Tanqeed: Criticising
3. Tardeed: Rejecting of the opinion of others
4. Taqaabul: Opposing
5. Tahqeer: Belittling
6. Takraar: Insisting by repeating your opinion

Always be steadfast in 4 things

1. Takbeer Ulaa
2. Tahajjud
3. Tasbeehaat
4. Tilaawatul Quraan

Qualities which enlighten the heart

1. Obeying the ameer
2. Protecting the gaze
3. Never missing Takbeer Ulaa
4. Being punctual for all ijtimaa'i' a'maal

How to become steadfast in this effort

1. Working from the heart.
2. Remaining in the environment of Dawat.
3. Giving dawat daily.
4. Working according to the Mashwarah of the Ameer.
5. Those who are humble and generous will be steadfast
Those who are proud of themselves will be deprived.
6. Those people who are a hindrance to this effort will be deprived of this effort.
7. Having good thoughts of others. The person who looks at the faults of others will be deprived of this work.
8. Staying away from all sin and disobedience of Allah ﷻ especially sins such as backbiting, slandering and unlawful sexual desires deprive a person of this effort.
9. Those who do this work with '*Istighfaar*' and '*Nadamet*' will be steadfast.
10. The person who attributes to himself the faults of

others will attain steadfastness.

11. The person who chooses a way contrary to the Prophet ﷺ Sunnah will be deprived of this work.
12. Seeing a disliked action, he interprets a good thought. From this action such a person will be steadfast.
13. Those who keep asking from Allah ﷻ will be steadfast.
14. The person who does this work with sincerity and his
15. sacrifices are only for the pleasure of Allah ﷻ.
16. Hazratji said; “A person who is proud is an imitation, therefore how can he be steadfast in its reality?”
17. The person who has fikr and love for the entire world will attain steadfastness.
18. Knowing that you are in need of this effort. We need Allah ﷻ to accept us. Allah ﷻ does not need us. The person who thinks that because of his effort this work is continuing or progressing will be deprived of this effort.

Concentration During Zikr

1. Istighfaar: Seeking Forgiveness

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ

- ✓ Visualise your heart covered in darkness. Each time you recite أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ, visualise a spot of darkness turning to Noor celestial light.
- ✓ Visualise the entire world from the earth to the heavens filled with your sins and as you are reciting أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ it is getting less and less.

2. Durood: Sending peace and blessings upon Nabi ﷺ

صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ
وآلِهِ

- ✓ Visualise an angel taking the durood from your lips and conveying it to our beloved Nabi ﷺ who is alive in his Raudhah Mubarak. The angel taking our name and our father's name when telling Nabi ﷺ who has sent this durood to him.
- ✓ Visualise as we are reciting each durood upon Nabi ﷺ, we are under a shower of durood from Allah ﷻ, who is sending upon us ten durood for every one we send upon Nabi ﷺ.

3. Third Kalimah

- ✓ **سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ**: Oh Allah, you are the height of purity and I am the most impure.
 - ✓ **الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ**: Oh Allah, you are full of praise, and I am full of blame.
 - ✓ **لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ**:
 - ✓ **لَا إِلَهَ**: The love of everything is coming out of the heart
 - ✓ **إِلَّا اللَّهُ**: The love of Allah ﷻ is entering the heart
 - ✓ **اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ**: Oh Allah, you are the greatest, and I am the most insignificant.
 - ✓ **لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ**: There is no ability to turn away from sin and no power to do good except with the power and help of Allah ﷻ.
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اللَّهُ جَلَّالٌ

SIX POINTS

نحمدہ وصلی علی رسولہ الکریم

My respected brothers and elders, may Allah ﷻ accept our sitting here to remember our beloved Allah ﷻ and our beloved Nabi Kareem ﷺ. It is mentioned in a Hadith of our Rasulullah ﷺ that when you pass the gardens of Jannat, then graze in it (spend time in it) well. The Sahaabas ؓ enquired, what is the gardens of jannat? Nabi Kareem ﷺ replied: “those majlis where Allah ﷻ and his Rasul ﷺ are remembered”. May Allah ﷻ give us the tawfiq to make qadr (value) of this majlis and may He give us the tawfiq in many more majlis like this. (Aameen)

The Sahaaba ؓ had many beautiful qualities, but, there were six qualities that were common amongst all the Sahaaba ؓ. The first quality was IMAAN, that is to believe in لا اله الا الله. The Sahaaba ؓ had firm yakeen of this kalima that is Allah ﷻ is the doer of everything while the creation can do nothing. Rasulullah ﷺ also taught the Sahaaba ؓ this too. Once Rasulullah ﷺ said to Abdullah Ibn Abbas ؓ, “Young man! I shall teach you some words of advice. Be mindful of Allah, and Allah will protect you. Be mindful of the command of Allah ﷻ and you will find him in front of you. If you ask, ask of Allah. If you seek help, seek help of Allah. Know that if the nation were to gather together to benefit you with anything, it would benefit you only with something which Allah ﷻ has already prescribed for you. And that if they gather together to harm you with anything, they would harm you only with something which Allah had already prescribed for you”.

From this Hadith we see clearly that only if Allah ﷻ wills then only will anything occur. The kuffaar of Makka, wanted to harm our beloved Nabi Kareem ﷺ, therefore they surrounded the house of Nabi Kareem ﷺ, they waited for him to come out to kill him. When Nabi Kareem ﷺ came out of the house, Allah ﷻ put a veil over the eyes of the enemy and they could not see. Our Nabi Kareem ﷺ put sand on their heads but still they did not know. Therefore we see even the enemy united against Rasulallah ﷺ, they could not harm him as Allah ﷻ had not willed it.

It is narrated by Hazrat Abu Bakr ؓ that Rasulallah ﷺ has said: "Recite لا اله الا الله and istighfaar اَسْتَغْفِرُ الله as frequently as you can, because the shaytaan says: I ruin the people by inclining them to commit sins but they frustrate me through their recitation of لا اله الا الله and istighfaar. When I find this so, I mislead them to indulge in bidats, and thereby make them follow their base desires in the belief that they are still on the straight path"

Rasulullaah ﷺ said, "The most distinguished Zikr is "La ilaha illallah". Again he ﷺ says, "Read the kalima a hundred times every day, for it is the compensation for one's sins, and no good deed is better than it". In another hadith he says, "Whoever reads "La ilaha illallah" a hundred times in the morning, and a hundred times in the evening, he shall have the reward of one who has released ten slaves from the posterity of Ismail ؑ". In another hadith Rasulallah ﷺ says, "keep your faith fresh by reading and observing "La ilaha illallah".

With firm belief in Allah ﷻ, and His power of doing anything without the help of the creation, we must also have yakeen that to be successful we must follow the way of our Nabi Kareem ﷺ. Our beloved Nabi Kareem ﷺ who is the messenger of Allah ﷻ will know best that which Allah ﷻ likes and dislikes. Therefore if we follow Nabi Kareem ﷺ we will be leading our lives according to the commandments of Allah ﷻ and this will become ibaadat.

Whatever we do, be it eating, drinking, sleeping, entering our homes etc. everything should be according to the sunnat of our beloved Nabi Kareem ﷺ. It is mentioned in a hadith that Nabi Kareem ﷺ said: every Ummati will enter Jannat except he who rejects. It was asked: who are those who rejects, O' Rasulullah ﷺ? He replied: whoever follows me will enter Jannat and whoever disobeys me, he has rejected".

Hazrat Anas ؓ reports that Rasulullah ﷺ has said: "That person who follows my sunnat loves me, and he shall be with me in Jannat".

Now to get the reality of IMAAN, we should invite people towards Imaan, we should make dua that Allah ﷻ must give us the true Imaan. Thirdly we should recite the kalima in abundance and fourthly we should be very particular of following the sunnats of our beloved Nabi Kareem ﷺ.

SALAAH

The second quality that the sahaaba ؓ possessed was SALAAH. Whenever they were in difficulty they would resort to salaah. Salaah is a means through which we can take from the treasures of Allah ﷻ. Once a sahaabi ؓ had no food in his house. He went to the masjid and performed salaah. When he returned home he asked his wife if any food had come, She replied “No!” The sahaabi ؓ went back to the masjid and performed salaah. After performing salaah for a third time the sahaabi ؓ then returned home to find that from his mill, flour was coming out.

It is mentioned in a hadith that Allah ﷻ said “O’ Muhammed! I have ordained (made farz) five times daily salaah for thy followers. I have made a covenant (promise) with myself that whoever is regular in performing his salaah at its fixed time, he shall be admitted into Jannat. Those of thy followers who do not guard their salaah are not included in this guarantee”.

Hazrat Abu Zar ؓ narrates that once Rasulullah ﷺ came out of his house when it was autumn, and at that time the leaves were falling off the trees. He caught hold of a branch of a tree and its leaves began to fall in large numbers. At that time, he ﷺ remarked “O’ Abu Zar when a muslim offers his salaah to please Allah ﷻ, his sins shed away from him as these leaves are falling off this tree”.

It is stated in another hadith that salaah abases the devil. The fire of Jahannam is forbidden and Jannat becomes due to a person who makes proper wudhu and performs his salaah

according to its regulation. The position of salaah in Islam is as the position of a head on a body.

Once Rasulullah ﷺ asked his companions: “if a stream flows at the door of anyone of you and he takes a dip in it five times a day, will there be any dirt left on his body? The companions replied: “No!” Rasulullah ﷺ said: it is the same with salaah. Allah removes all impurities from the heart because of salaah”

Abu Muslim ؓ narrates: “ I went to see Abu Umama ؓ while he was in the masjid. I asked him if he had really heard Rasulullah ﷺ saying: “when a person performs wudhu properly and then he performs his farz salaah, Allah forgives him all the sins committed that day by his hands in doing evil, by his ears in listening to evil, by his eyes in looking at evil and by his heart in thinking of evil”. He replied, “By Allah, I have heard these words from Rasulullah ﷺ again and again”

In another hadith Rasulullah ﷺ was heard saying, “Salaah will be the first thing to be reckoned for on the day of Qiyaamah. If this is found satisfactory, then the rest of the deeds will also come out as such. If this is not so, then the remaining deeds are sure to be found wanting.

The above hadith of Rasulullah ﷺ is corroborated by another hadith, “Shaytaan is scared of a Muslim so long as he is mindful of his salaah, but no sooner he neglects the salaah then shaytaan descends on him and becomes hopeful of leading him astray, and then he can easily be lured to commit more serious wrongs and major sins”.

It is mentioned in a hadith: “A person who had missed one salaah is like one who has lost his family and wealth”.

Abu Talha ؓ was once saying his salaah in his garden. His attention was drawn towards a bird that flitted about, but could not find a way out of the dense foliage. For a short moment, he followed the bird with his eyes, and forgot the number of his rakaats. Upon his mishap, his sorrow knew no bounds. He repaired to Rasulullah ﷺ presence straight away and submitted thus: “O’ Rasulullah ﷺ, this garden of mine has been the cause of a diversion in my salaah. I give it away in the cause of Allah. Kindly spend it as may appear proper to you”.

A similar chance befell one of the Ansaar in the time of Usman ؓ. He was performing his salaah in his garden. The branches of the trees were weighed down with ripe juicy dates, luxurious abundance, which caught his eyes, and he felt pleased with it. This made him forget the number of his rakaat. He was so much stricken with grief that he decided to part with the garden that had distracted him from his salaah. He approached Hazrat Usman ؓ and made over the garden to him for utilising it in the path of Allah. Usman ؓ had the garden sold for fifty thousand dirhams and spent the money as desired. This shows the value the sahaaba ؓ set on their faith, that a sahaabi could give away his orchard worth fifty thousand dirhams because it had interfered with his salaah. According to Shah Waliullah, the sufees give preference to obedience to Allah ﷻ over anything that distracts from it.

Therefore my beloved sisters, do we want Allah ﷻ’s guarantee for Jannat? So let us become particular of our

salaat at home and on journey. We should also encourage others to perform their salaat and we too should make dua that Allah ﷻ gives us and all muslims the reality of salaat. (Aameen)

ILM (KNOWLEDGE) & ZIKR (REMEMBRANCE)

The third quality that the sahaaba ﷺ possessed was ILM and ZIKR. It is compulsory upon every muslim male and female to seek deeni knowledge. It is important that we know what Allah ﷻ wants from us, what is halaal, what is haraam, what is paak, what is napaak. It is mentioned that whoever goes out to seek knowledge, Allah ﷻ makes the road to Jannat easy for that person. Also it is mentioned that the highest stage in Jannat is for the Ambiyaa (alaihimus salaam), then the Ulema, then the Shuhadaa. (matyrs)

Hazrat Abu Hurairah ﷺ said that Rasulullah ﷺ said: “The world and all its contents are accursed i.e are devoid of Allah’s mercy, except the following three:

1. Zikr of Allah and everything that is near it.
2. The religious Aalim, and
3. The student (the seeker of religious knowledge)”.

Hazrat Abu Zar ﷺ said: I heard Rasulullah ﷺ saying: If you learn one chapter of knowledge in the morning it is better than performing 100 rakaats of salaat”.

Hazrat Abu Darda ﷺ said: “Listen! I have heard Rasulullah ﷺ saying: Allah ﷻ eases the way to Jannat for one who travels some distance to seek knowledge. The angels spread their

wings under his feet and all things in the heaven and earth (even the fish in the water and the birds in the sky and the ants in the ant hole) pray for his forgiveness”.

It is said in a hadith that whoever left his home for the sake of knowledge (about the Quraan Majeed and Islam), he will be honoured as one who has entirely devoted himself to Allah ﷻ.

We should seek the knowledge of fazaa’il from the halqas of taleem and the knowledge of masaa’il from the ulema.

Kathir bin Qais narrates: “I was sitting with Abu Darda ؓ in a musjid in Damascus, when a person came to him and said, O’ Abu Darda ؓ, I have come all the way from Madinah to learn one hadith from you, as I understand you heard it directly from Rasulullah ﷺ”. Abu Darda: “Have you any other business in Damascus?” The person: “I have come to this place with the sole purpose of learning this hadith”. Abu Darda ؓ “Are you sure that you have no other business in Damascus?” The person: “No”. Abu Darda ؓ said: “Listen. I heard Rasulullah ﷺ saying: Allah ﷻ eases the way to Jannat for one who traverses some distance to seek knowledge. The angels spread their wings under his feet, and all the things in the heaven and earth (even the fish in the water) pray for his forgiveness. The superiority of the moon over the stars. The ulema are the inheritors of Rasulullah ﷺ. The legacy of the Ambiya (alyhimus salaam) is neither gold nor silver. Their legacy is knowledge. A person who acquires knowledge acquires a great wealth”. Abu Darda ؓ is foremost among the Sahaaba ؓ who

possessed very sound knowledge in religion. He is called Hakim-ul-Ummah. (The sage of Islam).

The object of Zikr is to remember Allah ﷻ 24 hours. We should at all times be conscious of Allah ﷻ. Rasulullah ﷺ said: “There are many a people who do zikr of Allah ﷻ while lying comfortably in their soft beds, and for this they will be rewarded with the highest position in Jannah by Allah ﷻ. In one hadith, Rasulullah ﷺ said: “The contrast between a person who glorifies Allah ﷻ and the one who does not remember him is like that between the living and the dead”. Also in this hadith, Rasulullah ﷺ is reported to have said: “if a person has a lot of wealth and distributes it among the needy, while another person is only busy with zikr of Allah ﷻ, the latter who is engaged in zikr, is the better of the two”.

Rasulullah ﷺ once said to his companions, “Shall I tell you something that is the best of all deeds, constitutes the best act of piety in the eyes of your Lord, will elevate your status in the hereafter and carries more virtue than the spending of gold and silver in the service of Allah or taking part in Jihad or slaying or being slayed in the path of Allah? The sahaaba رضى الله عنهم begged to be informed of such an act. Rasulullah ﷺ said: It is the zikr of Almighty Allah ﷻ”.

In another hadith Rasulullah ﷺ said: “For everything there is a purifier or cleanser (for instance, soap is used for cleaning the body and clothes, while a furnace is used for purifying iron). The zikr of Almighty Allah cleanses and purifies the heart. And provides the best protection against punishment in the hereafter”. It is mentioned in a hadith that zikr purifies

and enlightens the heart. Another hadith says that nothing saves a person from the chastisement of Allah more than zikr.

One who remembers Allah, is remembered by him among his angels. Rasulullah ﷺ says in another hadith: “Anyone who remembers Allah most often, is so much preferable to a person, who distributes a great amount in the path of Allah”.

Rasulullah ﷺ said: “there are two kalimas which are very light to the tongue (i.e easy to utter) but very weighty in reward and very pleasing to Allah. These are:

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ - سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ الْعَظِيمِ

Rasulullah ﷺ once said: “The following words are such that one who recites them is never disappointed. These are:

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ - الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ - اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

Which should be recited 33, 33, 34 times respectively after every obligatory salaah.

Therefore my beloved sisters, daily after fajr and asr we should recite at least 100 times: the third kalima, istighfaar and durood shareef.

May Allah Ta’ala make it easy for us to always remember Him. (Aameen)

IKRAAM – E – MUSLIM

The fourth quality is IKRAAM – E – MUSLIM which means to be kind and respectful to other Muslims. Rasulallah ﷺ said: “Whoever conceals the sins of a Muslim, Allah ﷻ will conceal his sins in this world and the hereafter, Allah helps his servant as long as he helps his Muslim brother”.

In one hadith it is mentioned: “One who engages in serving a widow and the poor is like the one engaged in fighting in the path of Allah”.

Rasulallah ﷺ said: “None of you truly believes until he wishes for his Muslim brother what he wishes for himself”. Also in another hadith Rasulallah ﷺ said: “He is not from amongst us who does not have mercy on our young and who does not respect our elders”.

Rasulallah ﷺ said: “ A muslim has five duties towards a brother Muslim: to reply to his greeting, to visit the ill, to follow the janaza, to accept invitations and to answer a person who sneezes”.

Therefore we should inculcate good habits and character. For it is stated: “Nothing is heavier on the scale of a believer on the day of Qiyaamah than good character, and truly Allah ﷻ dislikes a shameless person and a person with bad character”. Rasulallah ﷺ said: “A Muslim is he from whose hands and tongue other muslims are saved”.

Abdullah bin Amaar ؓ reported that Rasulullah ﷺ said: “Show kindness to those in this world, then those in the heaven will show kindness to you”.

Abu Omamah ؓ reported that Rasulullah ﷺ said “No servant loves a servant of Allah except that he honours his Glorious and Almighty Lord”.

Ali ibn Hassan ؓ reported that Rasulullah ﷺ said: “The main part of wisdom after religion is love for men and doing good to everyone, pious or sinner”.

Rasulullah ﷺ said: “do not harbour any ill towards your Muslim brother”.

Abu Darda ؓ narrates that Rasulullah ﷺ said: “There is nothing more heavier on the scale of a mumin than good character. Verily Allah ﷻ hates bad language”

Hazrat Abu Hurairah ؓ narrates that Rasulullah ﷺ said: “He is of complete Imaan who has the best character. The best of you is he who is best to his womenfolk”.

Hazrat Ayesha (Radhiallahu anha) narrates: I heard Rasulullah ﷺ saying: “Verily a believer who attains good character gets the rank of a person who fasts in (the day) and stands (in ebaadat) during the night”.

Ibn Umar ؓ says: “One of the sahaaba received a goat’s head as a present. He thought of a neighbour who had a larger family and was in greater need of it than himself, and presented the same to him. The brother, on receipt of the present, recollected yet another person whom he considered

more deserving than himself, and sent the head to him. The goat's head is thus said to have changed no less than seven times; and at last came back to the original person from whom the circulation had started".

We learn from the story how poor and needy the sahaaba usually were, and yet how they indeed preferred others above themselves.

May Allah ﷻ give us the tawfiq to be kind to all Muslims and abstain from jealousy, hatred, malice, back-biting, slandering etc. (Aameen)

IKLAAS or SINCERITY of INTENTION

The fifth quality is IKLAAS or SINCERITY of INTENTION. Whatever we do should be solely for the pleasure of Allah ﷻ. It is mentioned in a hadith that Rasulullah ﷺ said: "Actions are judged by their intentions". In another hadith the meaning of which is that if a piece of date is given in charity for the pleasure of Allah ﷻ. Then Allah ﷻ will multiply the reward, but if any deed is for show then Allah ﷻ will punish the doer.

In one hadith Rasulullah ﷺ said that seven types of people shall be under the shade of Allah ﷻ on the Day of Qiyaamah. One group will be who gave charity with their right hand and their left hand did not know of it. (meaning that it was given with such sincerity)".

Nabi Kareem ﷺ said: "Every action is judged according to its intention. If the intention is good, then the person will be

rewarded for it. If the intention is bad, then the person will be punished for it”.

That is why Rasulallah ﷺ said: “The reward for your deeds depends entirely on your intention, and everyone is paid in accordance with the nature of his intention”.

Hazrat Abu Antaki (rahmatullah alay) says: whoever wants to create sincerity in his actions and also keep people in his mind (i.e have pride in them) then such a person is trying to attain the impossible, because Iklaas is such a water from which the heart gets life and pride is death to the heart. Similarly, Iklaas and pride cannot mix”.

Somebody asked Yahya ibn Ma’az (rahmatullah alay): “When does Iklaas come into a person? He replied: When his condition becomes like that of an infant still drinking milk, i.e if you praise or curse an infant no effect will fall. Similarly this should be our condition (praising, cursing etc. should not effect us)”.

A companion of Rasulallah ﷺ asked him: “What is faith? He replied: Another name for faith is sincerity.” In another hadith Rasulallah ﷺ says: “Observe sincerity in your deeds, then even a few good deeds will have the reward of great virtue for you”.

Therefore we should always check our intentions before, during and after any actions.

STRIVING IN THE PATH OF ALLAH

The sixth quality is STRIVING IN THE PATH OF ALLAH. Previously the Ambiyaa (alaihimus salaam) use to strive and make effort to invite people to Allah ﷺ. Now there are no more nabis to come, and that Nabi Kareem ﷺ was the last and final nabi, this work of inviting people to Allah is left on our shoulders. Therefore let us take this seriously and do this effort of inviting people to Allah ﷺ with fikr (concern) and with istqaamat (steadfastness).

It is mentioned in a hadith of Rasulullah ﷺ that the person who shows the good is like the doer. Also it is mentioned that to strive a little in the morning and evening in the path of Allah is better than this whole world and that which is in it. Whatever good deeds we do in the path of Allah is multiplied 700 000 times.

It is stated in a hadith that whilst in the path of Allah ﷺ, if any dust touches any part of the body, that particular part will be saved from the fire of Jahnnam, for verily the dust from the path of Allah and the smoke of Jahannam cannot get together.

Rasulullah ﷺ mentions in a hadith: “when people see others committing sins and do not prevent them from the same, soon Allah ﷻ will inflict a severe punishment to them which will effect the common folk as well as the distinguished persons”.

Rasulullah ﷺ says in a hadith: “the fire of Jahannam will not reach anyone whose feet become dusty while he is in the path of Allah ﷻ”.

Sahl bin saad ؓ reported that Rasulullah ﷺ said on the day of khaibar: “I will certainly give this standard to a person at whose hand Allah would grant victory and who loves Allah and Rasulullah ﷺ and Allah and His Rasul ﷺ loves him also. The people spent the

night thinking as to whom it would be given to. When it was morning the people hastened to Rasulallah ﷺ. All of them were hoping that the standard would be given to him. Rasulallah ﷺ said where is Ali bin Talib ؑ ? They said: O' Rasulallah ﷺ his eyes are sore. He then sent for him and he was brought and Rasulallah ﷺ applied saliva to his eyes and invoked blessings and thereafter he was all right as if he had no ailment at all. He conferred upon him (honour of holding) standard. Ali ؑ said: O' Rasulallah ﷺ I will fight against them until they are like us. Thereupon Rasulallah ﷺ said: Advance cautiously until you reach their own places, thereafter invite them to Islam and inform them what is obligatory for them from the rights of Allah. For if Allah guides even one person through you, it is better for you than to possess the (most valuable) red camels".

Hazrat Abu Hurairah ؓ narrates that Rasulallah ﷺ said. "there are 100 stages in Jannat which Allah, the exalted, has prepared for those who carry out jihaad (fighting or struggling) in the cause of Allah ﷻ. The distance between any two or three stages is equal to the distance between the earth and the sky".

Rasulallah ﷺ has said in his last sermon on the ninth of Zil Hijjah: "All those listening to me shall pass on my words to others and those to others again". From this statement we deduce that we should pass on whatever we know to others.

We should also encourage our menfolk to come out in the path of Allah ﷻ for four months in a lifetime, forty days a year, three days a month. We should encourage them to do two a week and we should go out with our husbands or mahrams in the path of Allah for twenty-four hours and seventy-two hours and encourage them to take us for longer periods and also make sure that we have daily taleem at home.

Tashkeel

Alhamdulillah we are all know, to aquire anything we have to do something eg. To make a cup of tea we need to boil water, get a cup pour the water into it, put a teabag, sugar and milk and Alhamdulillah we got a tasty cup of tea. Similarly to get these six qualities into our lives we need to strive in the path of Allah and give dawat of these qualities, by giving dawat of anything that thing comes into us.

Alhamdulillah we are fortunate to be part of the Ummat of Nabi ﷺ, our responsibility as an ummati is have have the worry and fikr of Nabi ﷺ, i.e. how total deen can come alive in total mankind till the Day of Qiyamah and how every person be saved from the fire of jahannaam. Insha Allah are we all ready.

Our ulama has set a system, we have to spend 4 months and every year 40 days, also to take part in the effort of the masjid: IN GHUSHT, OUT GHUSHT, DAILY MASHWARA, DAILY FIKR AND 3 DAYS EVERY MONTH.

We should try and have taleem daily in our homes with our whole family.

All success lies in hand of Allah ﷻ

Allah ﷻ has the unlimited treasures of everything

He does what He wants with His Power

He is Independent.

He has put our success and the success

Of the entire mankind in this

world and the Hereafter in

fulfilling his commandments

in the way shown to us by

Nabi ﷺ.

How this yaqeen can be entered in the depth of our hearts, for this we need to make effort. This effort has to be done in accordance to way shown to us by Nabi Muhammad ﷺ.

I am ready, Are you ready? Who is ready?

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