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Bismilla hirRahmaanirRahiim

Assalamualaikum wr. wb.
Brothers & Sisters

Lets heighten our taqwa to Allah S.W.T. together with our family by always remembering Allah wherever we are. With this state of remembrance, Allah S.W.T. will bind our hearts and untie our family in practicing what has been commanded and restrain from what is forbidden.

One of the foundations in developing an Islamic family is prayer in congregation, or jemaah, at home for it strengthens family ties. For we are protected from the bad and wrongdoings by performing our solat.

As head of the family, men have enormous responsibility towards their families. Among them is to provide for the basic physical, emotional and spiritual needs of their wives and children. In the daily grind of living, it is easy to measure the physical provisions men have given through the allowance that they give their wives and children, the house that they live in and its entire interior. They toil day and night to fulfill these needs. It is their responsibility, but as Allah's less able servants, men sometimes overlook the emotional and spiritual needs.

Rasulullah S.A.W. spared his time to lavish his love onto his family for it was his responsibility. It is very important of care and concern in children's upbringing, and whoever deprived his love towards his children, Allah deprived him and His mercy. In **Surah An Nisaa (The Women) 4:34**

“Men are protectors and maintainers of women, because Allah has given the one more (strength) than the other, and because they support them from their means. Therefore the righteous women are devoutly obedient, and guard in (the husband's) absence what Allah would have them guard. As to those women on whose part ye fear disloyalty and ill conduct, admonish them (first), (next), refuse to share their beds, (and last) beat them (lightly); but if return to obedience, seek not against them means (of annoyance): For Allah is Most High, great (above you all)”

From this verse Allah has acknowledge men as the protector and maintainer of women. As a husband, his foremost responsibility is as head of the family. Men are the one that nurture their wives to be a good muslimah. Men are the one responsible in developing a blessed family.

As head of the family, one of their primary responsibilities is to provide for their physical and physiological needs.

Nowadays, more and more wives and mothers go out to work to help with the family finances. There are instances when the wife is more highly paid than the husband. Does this mean that husbands can now rely solely on their wives to bring home the dole? Does this signal the end of the husband role as leaders of the family because they contribute less to the economy of the family? The answers are definitely no!

A wife can only go out to work with the permission and willingness of her husband. Be aware that the husband's responsibility of breadwinning remains even if their wives work. Her salary is her own keep. The wives' salary is an extra but not to replace that of her husband.

The husband has to educate his family to spend moderately and he also has to remind his wife that the intention of going out to work is to help the family financially.

The husband's role as head of the family is not merely for material needs. A husband and father is a leader who leads his followers that are his wife and children, to Allah's path.

The husband is responsible for ensuring that his children grow up to be Muslims who obey the religion and are useful members of the community and country.

One of the most effective tools in education is through role modeling. If a husband aspires for his wife and children to be pious Muslims, he must improve his behavior accordingly.

He must love, caring, understanding and helpful to his wife, especially if she is working. With the children he must always be on his best behavior, and doting but firm.

For example, he can show his gratitude to his wife by praising her cooking, and thanking her for ironing his clothes. Engage the children to clean and tidy the house and your children to appreciate their mother and to understand cooperation within the family.

On the flip side, let not scold, yell or mock your wife in front of the children. Do not be sour-faced or not talking with your wife until the children can sense the tension in the family.

Internalize what Rasulullah S.A.W. had taught us in the following hadis narrated by Imam Muslim and Imam Bukhari from Ibnu Umar r.a.

Each one of you is a leader and each leader is responsible for his charges. A Husband is the leader of the family and he will be responsible for his dependents. A wife is a leader of the household and she will accountable to its affair.”

Indeed, your roles and responsibilities as the leader of the family are tremendous. You can balance them with knowledge and guidance from Allah S.W.T. As such, do not stop seeking knowledge and never stop supplicating to Him and asking Him His Blessed and His Assistance.

Children classes are from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. (Sunday). Friday prayer (congregational prayer) would be at 1.00 p.m.

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