

PEARL OF THE WEEK

Taqwa - To get the Love of Allah

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا
اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ
وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ

"O you who have believed, fear Allah as He should be feared and do not die except as Muslims [in submission to Him]"

Surah Ale-Imran : 102

3 Main Lessons

1. Command to have Taqwa



great principles of Islamic Morality

2. Give Taqwa



it's Haqq

3. Live in Submission



till the end
- preserve our Deen while well and safe, so we die & are resurrected as Muslims

How to give Taqwa the **Haqq**?

- Allah is to be **obeyed**, not disobeyed

It is to control one's tongue

- Allah is **remembered** and not forgotten

حَقُّ تَقَاتِهِ

*"The servant will not have Taqwa of Allah as is His due until he **keeps his tongue idle**"*

- Show **gratitude**, and not ingratitude

Tafsir Ibn Katheer

(statement of Ibn Mas'ud-Hasan al-Basri, Ikrimah, Qatadah, Muqaatil)



LINGUISTICALLY

from WIQAAYA (وقايه)

فَوَقَاهُمُ اللَّهُ شَرَّ ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ

"So Allah will protect them from
the evil of that Day"
Surah al-Insan : Ayah 11

- Has the meaning of
protection & precaution

وَوَقَاهُمْ رَبُّهُمْ عَذَابَ الْجَحِيمِ

"and their Lord protected
them from the punishment of
Hellfire."

Surah at-Tur : 18



تقوى



و-ق-ى



*" To take shield, protection,
to save & guard one self
against punishment of Allah - hellfire!*

LITERALLY:

- Repelling and Removing
one thing with another

In our Shari'ah -
repelling & removing the
sins in order to do good
deeds

- Maintenance, caution,
protection, & preservation

Lisan al-'Arab

- mentioned 151 times
in the Qur'an
- shows the importance of
it's concept and Quality
"This is the Book about which
there is no doubt, a guidance
for those conscious of Allah"
(Baqarah :2)

Beautiful sayings of Taqwa



Ali (R.A) explained Taqwa:

"The fear of Jaleel (Allah),
acting upon the tanzeel (Quran),
being content with qaleel (little), and preparing
for the day of raheel (journeying from this
world)."



"The servant cannot reach the true reality of
Taqwa unless he gives up whatever wavers the
heart"

- Umar al-Khattab r.a.



"Giving up insistence on sins"
- Ali ibn Abi Talib r.a.



"Don't do anything which requires your
apology!"



Umar al Khattab ra asked Ubayy ibn Ka'b ra about Taqwa:

Ubayy ra. asked "Have you ever taken a thorny path?"

Umar ra said "Yes, I have'.

Ubayy ra then asked "So how did you travel through this thorny path?"

*Umar ra replied "I rolled up my garment and I was cautious as to where I
would step to avoid being pricked by the thorns.*

Ubayy ra responded and said, "This is Taqwa"

Definition of Taqwa



Abstaining from
His Prohibitions



Avoiding
the Doubtful



Fulfilling
the Recommended



Not doing
the Disliked



**To place a SHIELD
between
you and the
punishment/
anger of Allah**

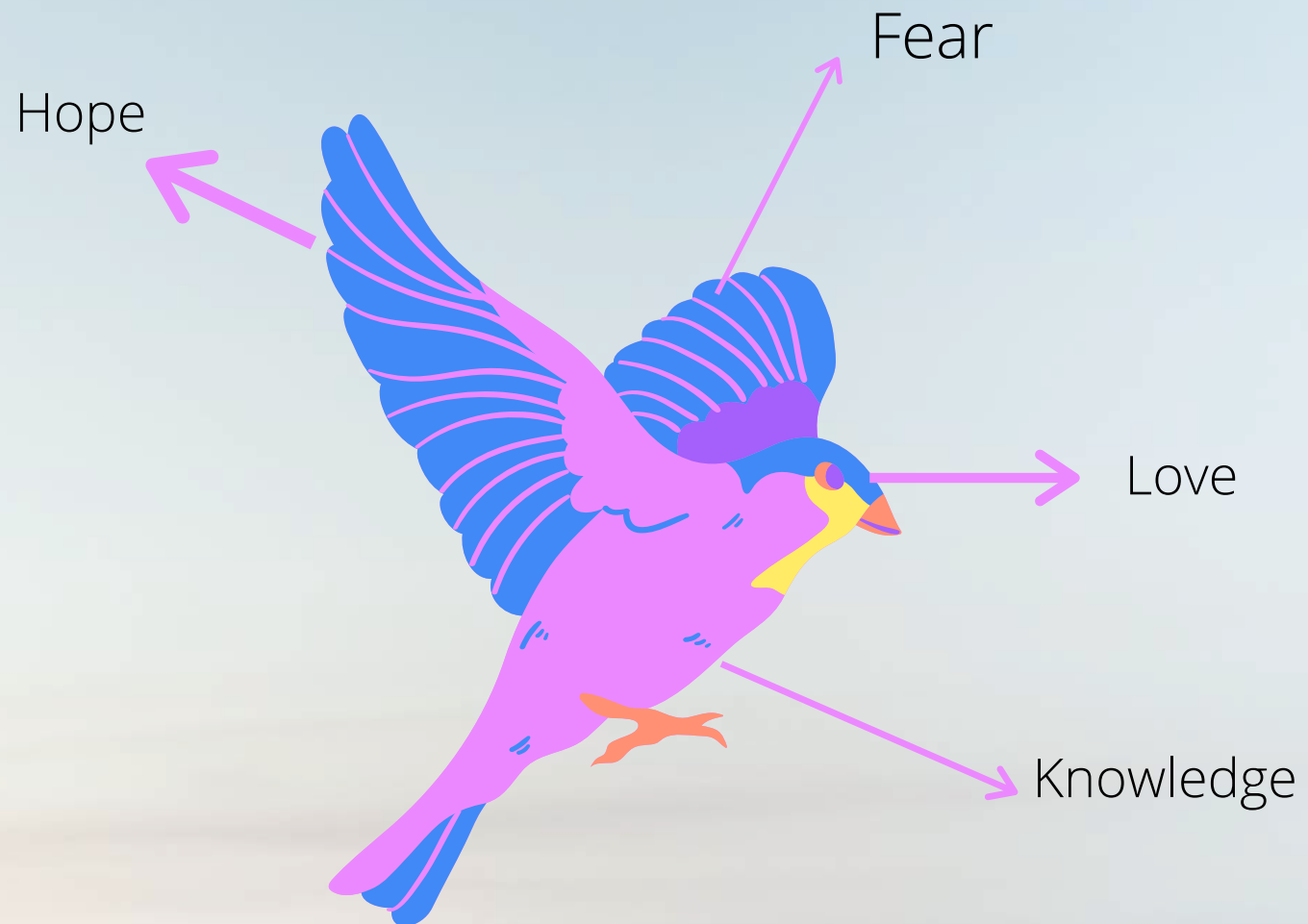


Fulfilling
His Command

***Taqwa is like a bird
flying to Allah***

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Ibn Qayyim rahimahullah



Taqwa has 3 levels

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Protecting the heart and limbs against sin and forbidden aciton



Grant Life to the servant

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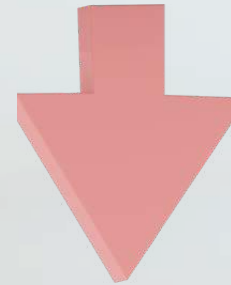
Protecting them against undesirable matterst



Grant him Health & Power

3

Protection against curiosity & whatever isn't one's concern



Grant him Happiness & Joy

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Taqwa in the Quran and Ahadith

And [recall] when We took your covenant, [O Children of Israel, to abide by the Torah] and We raised over you the mount, [saying], "Take what We have given you with determination and remember what is in it that perhaps you may become righteous."

Surah Al Baqarah : 63

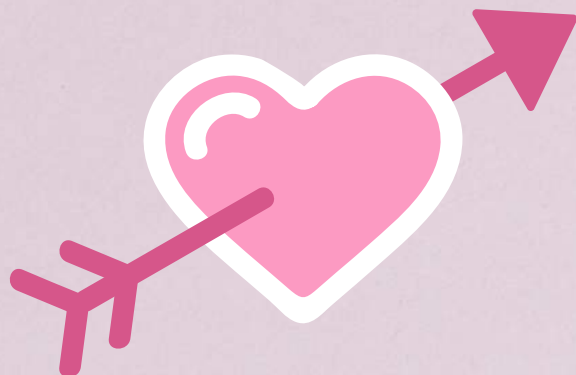
وَإِذْ أَخَذْنَا مِيثَاقَكُمْ وَرَفَعْنَا
فَوْقَكُمْ الطُّورَ خُذُوا مَا
آتَيْنَاكُمْ بِقُوَّةٍ وَاذْكُرُوا مَا فِيهِ
لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ

The piety is here, (and
while saying so) he pointed
towards his chest thrice

Sahih
Muslim
2564a

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Taqwa is
matter of
heart



Evident in
actions

*From Abu Dhar he said, I said, O Messenger of Allah, advise me: he said, I advise to be conscious of Allah because **it is a beautification of all your affairs***

As-Sahih Wal-Tarheeb 2868

إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ اتَّقَاكُمْ

Indeed, the most noble of you
in the sight of Allah is **the
most righteous of you.**

Abu Said Al Khudri said that a man came to him and asked for him to advise and Abu Sa'id asked the same of Allah Messenger.

Abu Sa'id said

"So, I advise you to adhere by the taqwa of Allah because **it is the chief of all matters**".

Al-Silsilah Al-Saheehah 555

Surah Al Hujurat : 13

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More narrations of Taqwa

Narrated Abu Huraira r.a.: Once Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) was asked, "Who is the most honorable amongst the people?" He said, "**The most righteous (i.e. Allah-fearing) amongst you.**"

Bukhari 3490

Abu Dharr said:
"The Messenger said to me
I recommend you to be pious to Allah in your secret and open affairs

Sahih al Targhib 3161

Abu Dharr said:

"The Messenger of Allah said to me: **'Have Taqwa of Allah wherever you are,** and follow an evil deed with a good one to wipe it out, and treat the people with good behavior."

Jami' at-Tirmidhi 1987

Benefits of TAQWA

Guidance

This [Qur'an] is a clear statement to [all] the people and a guidance and instruction for those conscious of Allah.

Surah 3: 138

Allah's Help

And know that Allah is with the righteous
Surah 9: 123

Allah's Love

Allah loves those who fear Him.
Surah 3 : 76

Friendship of Allah

but Allah is the protector of the righteous.
Surah 45: 19
Al Adab Al Mufrad 897

Forgiveness of sins

He will remove for him his misdeeds and make great for him his reward
Surah 65: 5.

Acceptance of deeds

"Indeed, Allah only accepts from the righteous [who fear Him]
Surah 5 : 27

Ease in matter

And whoever fears Allah - He will make for him of his matter ease
Surah 65 : 4.

Safety fr fear & sorrow

no fear concerning them, nor will they grieve
Surah 10: 62-63

More Benefits of TAQWA

Way out from problems

He will make for him a way out. And will provide for him from where he does not expect.
Surah 65 :
2-3

Safety Against Enemies

And if you are patient and fear Allah, their plot will not harm you at all.
Surah 3 : 120

Safety in Afterlife

And Allah will save those who feared Him by their attainment; no evil will touch them, nor will they grieve..
Surah 39: 61



Who is Al-Muttaqeen?

They protect themselves from the Fire By:



**Save
save
from
sins**

i.e.: Parties, games, arrogance, music, leaving halal, alcohol etc,



**Fulfilling
Obligations**

Strive for the Best Level of Taqwa



Leaves Haram



*Leaves Disliked
(Ibn Qayyim)*



Leaves Useless

"And We have instructed those who were given the Scripture before you and yourselves to **fear Allah.**"

Surah 4 : 131



"O My servants, then **fear Me.**"
Surah 39: 16

Prophets Nuh, Hud, Saleh, Lut, Shuayb a.s. asked their nation:

"Will you not fear Allah?"

Surah 26

*And [We sent] Abraham, when he said to his people, "**Worship Allah and fear Him.** That is best for you, if you should know.*

Surah 29: 16

Purpose of Ibaadah

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اعْبُدُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ وَالَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ
لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ

O mankind, worship your Lord, who created you and those before you, that you may become **righteous.**

Surah 2: 21

Deeds are accepted due to Taqwa

إِنَّمَا يَتَقَبَّلُ اللَّهُ مِنَ الْمُتَّقِينَ

"Indeed, Allah only accepts **from the righteous** [who fear Him].

Surah 5: 27

Advise of Rasulullah SAW

"**Be conscious of Allah** no matter where you are"

Musnad Ahmad 21403



Be Just



Don't take
anyone else's
right



Don't abuse
people



Don't hurt
people



Know that **Allah** is
watching you!

Your **heart** goes everywhere
with you! So bring your

Taqwa
everywhere!

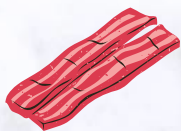


A heart that
is charged with **Taqwa**



Will leave sins!

Will keep doing
good deeds!



Don't take
anyone else's
right



4 ways to increase Taqwa

Follow Qur'an



"Take what We have given you with determination.."

Surah 2: 63

Practical Concept :
Fasting in Ramadan

Taqwa stops us from:
- eating & drinking

Follow Sunnah



Sunan Abi Dawud
4614

Abandon wrong way



"..this is My path, which is straight, so follow it; and do not follow [other] ways, for you will be separated from His way.."

Surah 6:153

Stay Steadfast



"And those who are guided - He increases them in guidance and gives them their righteousness."

Surah 47: 17



Apply that to our other ibadah too!

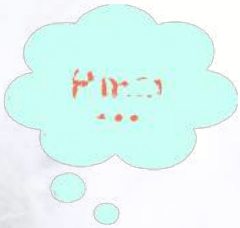
Let's put knowledge into **action!**



Before wearing
anything
e.g.: anything
immodest

Before doing
anything

e.g.: Sleeping
after Maghrib



Before
thinking
anything

e.g. negative, grudges, bad
past etc (it's from shaytan)



Before eating
anything
e.g.: Is it halal?



Would Allah like this?



Before
watching
anything

e.g. Social Media/
YouTube/ movies

Don't take
anyone else's
right

Before
saying
anything

e.g. in anger



Before
going
anywhere

e.g.: a mixed
party with music



Let's do a quick check:

Can we attend these events?



Xmas party?



Ballet Classes?



Dancing?
Parties?



Meditation
of other faiths

Should we guide people?

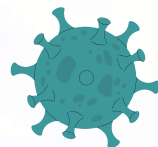


Should we steal things/ time?



Don't take anyone else's right

Should we be mean?



Spread the disease
if we are infected?

Should we eat haram food?



Should we backbite?



Should we pray/ fast when no one else is?



Make dua for **Taqwa**

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الْهُدَى
وَالْتَّقَى وَالْعِفَافَ وَالْغِنَى

" O Allah. I beg of Thee the right guidance, safeguard against evils, chastity and freedom from want."



Sahih Muslim 2721a

اللَّهُمَّ آتِ نَفْسِي تَقْوَاهَا وَزَكَّاهَا
أَنْتَ خَيْرُ مَنْ زَكَّاهَا أَنْتَ وَلِيِّهَا وَمَوْلَاهَا

O Allah, grant to my soul the sense of righteousness and purify it, for Thou art the Best Purifier thereof. Thou art the Protecting Friend thereof, and Guardian thereof.

*Jazakumullahu
khayran kathira*

Sahih Muslim 2722

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