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## **KEY TO SUCCESS IS EFFORT**

### **Islam Is Not About Being Perfect**

As all of us know, there isn't just one type of student. Some people work hard and succeed. Some work hard and fail, but keep trying their best. Others try just hard enough to pass. And then there are those who don't study much, thinking that they'll just get lucky on exam day, so they fail.

I have never met someone who works hard to study but realizes that they will not get 100% on every exam that they take, and then gives up and turns in blank exams or doesn't even show up on test day. Because school isn't all-or-nothing; every point and assignment counts when you're trying to get a passing grade.

Our religion is the same way, but Shaytan doesn't want us to know that. He tries convincing us that if we're not worshiping Allah in a perfect way, then we might as well not bother trying at all. So if someone isn't praying all 5 prayers or isn't praying at all, when they finally do stand up to offer a prayer, he will make them think, "Who am I kidding? I never pray when I'm supposed to. Why would God accept my prayer now?" Or if a woman is thinking of wearing the hijab but doesn't cover up perfectly or sins in certain ways, he will make her feel like there's no point in wearing it. These are only a few examples, but the concept applies to pretty much everything that we do as Muslims.

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The Prophet (saws) said, "Allah the Exalted said: 'If my servant intends to do a good deed and he does not do it (because he is not able to), then it is recorded for him as a good deed. If he does it, then it is recorded as ten

good deeds and multiplied up to seven hundred times. If my servant intends to do a bad deed and he does not do it, then it is not recorded for him. If he does it, then it is recorded as a single bad deed.” [Sahih Bukhari]

This Hadith Qudsi shows the mercy of Allah, because good deeds count up to 700 times more than bad deeds. We’re really left with no reason to think that because of our bad deeds, our good deeds don’t matter. Allah (swt) says, “Indeed, good deeds wipe away bad deeds. That is a reminder for those who remember.” [Qur’an 11:114]

### ***Society expects perfection, but Allah does not.***

If Shaytan (or our own mind) is trying to convince us that there’s no point in trying to do a certain act of worship because we’re not good enough, or because we’re sinners, we need to remind ourselves that Allah’s mercy is greater than any good or bad that we could ever do. The Prophet (saws) said, “All children of Adam are sinners, and the best of those who sin are those who repent.” [Narrated in at-Tirmidhi]

ALL of us commit sins. Nobody is perfect, and we don’t know which of us is closest to Allah. All that He expects from us is a sincere effort and honest repentance when we fail.

Society expects perfection, but Allah does not. If we can just keep that in mind, it will be much easier for us to get close to God and do the things that He loves.

### **Effort vs results**

Most children believe that receiving high marks for a test / exam serves as an indication of their intelligence and by extension, their propensity for success. Most adults believe the same thing.

That's because we've managed to brainwash them (and ourselves) into believing that good results on a standardised assessment equate to a great, truly meaningful achievement. We coddle them and reward and award them and heap mountains of praise on them (often) for doing something not entirely remarkable.

When they leave school and enter the real world, they're surprised to learn that nobody really cares about their academic performance. The marketplace rewards grit, determination, courage, creativity, resilience, purpose, focus and relentless commitment - all things that don't get measured or celebrated in school.

Their marital problems don't disappear because they graduated with the highest score in the school or the province. They won't find purpose simply because they could remember and write down more facts than anyone else.

The environment they will live in will reward them for what they can physically do; based on the value they bring to the table, not what an average or median or some other statistical string of numbers says they can do.

Results are numbers on a page. And numbers don't define a human being.

It's our duty to praise effort more than we praise the supposed indicators of intelligence. Because effort will always trump every other perceived advantage.

Let's stop telling children what we think they are worth; let's allow them to discover their worth.

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***There are no shortcuts on the road to success.***

***Man must work hard in order to achieve success, both in Dunya and Aakhira – “There is nothing for man but what he strives for” [53:39].***

***Both physical and intellectual labour are recognized in Islam. So work hard – Allah has ordained it for you! “As to those who believe and work righteousness, Allah will pay them (in full) their reward; but Allah loveth not those who do wrong.”[3:57].***

- Work is the key to success, and hard work can help you accomplish anything.
- Always try your best, even if you fail keep trying. Allah always sees your work, your passion and persistence

## MADRASAH NOTICES FOR PARENTS

- Please ensure children are on time during the exam period.
- Madrasah exams will start from **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020** for 2 weeks and finish on **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2020**.
- Football session will continue every Sundays **8:45am – 10:00am**

<b>ﷲ Jan Student of the Month ﷲ</b>	
<b>Class 1</b>	Ahmad Vardalia
<b>Class 2</b>	Abdullah Seedat
<b>Class 3</b>	Ayaan Mamaniat
<b>Class 4</b>	Tasneem Sidat
<b>Class 5</b>	Khadijah Ravat
<b>Class 6B</b>	Amir Sidat
<b>Class 6G</b>	Safiyyah Rajee
<b>Class 7</b>	Sadiyah Mahetar
<b>Class 8</b>	Isa Mahmood
<b>Class 9</b>	Adam Mahmood
<b>Hifz Class</b>	Adam Chopdat

<b>Total Madrasah Attendance</b>	<b>Half term</b>	<b>95.4%</b>
<b>Best Attendance of Half Term</b>	<b>CLASS 6B</b>	<b>97.4%</b>

### **QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

“The Dictionary is the only place that success comes before work”.

Vince Lombardi Jr

### **Sunnah of the month**

1. Cutting the nails regularly.
2. Do Salaam to everyone you meet