



AVOID THE DETRIMENTAL HABIT OF

WASTING TIME

Let us all develop and increase our taqwa in all aspects of our lives, by diligently fulfilling all of the Commandments of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala and avoiding all of His prohibitions. Have certainty for it is only with taqwa that we will be granted aid and ease in our affairs of this world. And in the Hereafter, we will be joyfully immersed with rahmah, maghfirah, and the pleasure of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala.

Indeed, those having utmost taqwa are those that have successfully filled their lives with deeds giving off handsome returns in their lives of this world and the Hereafter.

The topic of today's khutbah is "Avoid The **Detrimental Habit Of** Wasting Time."

Time is something that is of paramount importance in Islam. Its significance is very clear in al-Qur'an when Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala swears by it at the beginning of several soorahs

- by time (وَالْعَصْر), by the dawn (وَالْغَجْر), by the morning brightness (وَالْضُّحَى), by the night (وَالْنَبْدَى), and many others.

Certainly those time period or instances mentioned in al-Qur'an bear significant meanings that Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala swears by them. And upon them is great hikmah for His

slaves whom contemplate and reflect upon them. However, most mankind are heedless and neglectful of the grave importance of time throughout their lives.

On the authority of ibn 'Abbaas radiyAllaahu 'anhuma, the Messenger sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam said:

"There are two blessings which many people lose: (They are) Health and free time for doing good."

(al-Bukhaari)

Such truthfulness in his words. We are always negligent and guilty in wasting time. This is even more apparent within our society especially during school holidays.

Many of the youth and and students are wandering off and wasting their precious time without indulging in beneficial activities throughout those periods. Make observations of what

they normally do. Are they actually beneficial activities or purely a waste of time? Among those activities are lounging with their buddies all day long, wandering around on their motorcycles

without any purpose, surfing the internet and chatting away on social websites for hours, engrossed in excessive entertainment, and unlawful free mixing between opposite genders.

Are these types of activities to be made as regular habit and culture? What and where is the value of time in our lives? Why do we fail to spend our time wisely with perfection?

Why do we continue to waste our time without feeling guilty or sinful? Truthfully, these are all due to the lack of awareness and insensitivity in appreciating the importance of time by

the parents and the youth themselves. Therefore, let us look at some of the reasons why Islam heavily emphasize on the gravity of time, as follows:

1- Time is something that is very precious. Every single second wasted can never be replaced or compensated to get it back again.

Remember, the failure in spending time with beneficial activities only means that we have thrown away something very precious and invaluable.

2-Time is actually our age. Our age is the capital for our lives that has already been predetermined. It must be sufficiently filled in determining our success in this life and the Hereafter.

Are we aloof to such scenario? A whole entire day that goes away without an iota of knowledge, good action, *'ibaadah*, or any form good deed only means that those time period

were intentionally left to expire and eat away our lives. This will later cause tremendous never ending regret in the Hereafter. Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions in al-Qur'an:

"[For such is the state of the disbelievers], until, when death comes to one of them, he says, "My Lord, send me back. That I might do righteousness in that which I left behind."

No! It is only a word he is saying; and behind them is a barrier until the Day they are resurrected."

(al-Mu'minoon 23:99-100)

3- Time is a *ni* mah that will be accounted for in the Hereafter. We will be questioned on how we spent every single second of it.

/In the hadeeth of Abu Barzah al-Aslamiy radiyAllaahu 'anh, the Messenger of Allah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam said:

"A man will not be let go on the Day of Resurrection until he has been asked about four matters: His life and how he spent it, his

knowledge and what he did with it, his wealth and how he earned it, and his body and how he used it."

(at-Tirmidhi: saheeh)

After realizing the importance of time and the reality of the detrimental habit of wasting time, let us take necessary measures to ensure that every second ticking is spent in the best

manner possible: 1- Plan and organize daily activities This is the first and most important step. Parents can assist their children to schedule their activities.

Allocate times for reading, hifdh of al-Qur'an, and revision, also watching television and playtime during school holidays. Give a balanced and due rights upon the mind, spiritual, and

physical dimension of the children. Without beneficial activities, they will succumb to wasting time. This is as it was reminded to us by al-Imam ash-Shaafi'i rahimahullahu ta 'aala:

"If you do not make yourself busy with the truth, it will surely make you busy with falsehood."

2- Have targets and objectives to be achieved during the holiday break This must be done so that the children will appreciate time and busy

themselves in achieving those goals. Hence, there is no room for time to be wasted. For example, setting the goal to memorize the entire juz 'amma and few other

soorahs, improving one's *salaah*, enrolling in an intensive language course, and many more.

3- Spending the weekend with the children Reward their obedience and discipline by taking them out to visit relatives, sightseeing, or go on a family vacation.

At the very least, take out the entire family for a dinner outing. Educate and train our children to perform salaah in jamaa 'ah at the masjid along with us.

Such is effective and efficient time spending strategy that can be implemented so that the children will truly feel loved and appreciated.

With this love and care, their hearts will flourish and become empowered to rise and strive for success and excellence.

We must action quick before losing out for time flies by very quickly. We have been wasting too much time with non-beneficial activities whether for this worldly life or the Hereafter.

Let us fill our time and age with things that will lead to success, excellence, barakah, and blissfulness. Especially now that we are living at

the end of time, where time is very short and passes by quick. We are all afflicted with this dilemma and experience. In the hadeeth of Anas bin Maalik radiyAllaahu 'anh,

the Messenger sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam said: **"The Hour shall not come** until time will be considered short, and a year will appear like a

month, a month like a week, a week like a day, a day like an hour, and an hour like a flash of fire."

(at-Tirmidhi: saheeh)

Let us take valuable lessons by reflecting upon the main points from today's khutbah, among them: 1- Time is of essence, which is priceless and irreplaceable.

Take heed for the time that has passed can never be brought back or redeemed. 2- Islam heavily emphasizes on efficient time management for it is an amaanah that will be

questioned about. Hence, plan ahead and organize beneficial activities accordingly so that this amaanah will be fulfilled with perfection.

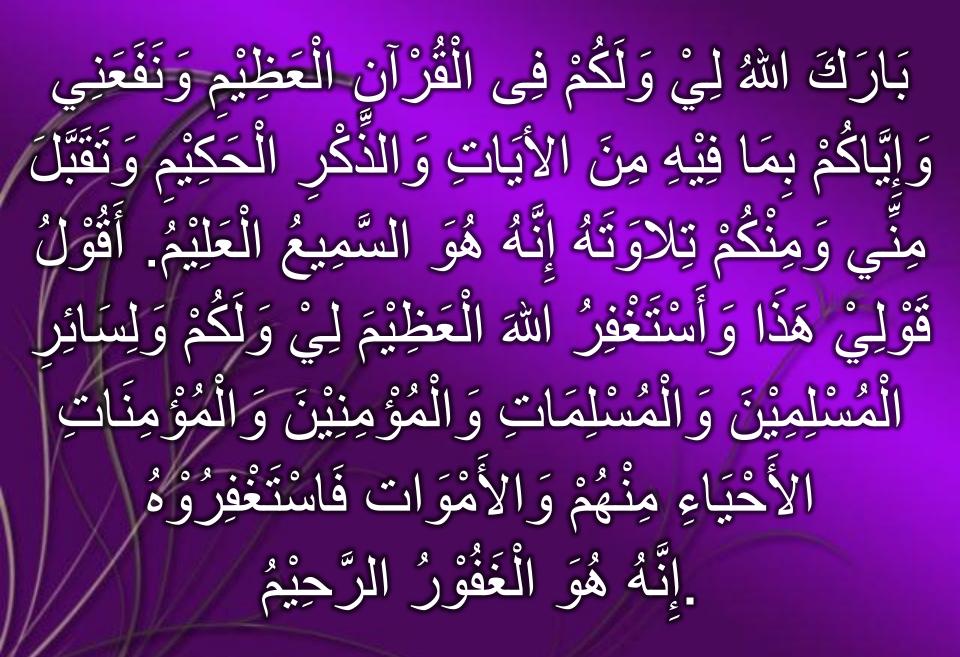
3- Wasting time and failure in proper time management will only incur heavy loss in this world and enormous regret in the Hereafter.

"Do you not see that to Allah prostrates whoever is in the heavens and whoever is on the earth and the sun, the moon, the stars, the

mountains, the trees, the moving creatures and many of the people? But upon many the punishment has been justified.

And he whom Allah humiliates - for him there is no bestower of honor. Indeed, Allah does what He wills."

(al-Hajj 22:18)



O Allah, You are the Almighty Lord, we are grateful unto You for having bestowed upon us Mercy and Blessings, nourishing us to strive to continue in strengthening the Muslim nation especially the state of Selangor, as an advanced, progressive, peaceful, and benevolent state.

We beseech and beg You, Ya Allah, to strengthen our *imaan*, increase our good deeds, strengthen our unity, increase our provision, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, nourish our soul with beautiful akhlaaq, guide us to the Path that is Pleasing to You,

protect us from Your severe tribulations such as the long drought, severe flooding, disease outbreak, violence and instability, poverty, and others, so that our land will become more peaceful and blessed.

Oh Allah, we ask You to open up the hearts of the Muslim ummah especially in Selangor, to fulfill their zakaat obligation as You had decreed in al-Qur'an. Bless the lives of those who have fulfilled their zakaat obligation, loving and caring for the poor and needy.

Purify their wealth and soul so that they will live according to that which pleases You. Protect the poor and needy from disbelief and everlasting poverty. Allaahummaa ameen

O Allah, We beg You... Please help our brothers in Gaza...Please free them from the colonialism of Zionist ..O Magnificent, O Honored One,

Oh God, Blessed them with bravery, strength, courage, healthy and patient in fighting Your enemy.... O Allah We beg You, Please heal their sickness and blessed them with martyr.

O Allah, Please unite the **Muslims and Arabic leaders to** help the Palestinians .. O Allah, Please destroy the enemies of Islam, protect the territories of Islam and unite the word of the Muslims in truth, oh lord of the worlds.

O Allah, Please Unite the hearts Muslims, Guide us on the paths of pace and lead us from darkness into light, O Magnificent, O Honored One.. Amin Ya Rabbalalamin..

