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# THE IMPORTANCE OF TIME IN HUMAN LIVES



Let us all strive to increase our  
*taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu*  
*Wata'aala* by striving our  
utmost in fulfilling all of His  
Commands and avoiding all



of His prohibitions. May we  
become among those whom are  
*muttaqeen*.

On this blessed day, let us  
ponder and internalize upon the  
*khutbah* entitled: “*The  
Importance Of Time In Human  
Lives.*”

It is obvious, as we all know that every human will be spending time in their daily affairs. Hence, fortunate are those that wisely spend their time with good and righteous deeds, while unfortunate for



those who have spent their time  
with useless and futile matters.

The famous Arab proverb goes:

*“Time is like a sword, if you do  
not cut it, it will cut you.”* These

words truly manifest the



importance of time in human lives. Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* is the creator of time and has set 24 hours or 1440 minutes in one full day (and night), no more no less. It is entirely up to us to

manage and utilize our time in  
attaining blissfulness in this  
world and the Hereafter.

Nowadays, we find the vast  
majority of us are actually  
neglectful and heedless with  
regard to the passing of time



or the time wasted in their lives.

They actually live in vain and heedlessness. They are just like those admonished by Allah

*Subhaanahu Wata 'aala* in al-  
Qur'an:



**“Then did you think that  
We created you uselessly  
and that to Us you would  
not be returned?”**

**(al-Mu’minoan 23:115)**

Therefore, time management in our daily lives is of utmost importance and it must be properly planned out so that our time could be managed and utilized wisely and effectively.



Hence, in our daily lives, whether we realize it or not, we have actually set a daily schedule automatically where we unconsciously know the time to perform a certain act, such as working,



resting, sleeping, eating,  
drinking, and others. We must  
remain cognizant to the fact our  
time is an *amaanah* from Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wata'ala*, for  
each *amaanah* will be  
questioned

by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*  
in the Hereafter.

Mu'adh bin Jabal

*radiyAllaahu'anh* narrated that

Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:



**“The two feet of Allah's  
servant shall not move one  
inch on the Day of Judgment  
until that servant is asked  
about four qualifications  
(*khisaal*): (1) his life – how he  
spent it,**



**(2) his youth – how he used it, (3) his wealth – where he earned it and how he spent it, (4) his knowledge – how he acted upon it.”**

(at-Tirmidhi also narrated with similar wording and graded it *hasan saheeh*)

In the effort to efficiently manage time in our daily lives, let us practice these three methods as our guideline:

- 1- Do not procrastinate in fulfilling the rights,



*amaanah*, and responsibilities. Also, do not procrastinate in executing tasks entrusted upon us.

2- Do not delay in performing *'ibaadah* and implementing *Shara'* rulings

(Islamic law).

3- Do not procrastinate and delay in spreading the message of Islam, and also in striving and defending Islam.



Indeed, time will pass by,  
leaving us, and never to return  
again. The time that has passed  
will leave two groups. The first  
group is the successful ones, for  
they truly value their time in  
their

lives. The second group is those that are always in a state of loss, for allowing time to pass without being spent on righteous deeds and obedience to Allah *Subhaanahu Wata 'aala*. In



this regard, let us reflect and  
internalize upon the Words of  
Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* in  
Surah al-'Asr. This is the surah  
that we often recite upon  
concluding any sitting (*majlis*)  
or

gathering, but unfortunately it only remain upon the lips, let alone its actual internalization and practice in the daily life.



**“By time, indeed, mankind is in loss, except for those who have believed and done righteous deeds and advised each other to truth and advised each other to patience.”**

**(al-‘Asr 103:1-3)**

This surah explains to us that the vast majority of mankind actually live in a state of loss for not utilizing their time in this worldly life in the best manner. This surah also describe those that are not



properly utilizing their time in  
the obedience to Allah

*Subhaanahu Wata'aala* and His

Messenger are actually from  
among the losers for allowing  
time to pass by without  
benefitting from any

of it through advising and guiding each other to internalize Islam as a complete way of life. This surah also explains on the four groups whom are fortunate:



1- Those possessing *imaan* that will guide them towards righteousness and prevent them from transgression.

2- Those performing good deeds that actually benefit themselves, their families,

and mankind in general.

3- Those calling others to live upon the principles of Truth that is based on the *Sharee'ah* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*.



4- Those who remain patient while conveying the *Sharee'ah* of Allah, and while facing hardship and trials from Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*.

As a conclusion of this *khutbah*,  
let us utilize the very  
opportunity of time and  
blessings in life that was  
bestowed by Allah *Subhaanahu*  
*Wata'aala* upon us in attaining  
success in the



life of this world, and more importantly in the Afterlife. Hence, time must be managed in the best manner as it was conveyed to us from Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم.  
ibn 'Abbaas

*radiyAllaahu 'anhuma* reported:

Rasulullah ﷺ said to a man  
and he was admonishing him:

**“Take advantage of five before  
five: your youth before your  
old age,**



**your health before your  
illness, your riches before  
your poverty, your leisure  
before your work, and your  
life before your death.”**

**(al-Bayhaqi, Ahmad, al-Haakim:  
*saheeh*)**

Therefore, we must always remember and remain cognizant that:

1- The time in our life is for the obedience of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata 'aala* and performing beneficial deeds



as provision after we die.

2- The time while we are still healthy is for performing *'ibaadah* to Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* and all form of good deeds.

3- The leisure time is for personal enhancement whether in terms of *'ibaadah*, career advancement, and increasing knowledge.



4- The time during youth is a period of potential filled with high energy and the willingness to face the challenge in achieving excellence.

5- Having wealth provides ample opportunity to perform *'ibaadah* or righteous deeds that requires material wealth such as hajj, *zakaat*, *waqf*, and *sadaqah*.



**“If you could but see when the  
criminals are hanging their  
heads before their Lord,  
[saying], "Our Lord, we have  
seen and heard,**

**so return us [to the world];  
we will work righteousness.**

**Indeed, we are [now]  
certain."**

**(as-Sajdah 32:12)**



بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي  
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلْ  
مِنِي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيْمُ. أَقُولُ  
قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ  
الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ  
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ  
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيْمُ

**Once again, I would like to remind all of us that Islam teach its adherents to remain moderate in all actions and deeds. At the same time, the Muslims are to avoid any form of extremism in which its**



**consequences will only disrupt the harmony, unity, and security of the Muslim ummah and our nation. Extremism will only give negative impression upon the nobility and holiness of al-Islam. On the contrary, the Muslim**

**ummah must inculcate noble  
akhlaaq, having utmost  
personality and attitude as true  
Muslims so that the world will  
know that Rasulallah (ﷺ) was  
sent down as a messenger, and  
Islam that was revealed is mercy  
for the entire nation and  
universe.**



**O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us *rahmah* and *ni'mah*, that we are able to continue the effort in empowering the Muslim *ummah* especially in Selangor, as an**

**advanced state, prosperous, and  
providing welfare.**

**Hence, we sincerely beseech  
you, O Allah, strengthen our  
*imaan*, accept our deeds,  
strengthen our unity, increase  
our *rizq*, enrich us with**



**beneficial knowledge, cultivate  
our soul with good mannerisms,  
return us to the path that you  
are pleased with, protect us  
from disasters and your severe  
trials, so that our nation will  
become more peaceful and filled  
with blessings.**

**O Allah, we sincerely beseech you, strengthen our beliefs according to the creed of *Ahlu Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*, and protect us from deeds and *'aqeedah* that are astray such as the extreme *Shee'is*, *Qadiyani*, and other ideologies.**



**O Allah, open up our hearts in fulfilling the five daily prayers, performing *zakaat*, and other obligations. Bless those that have fulfilled their *zakaat* and loving the *fuqaraa'* and *masaakin*, and those that have**

**made *waqf* and gave up their  
wealth for *Tabung Amanah  
Pembangunan Islam Selangor*  
(Islamic Development Trust Fund  
of Selangor) with continuous  
reward until the Hereafter.**



**O Allah, increase and widen the *rizq* of those that made *waqf* from their wealth with perpetual rewards until the Last Day.**



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