



Proper Time Utilization And Management During School Holidays

On this Friday that is full of mercy and blessings, I would like to remind myself and fellow audience to strive in increasing our imaan and tagwa of Allah by constantly fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we become among His slaves whom attains blissfulness and well being in this world and the Hereafter.

With the school holiday season sweeping nationwide, let us internalize upon today's khutbah entitled: "Proper Time Utilization And Management During School Holidays"

The school holiday season is back in session. This is the long-awaited period for children attending school, for they are no longer bounded by school textbooks, cocurriculum

activities, or even extra classes. In short, anything related to school is no longer of their concern. In fact, many actually think that this is their time for resting, having fun, and doing things

that they like. While our Prophet صلى الله has always reminded us how big of a loss it becomes when we do not utilize our time properly. Narrated ibn 'Abbaas radiyAllaahu 'anhuma:

Rasulullah عليه وسلم said: "There are two blessings which many people lose: (They are) Health and free time for doing good" (al-Bukhaari)

Time is gold. This expression is commonly mentioned to depict the precious value of time. To what extent have we enlightened our children about the importance of time

in life? Ask our children, what is the most precious thing for them? Is it money? Family? Friends? Intelligence? Good health? Perhaps they may say that all those would be the answer.

What is certain is that none of those mentioned are equal to the value of the time at hand. The most valuable matter after having imaan and Islam is time. Why did Allah command

mankind to think and ponder upon matters pertaining to time? Those Muslims that cannot appreciate time will unlikely to become an advanced nation, and instead end up as a nation of losers.

Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "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)

The wise parents will manage their children's time in the best of manner. In this regard, the role of the parents is pertinent to ensure that their children will be occupied with beneficial

activities throughout their school holiday. Normally, the children would have their own plans to fill their time. What is hoped is that the parents would monitor their children's activities so that

they will not fall into negative activities involving moral decadence, what more if it is related to the 'ageedah of a Muslim. Narrated Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu'anh:

Rasulullah عليه وسلم said: "Every child is born with a true faith of Islam (i.e. to worship none but Allah Alone) and his parents convert him to Judaism or Christianity or

Magianism..." (al-Bukhaari)

In reality, there are many activities that can be conducted throughout the school holiday.

As long as they would provide added value and positive impact upon the children, so that the knowledge and experience gained can be utilized in the future.

Just to share with my fellow congregation especially those that have children, I would like to mention activities that can be carried out throughout the school holiday:

1- Attending al-Qur'an and Fard 'Ayn lessons is a must, in the effort of seeking knowledge that are not limited to only during school sessions, for they can be sought regardless of time

and place. 2- To go for sightseeing and have picnics — such activity will enable children to be in touch with the outside world, appreciating the beauty of nature created by Allah

Subhaanahu Wata'aala. As they say, "jauh berjalan, luas pandangan" (the further one travels, the broader one's view becomes). Travel anywhere for as long as it is not a place of disobedience

and a place that can corrupt the 'ageedah and akhlaag. 3- Attending school holiday camp — usually such program is organized by the school, private corporations, nongovernmental

organizations, or local communities which includes nearby mosques. It would be filled with various activities that focuses on motivations, character building, religion, spiritual, akhlaaq, 'ibaadah,

self-identity, social skills, and its like. In addition to gaining new knowledge, the children will get to make new friends. 4- Additional tuition classes this is a positive suggestion

for those that will be sitting for upcoming examinations such as UPST, PT3, and SPM. 5- Short-term courses — for those that would like to develop or increase their

children's skills, they can enroll their children at institutions that offers shortterm courses according to their interests such as ICT courses, English, martial arts, swimming, and many

others. These skills are beneficial as a way of developing the children's talents, along with their academic performance.

I would like to advise our dear children, do not waste your school holiday with activities that are not beneficial. Negative activities will not help in developing the potential

within oneself, and instead incurs harm upon the self. For example: watching the television without any supervision, playing video games and smart phone without time limit, hanging

out with friends at any time of the day, neglecting salaah, wasting time at the cybercafé and shopping malls, and many more.

Indeed, every believer having taqwa will appreciate every moment and time bestowed upon them. The role of the parents in educating the children to have greater appreciation for

time is pertinent for the sake of their excellence in this world and the Hereafter. To the children, who will soon become the inheritors of the Muslim ummah, truly appreciate your youth with

beneficial matters. Indeed, one of the five matters that was mentioned by Rasulullah "your free time before عليه وسلم you become busy" should be contemplated upon so that in

the Hereafter we will not be at loss.

"O you who have believed, fear Allah. And let every soul look to what it has put forth for tomorrow - and fear Allah. Indeed, Allah is Acquainted with what you do"

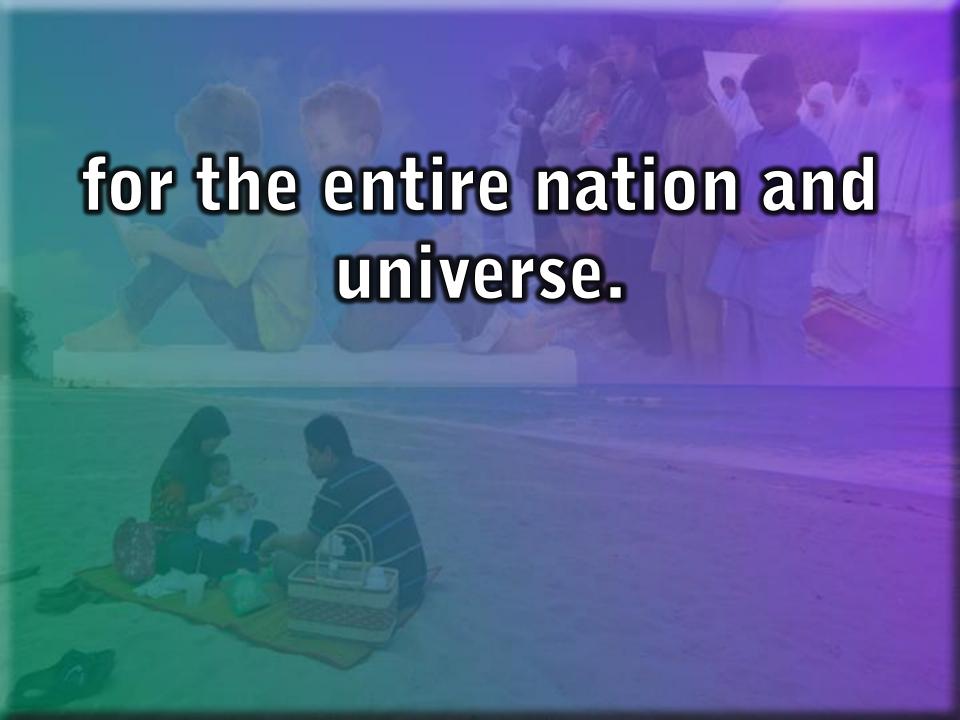
(al-Hashr 59:18)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَيَاتِ وَالذَّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيْمُ. أَقُولُ قُولِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغُورُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِى وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاعِ مِنْهُمْ وَالأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوْهُ 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 Rasulullah(عليه وسلم) was sent down as a messenger, and Islam that was revealed is mercy



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 Ahlus Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah, and protect us from deeds and 'ageedah 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 fugaraa' 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 rizg of those that made waqf from their wealth with perpetual rewards until the Last Day.





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