

# Towards the Top

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Time is precious, it is your capital. Invest it wisely, and utilize it to reach the top. You have 24 hours. Set your priorities. Choose the deeds which have a greater impact. Don't waste your energy and time in trivial pursuits.

There are many ayaat in the Qura'an which encourage the

believers to make the best choice, so that they can reach the best.



Concentrate all your time and energy to invest in the best deeds, whether they are for dunya or akhirah.

**[He] who created death and life to test you [as to] which of you is best in deed - and He is the Exalted in Might, the Forgiving.**

Allah created life and death for a purpose, to see who does the best deeds. Your test in life is to choose the best.



**Those who listen to speech and follow the best of it. Those are the ones Allah has guided, and those are people of understanding.**

Whatever they choose to hear is also the best. They filter what they hear and follow. They are guided by Allah. They are the people of understanding, because they use their minds.

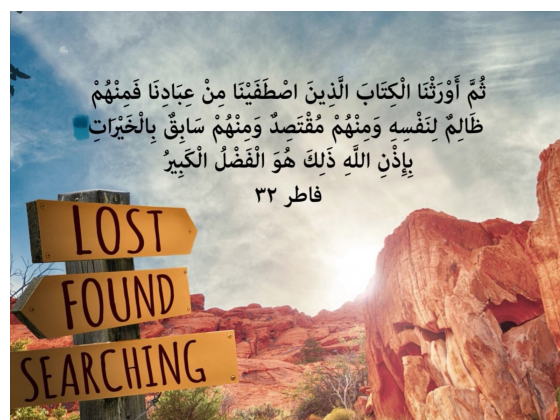
The Qura'an is the best of words and speech. We have it all within our reach. But people are different regarding how they reach the top.

**Then we caused to inherit the Book those We have chosen of Our servants; and among them is he who wrongs himself, and among them is he who is moderate, and among them is he who is foremost in good deeds by permission of Allah . That [inheritance] is what is the great bounty.**

Those who transgress will slip lower. They are the ones who only focus on themselves. The other group is the one who remains moderate, they can do better, but they take it easy. The third group is the one who hasten to do good deeds, they are not satisfied with moderation.



Choose the best, not the least. Don't be complacent, strive to do the best.



وَالْعَصْرِ

By time

إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لِفِي خُسْرٍ

Indeed, mankind is in loss

إِلَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالْحَقِّ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالصَّبْرِ

**Except for those who have believed and done righteous deeds and advised each other to truth and advised each other to patience**

سورة العصر

103:1-3



And [recall] when you said, "O Moses, we can never endure one [kind of] food. So call upon your Lord to bring forth for us from the earth its green herbs and its cucumbers and its garlic and its lentils and its onions." [Moses] said, "Would you exchange what is better for what is less? Go into [any] settlement and indeed, you will have what you have asked." And they were covered with humiliation and poverty and returned with anger from Allah [upon them]. That was because they [repeatedly] disbelieved in the signs of Allah and killed the prophets without right. That was because they disobeyed and were [habitually] transgressing.

Allah gave the Bani Israeel the best of food, which came from the sky. They didn't even have to work to get it. Allah wanted to elevate them. But they were bored by this special food, and

wanted food

from the earth, which is a lower standard. They didn't choose the best.

The believer will seek the best in everything. He will not accept any less, nor settle for it.

Voluntary deeds done privately in addition to the obligatory are the best.

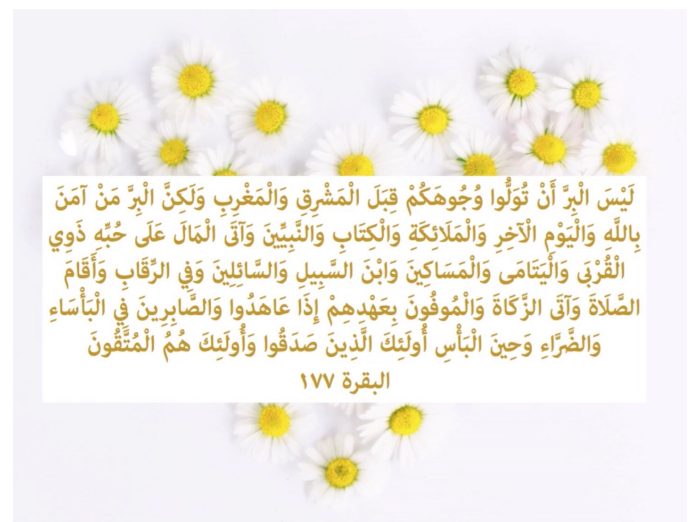
*If you disclose your charitable expenditures, they are good; but*

*if you conceal them and give them to the poor, it is better for you, and He will remove from you some of your misdeeds [thereby]. And Allah, with what you do, is [fully] Acquainted 2:271*

Choose for practicality and efficiency, make that your priority.

*Righteousness is not that you turn your faces toward the east or the west, but [true] righteousness is [in] one who believes in Allah, the Last Day, the angels, the Book,*

*and the prophets and gives wealth, in spite of love for it, to relatives, orphans, the needy, the traveler, those who ask [for help], and for freeing slaves; [and who] establishes prayer and gives zakah; [those who] fulfill their promise when they promise; and [those who] are patient in poverty and hardship and during battle. Those are the ones who have been true, and it is those who are the righteous.*





Peace takes priority over war.

**And if they incline to peace, then incline to it [also] and rely upon Allah . Indeed, it is He who is the Hearing, the Knowing.**

Peace is essential in life. It is the origin of life.

Marriage with a believer woman takes priority over marriage with a mushrik.



وَأِنْ جَاحِقُوا لِلْسَّلَامِ فَاجْتَنَحْ لَهَا وَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى  
اللَّهِ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ  
الأنفال ٦١

**And do not marry**

**polytheistic women until they believe. And a believing slave woman is better than a polytheist, even though she might please you. And do not marry polytheistic men [to your women] until they believe. And a believing slave is better than a polytheist, even though he might please you. Those invite [you] to the Fire, but Allah invites to Paradise and to forgiveness, by His permission. And He makes clear His verses to the people that perhaps they may remember.**



وَلَا تَنْكِحُوا الْمُشْرِكَاتِ حَتَّى يُؤْمِنَ وَلَأَمَّةٌ مُؤْمِنَةٌ خَيْرٌ مِنْ مُشْرِكَةٍ وَلَا  
أَعَجَبَتْكُمْ وَلَا تُنْكِحُوا الْمُشْرِكِينَ حَتَّى يُؤْمِنُوا وَلَعَبْدٌ مُؤْمِنٌ خَيْرٌ مِنْ مُشْرِكٍ  
وَلَوْ أَعْجَبَكُمْ أُولَئِكَ يَدْعُونَ إِلَى النَّارِ وَاللَّهُ يَدْعُو إِلَى الْجَنَّةِ وَالْمَغْفِرَةِ  
يُذِنُ لَهُ وَيُبَيِّنُ آيَاتِهِ لِلنَّاسِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَتَذَكَّرُونَ  
البقرة ٢٢١

**Kind speech and forgiveness are better than charity followed by injury. And Allah is Free of need and Forbearing.**



قَوْلٌ مَعْرُوفٌ وَمَغْفِرَةٌ خَيْرٌ مِنْ  
صَدَقَةٍ يَتْبَعُهَا أَدَى وَاللَّهُ عَنِّي  
حَلِيمٌ  
البقرة ٢٦٣



وَأِنْ كَانَ ذُو عُسْرَةٍ فَنَظِرَةٌ إِلَى مَيْسَرَةٍ وَأَنْ  
تَصَدَّقُوا خَيْرٌ لَكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ  
البقرة ٢٨٠

**And if someone is in hardship, then [let there be] postponement until [a time of] ease. But if you give [from your right as] charity, then it is better for you, if you only knew.**

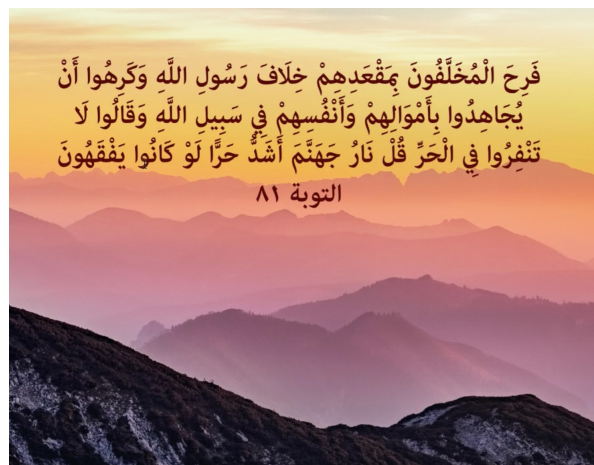
Make the right move and fulfill your obligations and responsibilities. Don't delay anything, do whatever needs to be done on time. Don't postpone your tasks.

**And hasten to forgiveness from your Lord and a garden as wide as the heavens and earth, prepared for the righteous.**

Protect yourself from the punishment of the hellfire. This is more important than the hardships of dunya.



وَسَارِعُوا إِلَى مَغْفِرَةٍ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ وَجَنَّةٍ عَرْضُهَا  
السَّمَاوَاتُ وَالْأَرْضُ أُعِدَّتْ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ  
ال عمران ١٣٣



قَرِحَ الْمُخَلَّفُونَ بِمَقْعَدِهِمْ خِلَافَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ وَكَرِهُوا أَنْ  
يُجَاهِدُوا بِأَمْوَالِهِمْ وَأَنْفُسِهِمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَقَالُوا لَا  
تَنْفِرُوا فِي الْحَرِّ قُلْ نَارُ جَهَنَّمَ أَشَدُّ حَرًّا لَوْ كَانُوا يَفْقَهُونَ  
التوبة ٨١

**Those who remained behind rejoiced in their staying [at home] after [the departure of] the Messenger of Allah and disliked to strive with their wealth and their lives in the cause of Allah and said, 'Do not go forth in the heat.' Say, 'The fire of Hell is more intensive in heat' - if they would but understand.**

Working for the akhirah takes priority over dunya. Use the dunya as a bridge to take you to akhirah.

***But seek, through that which Allah has given you, the home of the Hereafter; and [yet], do not forget your share of the world. And do good as Allah has done good to you. And desire not corruption in the land. Indeed, Allah does not like corrupters.***



اللهم اهدنا لافضل الاعمال و الاخلاق  
لا يهدي لافضلها الا انت و اصرف عنا  
سيئها لا يصرف عنا سيئها الا انت

Pardon and overlook the mistakes of the people. This will take you higher.

***O Allah, guide me to the best of deeds and the best of manners, for none can guide to the best of them but You. And protect me from bad deeds and bad manners, for none can protect against them but You.***

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وَابْتَغِ فِيمَا آتَاكَ اللَّهُ الدَّارَ الْآخِرَةَ وَلَا تَنْسَ نَصِيبَكَ مِنَ  
الدُّنْيَا وَأَحْسِنْ كَمَا أَحْسَنَ اللَّهُ إِلَيْكَ وَلَا تَبْغِ الْفُسَادَ فِي  
الْأَرْضِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُفْسِدِينَ  
القصص ٧٧