



Towards the Top

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Follow your Coach – Follow the Prophet (ﷺ)

- The most successful people are those who know their priorities and the Prophet (ﷺ) is teaching us about priorities.
- **Priority of learning new techniques and learning different languages:** **Surah Al Anbiya 2: (٢١)** **(يَأَيُّهُمْ مَنْ نَذَرَ مِنْ رَبِّهِمْ مُّحَمَّدٌ)** (Comes not unto them an admonition (a chapter of the Qur'an) from their Lord as a recent revelation) –knowledge has to always be update and a person needs to be up to date in order to spread the deen. The Prophet (ﷺ) commanded Zaid bin Thabit (رضي الله عنه) to learn Hebrew.
- **Priority of putting deadlines:** when the Companions were heading to Banu Quraidha, the Prophet (ﷺ) told them you will not pray the 'asr until you reach Banu Quraidah. There were some who prayed along the way, and some who didn't pray until they reached. When news reached the Prophet (ﷺ) of what happened, he didn't say anything to any group to show that none was wrong, but it was about setting a deadline in order they may be focused.
- **Priority of effective planning:** one of the Companions was with the Prophet (ﷺ) and he was told to count the number of Muslims present and he said there were 1500. This data and statistics were used to plan before taking any actions.
- **Planning for the migration:** the Prophet (ﷺ) told Abu Bakr (رضي الله عنه) to take a path which was not familiar. He told 'Ali bin Abi Talib (رضي الله عنه) to sleep in his bed. Asma'a bint Abu Baker (رضي الله عنه) was to bring the food. So he had a specific plan for each. Our belief in the decree teaches us to plan because there are many writings – the Preserved Tablets, the Night of Decree, the writing of the womb.
- **Priority to changing the munkar when one is able:** The Prophet (ﷺ) wasn't able to destroy the idols while in Makkah because they were weak and didn't have the upper-hand, but after it's opening he was able to destroy 360 idols because he was in authority.
- Ibn Al Qayyim said it's important to have time to remove munkar while one is able and has authority.
- **Priority of taking care of what benefits the dawah:** Abdallah bin Salool was known by all to be the head of the hypocrites. The Companions wanted to get rid of him but the Prophet (ﷺ) said



not to otherwise people will say 'the Prophet (ﷺ) kills his companions' and this would drive others from Islam.

- **Priority of negotiating peace**
- **Priority of asking the opinion and advice of others.**

How do we apply what we learned and change for the better?

- Follow the Prophet (ﷺ)
- Plan ahead

May Allah (ﷻ) guide us to the best. Ameen.