

Kindness Towards Parents

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Mrs. Rezae was busy teaching the lesson to the students in the class; as if all her attention was directed to the second line. When she finished her speech, she turned to the children and said: "I'd like to know why some of you didn't pay attention to the class? if you are really convinced, so it's better we talk to reach a good result."

Maryam stood up and said: "You eventually said interesting words especially about doing kindness to parents: ;We have enjoined on man kindness to parents." The Quran (29: 8)

Mujgand: "To my view, this verse speaks about good parents, not all of them."

Fatimah: "We see no exceptional in this verse."

Narjes: "Aren't we authoritative, so why do we obey our parents?"

Mrs Rezae: "My dear girls! it is right that God has recommended us more to obey our parents and do good to them. As He says: "Serve Allah and join not any partner with him; and do good to parents."

Thus, we must know that parents' advice indicate that they wish good for children and it is incumbent upon us to obey them when God's orders comply with obeying them. "But if they strive to make you join in worship with Me things of which you have no knowledge, do not obey them." The Quran (31:15)

Narjes: "That's right! but my father has attained old age and if one told something to him, he would take to heart and become very angry."

Mrs. Rezae: My dear girl! old age brings about hardships and loneliness to life and all of you are now youngster and cheerful and if you want to do something, you can do it. Imagine when you get old, you will need someone to help you raise up. But we should behave patiently with our



old parents. As the Quran says: “Whether one or both of them attain old age in your life, say not to them a word of contempt, nor repel them, but address them in terms of honor.”
The Quran (17: 23)

Fatimah: In my opinion, those youngsters who raise an excuse, they do not understand their parents and are of different race and they should take much benefit of this verse: “ghol lahoma ghowlan karimah”; that is to say, instead of being stubborn with them, youngsters should try to satisfy them by saying good words and even if they are convinced by listening to their words.

Mrs. Rezae: Bravo! that’s right.

Mujgan: “ So, what should we do for them?”

Mrs. Rezae: The Holy Prophet (S.A.W.) States: “The right of father for his children is that he neither calls him by his name, nor walk and sit front of him and nor do anything to make him to curse his children. The case is also the same for mother.

One of children stood up and asked: “Lady! some of our parents have passed away, so what should they do for them?”

Mrs. Rezae: My dear girl! they must pray and recite the Quran for them and should also give alms on behalf of them. Today, I also want to learn you Salat Seeking Forgiveness For Parents as a memorial for you. That is this: First you should make intention for Salat and in the first rakat, after reading Hamd chapter, you should recite 10 times 41 verse of Ibrahim chapter (Rabbana eghferli wa lewaledi wa leemumenin yama yaghomo hesab) and in the second rakat, after Hamd chapter, you should read 19 times 28 verse of Nuh chapter (Rab eghferli wa lewaledi wa leman dakhala baiti mumenan wa lelemumenin wa mumenat) and after salam, you should say: (Rab erhamhoma kama rabbiyani saghira).

Narges: “Is this prayer for those who have passed away?”

Mrs. Rezae: “No, it isn’t, if parents are still alive, it will be recorded more thawab (good) for them due to reading it and if they have passed away, it will be the joy of their souls which is undescribable.”

Then, the bell of school began to ring and Mrs. Rezae said: “Well! thanks all for listening to my words. Now, you can go home by sending salavat for your parents’ health.