

Summarised Friday Sermon

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TIPS FOR SUCESS

- Let us be truly conscious of Allah and have *taqwa* in our hearts and be vigilant in performing the obligatory prayers with *khusyuk* (full consciousness) and *tawadhuk* (humility). Do not miss our prayers and remember that *solat* is one of the pillars of Islam. Not performing prayers is akin to destroying one's faith.
- In Rasullulah's efforts to spread the message of Islam, he was confronted with many challenges and trials. Yet, he had never ceased his efforts and had never given up. If the Prophet had a weak spirit, he certainly would not have been the example for us all, nor be the guiding light for this world.
- It is this strong spirit of endeavour that is in the Prophet, his companions and the *tabi'in*, which enabled Islam to be a force of change during the dark ages. Only with their spirited efforts, Islam had surfaced to the world good principles, progress and morality.
- Surely everyone of us have dreams and goals. If we were to ask anyone at all whether they wanted to be a success, surely they would say yes. Unfortunately, many of us aim high but do not have the spirit of endeavor that is necessary to achieve their dreams.
- Let us strengthen our determination and spirit of endeavor. Whatever our dreams, we can achieve with hard work and prayers. As Allah s.w.t. says in Surah Ali-Iman Verse 159: Which means: So when you have decided, then place your trust in Allah; surely Allah loves those who trust.
- Here are some tips. First: We need to be clear on what we want. Then, we must firmly fix our intent and determination to achieve that goal in our hearts. Second: Look to other successes and learn from their experiences. Third: Have clear and achievable objectives. Do not set too high a target and be disappointed when it is not achieved. Instead, set incremental targets that can be achieved gradually.



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