



Summarised Friday Sermon

16 November 2007

THE ESSENCE OF ISLAM IS GOOD CHARACTER

- Islam is built on three foundations. The foundations of Iman, Islam and Ihsan. The foundation of iman is the key to the validity of a person's faith in Allah s.w.t.
- The foundation of Islam is shaped from our actions. We proclaim the Syahadah, perform prayers, give tithe, fast in the month of Ramadan and perform hajj when we could afford it.
- Rasulullah s.a.w himself displayed good character, and was himself a manifestation of excellent character to the extent that he was praised by Allah in the Quran.
- Islam requires us to be of good character because it is our inborn nature to feel calm and tranquil and to respect those who are of good character. Those with good character are also honored by all regardless of race or religion, and they will bring goodness to this world.
- Basic good manners are well known and appreciated by all. Like helping others in doing good, as mentioned by Allah s.w.t in Surah Al-Maaidah: Which means: And help one another in righteousness and in piety This includes smiling at our brothers and avoiding sullenness
- Among the destructive characters are jealousy and resentment, the love for this world, the love for power and rank, riyak, ujub and takabbur. And among the characters which will bring us to success are sincerity, the habit of thinking, compassion, tawakkal, and many others.
- An Arabic poet once said: Indeed the ummah with good character will last, but when their good character is lost, they will also be lost. May we be able to improve our character and be an example to other communities.



Summarized By: **Darul Makmur Mosque**

Mosque without borders