



Summarised Friday Sermon

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Shaping Youths Of Iman

- In Islam the youth is given an honoured place. Allah has related many instances of the strength of the iman of many youths.
- As parents, let's raise our children as people who have iman and taqwa. Our failure to teach the religion to our children well has a lasting impact on our children's character and personality in the future.
- In this technological era it is certainly harder to control our youth. We can no longer think of parenting in terms of control, but need to learn new communicating skills. Parents and adults in general, need to understand the new ways teenagers communicate, and should therefore adopt the appropriate means of communication.
- One way is to change the way we advice and remind our children. We cannot simply lecture or nag them into submission. We have to ask ourselves how effective our ways of communicating are, and whether what we say and how we say it can bring positive change to our teenagers.
- Here are some positive ways on how we can deal with our youth: First: To convince them and not dictate. Unlike lecturing, gentle reminders or advice, appeal to reason and has the potential to change minds.
- Second: Respect and understand our teenagers. We frequently hear our teenagers saying that their parents only know to nag but never want to understand their feelings. One of the ways to overcome this problem is to show empathy to them; by putting ourselves in their shoes.
- Third: Acknowledge any positive change. After giving advice, parents need to be attentive to any positive changes the teen makes. Every positive change needs to be acknowledged, to show that the parents do notice the good that they do.



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