

## Summarised Friday Sermon

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### Responsibilities in Educating our Children

- We must realise that children are gifts, blessings and entrusted by Allah into our care and must be treated with the utmost care and concern. They are our priceless investment which will bring us bountiful gains in the future if we invest in them well.
- Parents are responsible in nurturing, instilling and educating their children with good moral values so that they become knowledgeable, responsible and pious Muslims.
- To protect our family members from the threat of hell, we must not remain passive and be contented at just stopping them from transgressing Allah's limits. We must also actively inculcate Islamic values in our children so as to help them develop an immune system which would be able to repel unhealthy and evil influences of their social environment.
- Parenting is not about merely issuing orders and directives but it includes the aspect of monitoring, guiding and being inspiration and model for the children to emulate.
- Ibnu Khaldun had identified 3 forms of education: 1) To prepare the child spiritually, that is introduce him to the fundamental of Islam according to Al-Quran and Sunnah of the Prophet. 2) To prepare the child to behave according to the Islamic code of conduct, 3) To prepare the child mental's faculty to receive knowledge that will enhance his independency and capability to perform his obligations as *khalifah* of Allah.
- Parents need to be sensitive to the mental and physical development of our children. Let us not be blinded by the pursuit of material wealth and comfort at the expense of raising our kids on sound Islamic foundations.

