

Summarised Friday Sermon

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Itqan in Achieving Success

Let us be truly conscious of Allah and have *taqwa* in our hearts by abiding all that Allah commands. One of His commands is performing the obligatory prayers. We should perform our prayers constantly. Be reminded that our prayers will refrain us from doing sinful acts, harm dan bad deeds.

In pursuing something, we must always make sure that it is an act of ma'aruf (or goodness), be it in work, studies, sports, business, a past-time or an ibadah. In doing an act of ma'aruf (goodness), a key condition is sincere intentions.

Those who strive hard and work hard will get what they are working for. Those who do not give up are those who have itqan in them. Itqan is a criterion for achievement and excellence. Indeed this is what has been shown by Rasulullah S.A.W. He did not give up in spreading the message of Islam to his people.

In contrast to Itqan is the attitude of mediocrity or taking things for granted. This attitude is the opposite of itqan. It will only halt and prevent a person from achieving any kind of success. We need to educate our family, our children and ourselves in avoiding this mediocre attitude. To achieve success we cannot do things half-heartedly or just for the sake of doing it.

Let us all equip ourselves with the attitude of itqan or full concentration and focus in what we do. And let us release all the negativities in ourselves. Let us be more bold and responsible with our own lives and take charge. May with this attitude of itqan we will be able to achieve all our dreams and goals



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