



SUMMARISED FRIDAY SERMON

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LOVE AND AFFECTION IN FAMILY LIFE

- One of the ways to have taqwa and consciousness of Allah is to make our own families, through love and kindness, into families that have strong faith and taqwa to Allah.
- Islam is a religion well-suited to the natural state of mankind (fitrah). God has created mankind in pairs (from man and woman), so that they can live together as families. Through family life, mankind does not only ensure his continuity and the bearing of progeny, but will also be able to live a calm and tranquil life that is full of love.
- Leaders of the family are responsible to guide their families to have strong faith and taqwa. One of the main roles and responsibilities of a husband is to treat his wife well. A good treatment of one's wife is testimony to his faith and iman.
- Love and affection in our families will help us guide them to the right path. Leadership is ineffective, in fact, non-existent, if a leader is not respected. But respect itself normally is an outcome of strong familial relations – families that live with love and affection.
- To be an effective head of the family, it is most important that we become role models to our children and wives. We have to practice what we preach; it is easier for our families to follow our advice when they see us doing it.
- As the head of the family, it is our responsibility to maintain and provide for our wives and children and make time for them. Make full use of your time with your family by engaging in meaningful activities together, even if it is for a short time.
- Hopefully, with loving and respectful relations in our families, our family institutions will become much stronger. With this, InshaAllah, we will be able to lead our lives in manner that will bring us the pleasure and blessings of Allah in this world and the hereafter, Amin.



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