



SUMMARISED FRIDAY SERMON

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LOVE & AFFECTION IN THE FAMILY LIFE II

- We often read from the mass media about “Dysfunctional Families” in the Malay/Muslim community. The issue of broken homes or dysfunctional families given so much attention lately is because it has serious repercussions on the progress and prosperity of our community and our nation. It will also lead to various other social illnesses.
- Dysfunction in families is usually linked to a shallow understanding of Islam and one’s religious duties, with low self-esteem and confidence to excel in life.
- When divorce rate rises, the problem of dysfunctional families can become more acute. Although divorce is allowed in Islam, it is still something that Allah S.W.T. does not favour.
- Unfortunately, a large number of those who re-marry have children from previous marriages who still need the guidance of their parents. Worse still, divorce still often happen amongst those who re-marry. These multiple divorces will certainly affect children adversely, and hinder their development.
- Before jumping into another marriage, one has to think of the future step-children and one’s relationship with them. Separated parents need together to send a clear message to their children in inculcating positive values in their children.
- In a situation where one re-marries, the father or mother needs to work to bond and build their relationships with their step-children first, before they can try to discipline and advice them.
- Islamic education plays an important role in shaping our children to be responsible individuals. And all that we do above has to be coupled with patience and doa that Allah grants us success in all our efforts. May Allah give us the strength and fortitude to face the challenges of raising families of taqwa and iman.



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