

Summarised Friday Sermon
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Jihad In Overcoming Life's Challenges

- Let us all try to attain Taqwa, by its real and true meaning. And let us not die, except in the state of Taqwa, and while fully submitting ourselves to Allah s.w.t.
- We had been shocked by news of some unruly activities that are being done by a number of our own Muslim ladies. One of them being, what is known as 'hen parties'. These young ladies will party alongside some of their friends before leaving their single lives to move on to married life. Some of the activities, which take place during the 'hen parties', are normally those that are sexual.
- There is also this unhealthy trend of disseminating acts of intimacy between Muslim youths from one person to another, through hand-phones or by uploading them up on websites such as "You Tube".
- Whether we like it or not, this is the price that we would have to pay in achieving a high level of success. But probably the biggest challenge of all is for Muslims in Singapore to try and live our lives in this modern and ever-changing world whilst holding on strongly to our principles.
- One of the ways to deal with this is to actually launch a full form of jihad. Truthfully, in Islam, jihad does not only mean war. The word or the term jihad could also be defined as working very hard.
- Jihad can be summarized to two main factors, and they are: Firstly On a personal context, which is to work hard on trying to clear the minds and thoughts of an individual from influences of teachings which are not in accordance with what Allah s.w.t. has sent down to our prophet s.a.w.
- Secondly: In the context of a community. And that is to work hard to assure that the religious principles held by everyone around us are strong, by way of al-amru bil ma'ruf and an-nahyu anil munkar.
- 1. Jihad in performing acts of amal soleh In this case, we are required to work hard and be committed to obeying Allah s.w.t.
- 2. Jihad in fighting against Munkar. There is no easy way when it comes to fighting against our urges to commit sins and do bad deeds. What we can try is to focus on performing our ibadah and rituals to Allah s.w.t. Sincerely and willingly.



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