

الخطبة الأولى: الأساليب النبوية في تربية الأطفال

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ، أحمدهُ سبحانه حمداً طيباً مباركاً فيه كما يحبُّ ويرضى، وأشهدُ أن لا إلهَ إلاَّ اللهُ وحدهُ لا شريكَ له، وأشهدُ أن سيدنا محمداً عبدهُ ورسوله، اللهم صلِّ وسلِّم وباركْ على سيدنا محمدٍ وعلى آله وصحبه أجمعين، ومن تبعهم بإحسانٍ إلى يومِ الدين.

أما بعد: فأوصيكم نفسي ...

عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ عَامِرٍ، أَنَّهُ قَالَ: دَعَنِي أُمِّي يَوْمًا وَرَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ قَاعِدًا فِي بَيْتِنَا، فَقَالَتْ: هَا تَعَالَ أُعْطِيكَ، فَقَالَ لَهَا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: «وَمَا أَرَدْتِ أَنْ تُعْطِيهِ؟» قَالَتْ: أُعْطِيهِ تَمْرًا، فَقَالَ لَهَا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: «أَمَا إِنَّكَ لَوْ لَمْ تُعْطِهِ شَيْئًا كُنْتِ عَلَيَّ كَذِبَةٌ» أَبُو دَاوُدَ.

أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ: لَقَدْ كَانَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ الْمُرَبِّيَ الْأَوَّلَ لِلْأُمَّةِ؛ الَّذِي رَبَّى صِغَارَهَا وَكِبَارَهَا، وَسَلَكَ فِي تَرْبِيَّتِهَا أَسَالِيْبَ نَاجِحَةً، وَطُرُقًا تَرْبَوِيَّةً بَدِيعَةً، وَسَنَقَفَ الْيَوْمَ بَعُونَ اللّهِ مَعَ بَعْضِ الْأَسَالِيْبِ النَّبَوِيَّةِ الَّتِي رَبَّى بِهَا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ الْأَطْفَالَ؛ فَمِنْ تِلْكَ الْأَسَالِيْبِ:

خِطَابُهُمْ عَلَى قَدْرِ عُقُولِهِمْ، وَالتَّنَزُّلُ مَعَهُمْ فِي الْكَلَامِ عَلَى حَسَبِ أَفْهَامِهِمْ، وَهَذَا مِمَّا يُدْخِلُ عَلَيْهِمُ السُّرُورَ، وَيُسْعِرُهُمْ بِمَحَبَّةٍ مُخَاطِبِهِمْ لَهُمْ؛ فَعَنْ أَنَسِ بْنِ مَالِكٍ قَالَ: كَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ أَحْسَنَ النَّاسِ خُلُقًا، وَكَانَ لِي أَخٌ يُقَالُ لَهُ: أَبُو عَمِيرٍ، قَالَ: أَحْسَبُهُ قَالَ-كَانَ فَطِيمًا-أَي: فَطَمَ مِنَ الرِّضَاعَةِ- قَالَ: فَكَانَ إِذَا جَاءَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ فَرَأَهُ قَالَ: "أَبَا عَمِيرٍ، مَا فَعَلَ النُّعَيْرُ؟-طَائِرٌ صَغِيرٌ -" قَالَ: فَكَانَ يَلْعَبُ بِهِ بِمُتَّفَقٍ عَلَيْهِ.

Abdullah ibn Aamir said:

the (ﷺ) My mother called me one day when the Messenger of Allah Messenger of Allah was sitting in our house. She said: Come here and I shall give you something.

So the Messenger of Allah asked her: "What did you want to give him?" She said: "I wanted to give him some dates". So the messenger of Allah replied: "If you didn't give him anything after telling him you would, it would be recorded as a lie". In this hadith we find that the Prophet Muhammad addressed something that is common in many households, where sometimes parents promise their children things and do not fulfill their promises. Teachers, Imams, Parents sometimes tell their students or children that "if you do so and so, I will give you so and so", or "if you don't do this, I won't give you this or that".

A Muslim must fulfill his/her promise, especially with one's children.

Dearly beloved brothers and sisters in Islam. The Prophet Muhammad was the best of role-models, the best one to ever raise, train, nurture, and educate not only adults, but children as well. His techniques in teaching, raising, and training children are

outmatched and unique, and no one will ever find better than the examples he gave. Today we will discuss some of the Prophet Muhammad's techniques in dealing with and raising children.

From those techniques:

1) Addressing the children according to their level of understanding and intellectual capacity. This is what makes children happy, makes them feel loved, and valued.

Anas ibn Malik said:

The Prophet (ﷺ) was the best of all the people in character. I had a brother called Abu `Umar, who, I think, had been newly weaned. Whenever he was brought to the Prophet, the Prophet (ﷺ) used to say, "Hey O Abu `Umar! What did Al-Nughair (nightingale) (do)?" It was a small wooden bird that he used to play with. Sometimes the time of the Prayer became due while he (the Prophet) was in our house. He would order that the carpet underneath him be swept and sprayed with water, and then he would stand up (for the prayer) and we would line up behind him, and he would lead us in prayer.

Speaking with children at the level that they understand is something that aids in their 'tarbiyyah' and gradual upbringing. Parents, teachers, Imams should teach the children progressively, building them up brick by brick. Teaching them and showing them the foundational knowledge such as creed, duas, supplications, attachment to Allah, love of Allah, love of the prophet Muhammad, love of his companions and how to submit to Allah and be obedient to Allah and His messenger, while striving to avoid the prohibited acts...

عن علي بن أبي طالب رضي الله عنه قال: "حدثوا الناس بما يعرفون، أتريدون أن يكذب الله ورسوله؟"

"Speak to the people according to their level of understanding. Do you wish that Allah and His Messenger be denied or rejected?"

Discussing issues that they cannot comprehend nor can they practically implement in their lives.

Also from the techniques of the Prophet Muhammad in raising children is accompanying them, making them his companions, keeping them close, and going places with them. To teach them good positive things, and how to deal with other people in society. He would spend a lot of time with many of the children such as Abdullah ibn Abaas, Anas ibn Maalik, Ja'far ibn Abee Taalib, Ali ibn Abee Taalib, Al Hasan and Al Husein and many other young companions. He used to encourage the fathers to accompany their children so that they learn manners, etiquettes and how to socialize from them, and strengthen the love between them.

Also from the techniques of the Prophet Muhammad in raising children is making them happy and joyful. Entering happiness into another Muslims heart, especially children is something that plays a great role in their personalities and proper upbringing. It removes the boredom and monotony from their daily routines..school, etc....it gives them more energy, enthusiasm, and encourages them to do new and exciting activities. The Prophet was the best example in doing so: He used to play with Zaynab the daughter of Umm Salamah and call her: Ya Zuwaynib Ya Zuwaynib, as a way of joking with her.

Brothers and sisters in Islam, playing with children and humbling oneself with them is from the techniques of the Prophet Muhammad in raising righteous young men and women. Only those who truly understand how to raise, nurture, and bring up children practice these techniques and understand the benefits in doing so. With all of their pre-occupations, meetings, busy business, and chores...they still find time to play with their children and place happiness in their hearts. The Prophet Muhammad was the leader of the Ummah, A father, a husband of multiple wives, a general, a judge, and still found time to spend with the children.

فَعَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: كَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ يَدْلَعُ لِسَانَهُ لِلْحُسَيْنِ، فَيَرَى الصَّبِيَّ حُمْرَةَ لِسَانِهِ فِيهِشُّ إِلَيْهِ . ابن حبان.

The Prophet Muhammad used to stick his tongue out at Al Hasan, and he would see his red tongue, and would try to grab it.”

فَعَنْ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ الرَّبِيعِ، قَالَ: عَقَلْتُ مِنَ النَّبِيِّ ﷺ مَجَّةً مَجَّهَا فِي وَجْهِِي وَأَنَا ابْنُ خَمْسِ سِنِينَ مِنْ دَلْوٍ
**One of the young children from amongst the companions said:
 When I was only five years old, I remember when the Prophet
 Muhammad took water from a bucket we used for the well and
 threw some on my face.”**

Also from the techniques of the Prophet Muhammad in raising children is encouraging them to compete against each other in beneficial and positive things, while giving awards to the winner. These techniques encourage children to improve and develop themselves intellectually and physically, and teaches them how to have determination and commitment to win, be successful and show concern with important things.

In a hadith that contains some weakness but it's meaning is sound,

فَعَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ الْحَارِثِ، قَالَ: كَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ يَصِفُّ عَبْدَ اللَّهِ، وَعَبِيدَ اللَّهِ، وَكَثِيرًا بَنِي الْعَبَّاسِ،
 ثُمَّ يَقُولُ: "مَنْ سَبَقَ إِلَيَّ فَلَهُ كَذَا وَكَذَا"، قَالَ: فَيَسْتَبِقُونَ إِلَيْهِ فَيَقْعُونَ عَلَى ظَهْرِهِ وَصَدْرِهِ، فَيَقْبَلُهُمْ
 وَيَلْتَزِمُهُمْ. أَحْمَدُ.

Abdullah ibn Al Harith said: The Messenger of Allah used to line up Abdullah and Ubaydullah and other kids from the sons of Al Abaas then he would say to them: “Whoever gets to me first will receive this prize or that prize.” They would all run to him and jump on his back and chest, and he would hug them and kiss them.”

وَهَذَا الْفِعْلُ مِنَ النَّبِيِّ ﷺ مَعَ كَثْرَةِ انْتِشَالِهِ بِهِمْ وَمَا يَدُلُّ عَلَى رُسُوحِ تَوَاضُعِهِ، وَكَمَالِ هَدْيِهِ؛ حَتَّى
 لَمْ يَفْعَلْ عَنْ إِمْتَاعِ الْأَطْفَالِ وَإِدْخَالِ السَّرُورِ عَلَيْهِمْ بِهَذَا .

Also from the techniques of the Prophet in raising children was to praise them, flatter them, and say words of upliftment and encouragement to them. These are the types of words that the children openly accept and take into their hearts and eventually grow into having great love and respect for their teachers and parents and elders. Not only will the children gain love and respect for their elders who speak to them using love and praise of them, but they will be quick to respond to any requests that they are asked of.

فَعَنْ نُفَيْعِ بْنِ الْحَارِثِ النَّقْفِيِّ أَبِي بَكْرَةَ قَالَ: لَقَدْ رَأَيْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ عَلَى الْمُنْبَرِ وَالْحَسَنُ مَعَهُ وَهُوَ

يُقْبَلُ عَلَى النَّاسِ مَرَّةً وَعَلَيْهِ مَرَّةً، وَيَقُولُ: "إِنَّ ابْنِي هَذَا سَيِّدٌ، وَلَعَلَّ اللَّهَ أَنْ يُصَلِّحَ بِهِ بَيْنَ فِئَتَيْنِ مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ عَظِيمَتَيْنِ". خ.

Abu Bakrah said:

"I saw the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) on the Minbar, and Al-Hasan was with him. He would turn to the people sometimes and turn to him (Al-Hasan) sometimes, and he said: 'This son of mine is a leader (Sayyid) and Allah may make peace between two large groups of Muslims through him.'

On another occasion the Prophet caught up with Zaid ibn Arqam on one of their travels and he rubbed his ear and smiled in his face.' And told him to receive the glad tidings about ibn Salool.

Also from the techniques of the Prophet in raising children was calling them using names that are appropriate and calling them using words that they love to hear.

These techniques have an amazing affect on the psyche of the children. There are ways to summon or call out to our children that make them feel the mercy and kindness of their parents and elders. When children also hear their parents call out to them using good words and names, it becomes engrained in their minds and hearts that their parents and elders care for them and love them, which in turn leads to honor and respect of the parents. The Prophet Muhammad used to use many different styles, words, and phrases to call out to or summon the children, or some of his companions: Abu Hurairah, Abu Turab, Abu Umair, Yaa Gulaam, Ya Zuwaynib.

So as parents, elders, teachers, Imams we should avoid calling out to our young ones as animals, stupid, dummy, himar, donkey, ya kalb, and the likes of these phrases that are degrading and disrespectful and only lead the children to dislike and more stubbornness.

Also from the techniques of the Prophet Muhammad in raising children is to practice the action or deed in front of the children's eyes so that they observe him doing it.

Children are like sponges, they absorb what they see and what

they hear. And one who sees something is totally different than one who hears something.

عَنْ أَبِي سَعِيدٍ رضي الله عنه أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ صلى الله عليه وسلم مَرَّ بِغُلَامٍ وَهُوَ يَسْلُخُ شَاةً، فَقَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم: "تَنَحَّ حَتَّى أُرِيكَ" فَادْخَلَ يَدَهُ بَيْنَ الْجِلْدِ وَاللَّحْمِ، فَدَحَسَ بِهَا حَتَّى تَوَارَتْ إِلَى الْإِبْطِ، ثُمَّ مَضَى .. " أَبُو دَاوُدَ وَغَيْرُهُ.

The Prophet passed by a boy who was skinning a sheep. The messenger of Allah said: Leave it alone, so that I can show you the proper way to do it.' So the Prophet Muhammad put his hand between the skin and the flesh until it reached the armpit. He then went away ...

Fear Allah in regards to your children O brothers and sisters in Islam, and learn the techniques of the Prophet Muhammad in properly raising them, training them and educating them.

Second Khutbah

عِبَادَ اللَّهِ: إِنَّ حُسْنَ رِعَايَةِ الْأَطْفَالِ مَسْئُولِيَّةٌ عَظِيمَةٌ، وَخَيْرُ طَرِيقٍ لِلنَّجَاحِ فِيهَا أَنْ نُبْنِيَهَا عَلَى الْأَسَالِيبِ التَّرْبَوِيَّةِ الَّتِي أَصَلَّهَا لَنَا نَبِيُّنَا صلى الله عليه وسلم وَالَّتِي مِنْهَا كَذَلِكَ: أَسْلُوبُ التَّأْدِيبِ؛ كَمَا فِي حَدِيثِ عُمَرَ بْنِ أَبِي سَلَمَةَ رضي الله عنه قَالَ: كُنْتُ غُلَامًا فِي حِجْرِ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم وَكَانَتْ يَدِي تَطِيشُ فِي الصَّحْفَةِ؛ فَقَالَ لِي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم: "يَا غُلَامُ، سَمَّ اللَّهُ، وَكُلُّ بِيَمِينِكَ، وَكُلُّ مِمَّا يَلِيكَ" قَالَ: فَمَا زِلْتُ تِلْكَ طُعْمَتِي بَعْدُ" متفق عليه.

Servants of Allah, certainly showing good care and concern in raising children is a great and difficult responsibility. The best way to succeed in doing so is to use the Prophetic techniques as our basis in doing raising and caring for our children. Raising, training, and educating our children are one aspect that parents are responsible for. At times all children get out of hand, rebel, disrespect and mistreat their elders, teachers, parents and sometimes peers. So this is why we also have in Islam techniques of discipline.

From the techniques of the Prophet Muhammad in disciplining children is to discipline them using scare tactics to instill a sense

of seriousness and authority.

عَنْ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ: "أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ ﷺ أَمَرَ بِتَعْلِيقِ السَّوْطِ فِي الْبَيْتِ" البخاري في الأدب المفرد .

Abdullah ibn Abaas narrated that the Prophet Muhammad ordered that a stick/belt/whip be hung in the house.

From the techniques of the Prophet Muhammad in disciplining children was to punish them with a physical punishment when the situation called for it. It is important for the parent, elder, teacher, imam to know that this type of punishment is like a medicine, and is not to harm or hurt the child. The parent should be warned from causing harm and going to extremes when physically disciplining their children. As the Prophet said:

"..وَاضْرِبُوهُمْ عَلَيْهَا وَهُمْ أَبْنَاءُ عَشْرِ سِنِينَ.. " الحاكم.

Spank them for not praying when they are ten years old.

And he also said: 'If one of you is going to spank, then avoid the face.'

From the techniques of the Prophet Muhammad in disciplining children was to discipline them using words or speech.

By raising one's voice, or to warn them from doing harmful or impermissible things.

وَهَذَا فَعَلَهُ ﷺ مَعَ الْحَسَنِ ﷺ كَمَا فِي حَدِيثِ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ ﷺ قَالَ: أَخَذَ الْحَسَنُ تَمْرَةً مِنْ تَمْرِ الصَّدَقَةِ فَجَعَلَهَا فِي فِيهِ، فَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ: "كِحْ كِحْ"، لِيَطْرَحَهَا، ثُمَّ قَالَ: "أَمَا شَعَرْتَ أَنَا لَا نَأْكُلُ الصَّدَقَةَ" متفق عليه.

This is what the Prophet Muhammad did with Al Hasan on one occasion when he grabbed one of the dates of the community charity, and he went to put it in his mouth. So the Prophet Muhammad said to him: Kikh kikh (spit it out, it) so that he would spit it out. Then he said to him: We do not eat from the community charity.

فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ: تَأَمَّلُوا فِي هَذِهِ الْأَسَالِيبِ النَّبَوِيَّةِ الرَّائِعَةِ، وَرَبُّوا عَلَيْهَا أَطْفَالَكُمْ، وَسِيرُوا عَلَى مَنْوَالِهَا فِي تَقْوِيمِ أَوْلَادِكُمْ؛ فَإِنَّهَا نِعْمَ الطَّرِيقُ إِلَى صِلَاحِ الْأَبْنَاءِ وَالْبَنَاتِ، وَرَاحَةِ الْأَبَاءِ وَالْأُمَّهَاتِ بَعْدَ تَوْفِيقِ اللَّهِ .
هَذَا، وَصَلُّوا ...

O servants of Allah, reflect over these Prophetic techniques in raising children,

and tread upon this path to strengthen them, guide them and lead them. These are the best techniques for the rectification of our children, boys and girls....