

Al-Maktab

“Hayaa” (Morality)

What is the meaning of Hayaa.? Hayaa literally means self shame, modesty or morality. The noble Ulama have explained Hayaa to be a condition within ourselves that prevents us from committing any action that Allah Ta’ala has prohibited us from doing.

How important is Hayaa in the life of a Muslim.? Rasulallah [Sallallahu alayhi wasallam] has mentioned in a Hadith that Imaan has 70 branches. The highest form of Imaan is belief in the Kalimah “Laailaha illallah” and the lowest form of Imaan is to move a harmful object from the path to save others from being harmed by it. Thereafter Nabi [Sallallahu alayhi wasallam] said that Hayaa (self shame, modesty, morality) is also a branch of Imaan. From this Hadith we understand how important Hayaa is in the life of a Muslim.

What will happen to a person who does not have Hayaa.? Rasulallah [Sallallahu alayhi wasallam] has mentioned in a Hadith that when a person has no Hayaa (shame) then he will do as he pleases. We understand from this Hadith that without hayaa in a persons life one will do anything no matter how immoral it may be and wont even think of its evil consequences. As long as a person has Hayaa it will be extremely difficult for him to commit any evil or obscene acts. He will always be careful of what he does thus protecting his honour and the honour of his **parents**, teachers, families, friends etc.

Factors that lead to immorality

1. **Television:** One of the greatest tools of Shaytaan by which he leads people to immorality and shamelessness is the cursed television. It steals away all the good that is within us. Such immoral scenes are shown, that no Muslim should ever watch it. Because of this television many of our homes are deprived of barakah (blessings). The malaaikeh (angels) stay far away from our homes. We must stop watching this television. In this way our homes will be filled with lots of blessings and good.
2. **Newspapers and Magazines:** Unfortunately, nowadays it is not even safe to read the newspapers. They are full of haraam pictures which draw the punishment of Allah Ta’ala. Children especially should not be reading these newspapers and magazines as there are very obscene pictures which create immorality in our lives.
3. **Lack of Hijaab (Purdah):** Allah Ta’ala has forbidden boys and girls to mix freely. It is not permissible for men and women to speak freely with one another. Allah Ta’ala has commanded both, men and women in the Qur’aan to lower their gazes. If just looking at other females is impermissible how can it ever be permissible to speak and mix freely with them. Allah Ta’ala has commanded all believing women to wear the purdah and cover themselves in this way protecting their honour and chastity.
4. **Improper Dressing:** Islaam has even taught us how to dress. Women should at all times keep their entire bodies covered. The kuffaar have made us dress indecently and as a result of this we have lost our hayaa, shame and dignity. As Muslims we should always dress in accordance to the sunnah.

In conclusion we make dua to Allah Ta’ala to instil this great quality of Hayaa into each and every one us. May He make us all good Muslims who will obey His every command and may He be pleased with us both in this world and the next. Aameen.

MAKTAB NEWS

Quiz

Dear Children

Assalaamu alaykum.

The last theme was on sadaqah (charity). Jazakumullah to all those who submitted entries for the quiz as well as the projects. May Allah Ta'ala accept your efforts. Alhamdulillah, some of the children are already practicing on what they learnt by giving some charity from their own monies. They have given it to the Jamiat to distribute to poor and needy children. May Allah Ta'ala accept this noble act and May He allow it to continue forever. Aameen. The first 5 correct entries drawn for the quiz were as follows:

- 1. Saaliha Vahed – Vryheid**
- 2. Azhar Bawa – Omar Farooq**
- 3. Riyaadh Ebrahim – Omar Farooq**
- 4. Radiyah Muhammad – Omar Farooq**
- 5. Shehnaaz Noor Muhammad – Omar Farooq**

Congratulations to all of you. Masha Allah You all have done well and your prizes are on their way.

The winners for the best 3 projects are:

- 1. Yasmeen Ismail – Dundee**
- 2. Kabeerah Muhammad – Madrasah Umar Faarooq**
- 3. Faiza Banu Esop – Raunaqul Islaam**

Masha Allah. Keep up the good work. Beloved children ! The first term holidays are round the corner. Make sure your time is spent correctly in the holidays. Stay away from bad company. Don't go anywhere without your parents. In this way you will stay out of trouble and really enjoy your holidays. Why spoil the fun by getting involved in wrong things. Also spend some time daily to learn your sabak at home even if it is only 15 minutes. That's all for now. Hope to see you again soon after the holidays. Was Salaamu alykum.

Notice

Many of the children had submitted their projects in plastic jackets. Should any of the children want these jackets back, please inform the supervisor at your Madrasah.

Answer all 10 question correctly and submit your entries. First 5 correct entries drawn will be given a prize and R10-00 cash.

1. What is the meaning of hayaa.?
2. Mention one Hadith about Hayaa
3. Mention 3 factors that create immorality within a person.
4. How should a Muslim male dress.?
5. How should a Muslim female dress.?
6. In which surah is the ayat that commands men and women to lower their gazes.
7. Name the surah and ayah where the Sahabah were commanded to speak to the wives of Rasulullah [Sallallahu alayhi wasallam] from behind a curtain.
8. What is *Hijaab*.?
9. Name one branch of Imaan.
10. What does the Hadith say about a person who has no Hayaa.?

"Hayaa"
(modesty) is
a branch of
Imaan (Muslim)

THEME

This month's theme is "Hayaa" (modesty).

Do a project on one of the following:

1. Hayaa. (modesty, self shame)
2. The importance of Hijaab, purdah in the life of a Muslim
3. The evils of television.

The Best three projects will receive a book prize together with a R50-00 gift voucher Insha Allah.

All entries must be handed in by the 21 May 2004.