

## Şeyh Muhammed Mehmet Adil El Kıbrıs-i Hazretleri'ne (k.s.) Ait Risaleler

## **FAMILY FIRST**

Assalamu Alaykum wa Rahmatullah wa Barakatuh, Auzu Billahi Minashaytanir Rajeem. Bismillahir Rahmanir Raheem, Wassalatu Wassalamu ala Rasulina Muhammadin Sayyidul Awwalin wal Akhirin, Madad Ya Rasulallah, Madad Ya As'habi Rasulillah, Madad Ya Mashayikhina, Sheykh Abdullah Daghestani, Sheykh Nazim al-Haqqani. Dastur. Tariqatunas sohba, wal khayru fil jamiyya.

إِنَّمَا أَمْوَالْكُمْ وَأَوْلَادُكُمْ فِتْنَةَ وَاللَّهُ عِندَهُ أَجْرٌ عَظِيمٌ

Innama amwalukum wa awladukum fitna, Wallahu 'indahu ajrun azeem. (at-Taghabun:15)

"Verily your posessions and children are a discord (test), and Allah has great rewards."

Give your possessions in the way of Allah. You will have won that fitna, that test. Our second test are our children. Many people are bewildred for not being able to have children and run here and there. However, what is more important is for people who have children to raise their children upon Islamic manners, upon adab. Rather than having lots of children and having the children be rebellious against their parents, it is better not to have them. But of course you should have children. The first thing expected from people is to look after their family, their children, and their home.

It is mentioned in the Hadiths of our Holy Prophet (SAW). If you are to give charity, you are not to keep the home hungry and give others. Starting with your own home first, you give to your close proximity, to relatives, and to neighbors. Committing good in this order is the way shown by Allah and Hadrat Prophet (SAW). It is not smart to leave teaching good manners to your children and teach and do good unto others. Because you do not always see the others, whereas your children are always with you. You are their head and need to show them more attention. Everybody would improve anyway if each person improved their own home first and then attempted to improve others. All people would be improved one by one, one by one. Then good people, a good society, and a good association would be formed as a congregation. That is what is important. Islam gives importance to people and to families.

Our Holy Prophet (SAW) would set aside time for his family. He would set a third of his time for his Lord, a third for other people, and a third for himself. What we mean by for himself is to look after his family. That is how he divided his time. People need to take our Holy Prophet (SAW) as a example. That is why family is very important. We read in the Hadith, even when you first meet someone, you need to ask: "Who are you? Who is your mother? Who is your father? Where do you come from? What is your tribe?"



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Even after meeting someone you do not know, you need to go to their funeral or visit them when they are sick. This is Islamic manners.

You cannot put your own ego in front and not care about anybody else in Islam. That is why you certainly need to be careful of the family and children. Nobody else will look after them. You are responsible first. You need to look after them when they are little. Then if you send them to school or to madrasa, people over there would also look after them well. There is no such rule as you leaving everything and then someone else looking after your children. First, you improve the ego of your children, then others would continue and others might be able to help. But what is essential is for the person's own to take interest. We see that many people are happy that they have lots of children. But it is of no use if you throw them here and there.

Our Holy Prophet (SAW) said, "In the End Times, do not be happy that you a have a child. Sometimes even keeping a dog is better than that." Think now, keeping a dog is reprehensible (makruh), and in other places forbidden (haram). So what a bad generation is being raised that even keeping a dog is better than those people. May Allah protect. May Allah not mislead our children from the right path, and may He give us all guidance Inshallah.

Wa Minallah at-Tawfeeq.

Al-Fatiha.

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