

TARBIYAATE AWLAAD - PARENTS HAVE A VERY BIG RESPONSIBILITY OF BRINGING UP THEIR CHILDREN IN A PROPER MANNER

-0-7 YEARS THE CHILD IS YOUR MASTER - let the child do what he wants to do. It's the main age to gain the trust, love and attraction of your child

-7-14 YOU ARE THE MASTER - usually if the first step is used successfully this step shouldn't be hard to follow. the child who has gained his parents trust in the first stage will automatically learn to obey his parents.

-14 AND UP YOUR CHILD IS YOUR MINISTER. Ask advice from him; let him help you in making decisions. He is going to be like your best friend

THINGS TO DO WHEN A CHILD IS BORN

(taken from the majalis of Maulana Syed Muhammed Rizvi - recited on the wilaadat of Imam Hussein (a.s) 1424)

1. Wash the child
2. Give azan in the right ear and iqamah in the left (that is to protect the baby from shaitan, the first word baby should hear is the name of Allah)
3. Give a good name to the child
4. Do walima when the child is born (a feast of at least 10 people)
5. Do the aqiqa before or on the seventh day. Gather the hair, weight it and give the total weight in silver or gold or an equal amount of such in money to sadqa. Sacrifice a cow, camel goat or a sheep.(the animal should be older then 7 months) . It is extremely makhru to eat the meat of the sacrifice animal for the parents.
6. Mother should try to breastfeed the child for at least 21 months.

MAKE OF YOUR CHILD A HUMBLE SERVANT OF ALLAH

A person can be good and do good to others but if he is proud of himself and lets everyone know how good of a person he is then his value diminishes in the eyes of Allah.

Make of your child a humble servant of Allah. Make him realize that his actions maybe praiseworthy but are there because of the mercy of Allah.

A few things he should realize is if he is pious and when praised, his reaction should be as follows:

- He should pray to Allah not to put him, in account for the compliment received (that means he should be so humble that he should be afraid of taking the credit thinking what if he did no deserve it).
- Should always pray to Allah to make him better
- Should remind himself of all the bad things he has done and nobody knows about it and should ask forgiveness from Allah for it
- Always keep in mind that all good things that he does is only because of the mercy of Allah upon him
- Should remind himself that it might not be accepted by Allah

It's so funny to see that generally a human being is never satisfied, he wants more and more but when he does a good thing he feels really satisfied and feels like he is the best of the men on earth. Men should not be satisfied with his good deeds but should always feel like keeping it up and continue doing more of the good work. By doing good acts he should not feel like he has done a favour to Allah but instead he should be happy that Allah gave him the opportunity to do the good job.

When we help someone or do something for somebody, we expect from him appreciation and if we do not get it, we get so upset and say, "look at him - I did this and this for him but he never even thanked me." Our children 's reaction will be the same if we react in this way or if we do not explain to them - Allah gives the best of his rewards to the one he wants and the action that was taken by you towards another, was for the pleasure of ALLAH, then why look for a "thank you" from someone else?