



QURANIC GEMS

Allah loves...

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Human nature

We live in a world where excellence is something we admire and something we want in our lives.

Like Sports, Nobel Prize etc, all over the world people put a high premium on excellence.

Excellence applies in everything in our lives.





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Human nature

1. We want excellence in our own life
2. We desire to breed excellence in people around us

As Muslims, Allah has commanded us that we should have this excellence at the pinnacle.

Allah says “Allah loves those who excel in doing good”





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Research

Study is being done on how human beings achieve excellence. In the research they were trying to find out what leads to excellence.

In all the different people like musicians, poets, scientists etc.

As they analyzed they came up with the following..





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Analysis

1. You need to have a positive outlook.

You need to be very clear about your goal and a positive thinking about your goal.

How does this apply in deen?

Hadith: (words to effect)“if you are living in the time, where the world is ending and the sun rises in the west, still in that moment, if you are planting a tree then keep doing it.”





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Lessons : 1. intention counts. And you will be rewarded for that. 2. Positivity. Don't go into negative consequences. Having positivity is the sunnah of Nabi Kareem ﷺ. We should have positivity with Allah ﷻ.

Hadith Qudsi: “ I am as My servant thinks about ME”






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2. It Requires time and effort and consistent hard work :

Once a Nobel prize winner was asked how he got this prize. He said that he worked hard consistently. Our situation unfortunately is that we don't put in the hard work. The way we look at a best job is where we don't have to work hard. This is the irony.






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In this research they came to the conclusion that 10,000 hours of active consistent efforts. So let's say we want to be excellent in our deen, then we put 2 hours to do our ibadah like adhkaar, salah, salawat etc. everyday, then to achieve this 10,000 hours we have to work like this consistently for 13-14 years.

Abdullah bin Mubarak RAH studied the science of ahadith from 4000 teachers. And He would travel to get this ilm. And as a result of this he got the status of "Ameerul Mumineen of the sciences of hadith".





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Hadith: The Beloved Prophet ﷺ said “Allah loves consistent good deeds, even if they are little.”

The best example of excellence is our Beloved Prophet ﷺ. He had the excellent life. Excellent in every aspect of His life. Other human beings when they wanted to achieve excellence, they couldn't achieve it completely.

He ﷺ worked hard, consistently in every aspect of His life, all through His life.






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3. Loving Mentor

If in one field 10,000 hours are required for excellence. Then why only a few people are able to give these many hours and others cannot ? The research came up with the result, that those kids who excelled growing up, they had a loving teacher. They developed the love for that field because of the love and respect for that teacher. So it's important for us to have the company of a loving mentor, or a loving teacher.






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Even a top player of any game also has a mentor, because he understands that there is always room for improvement. Someone who can help him remove the weakness and help him improve.

In the Quran Allah ﷻ says “oh people of iman, have taqwa and put yourself in the company of Sadiqeen”. Allah is not saying follow them but Allah is just saying be in their company.






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Research

Sahaba ikraam were in the company of the Beloved Prophet ﷺ and that's why they excelled in everything. One way we can have this excellence in our deen is to put ourselves in the company who can generate that desire to excel, who can be a loving mentor to us.





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Lesson for mothers

We desire to breed excellence in our children. We can do this by showing extreme love to them and they will rise up to the occasion. When they excel we will benefit. All the excellence in their good deeds will give us the same reward because we motivated them.





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Is excellence achievable?

Excellence is achievable. Because we have an excellent deen. And these aspects we already know through our deen.

Beloved Prophet ﷺ showed us how to be positive, how to be consistent and He was an excellent teacher and mentor, and showed us how to be a loving teacher/ mentor.

Excellence is something we desire as a human being. But the beauty of our deen is that, just by aiming this excellence which is our own desire as a human, **Allah loves us.**

