

IN THE NAME OF ALLAH MOST GRACIOUS MOST COMPASSIONATE

LET US SEIZE THE MOMENTS OF LIFE

Praise be to God who made from the reward of time an opportunity to anticipate good things and to achieve good works. Glory be to Him who wraps the night over the day and wraps the day over the night, from which is just a warning to people of vision. We bear witness that there is no God worthy of worship except Allah and that Muhammad (Pbuh) is His Servant and Messenger, the chosen and beloved of Allah among his Mankind. He called on Muslims to take the initiative to do good deeds and forbade them from wasting their time in wishful thinking, incapacity and laziness. May Allah grant peace and honor on him, his family and companions and whoever followed them in truth to the Day of Judgment.

O servants of Allah!

Fear God and know that health and leisure time are two great blessings for which the believer should thank his Lord. Actually, we should praise Allah for such blessings by taking advantage of them for what is beneficial for this life and the hereafter. The prophet (Pbuh) says (There are two blessings in which people are cheated: health and leisure time). Actually, health is one of the greatest and revered blessings. If someone owns a lot of money, beauties and properties but lost his health, then all his possessions lose their value. As when someone is in a good health he can do many things which he will not able to do when he is aggrieved by time, worn out with illnesses and sicknesses. The son of Omar – May Allah be pleased with them – says (If you survive till the evening, do not expect to be alive in the morning, and if you survive till the morning, do not expect to be alive in the evening, and take from your health for your sickness, and (take) from your life for your death). Furthermore, the other blessing that was indicated by the Prophet (Pbuh) in his Hadith (Saying) is the blessing of leisure time as it is a grace that should be filled with whatever is beneficial. Also, the human being will regret each moment

that he uselessly wastes in his life when he is asked about it in the hereafter. He will hope to gain it back but to no avail as the past time will never come back again. It was narrated that Jabir bin ‘Abdullah said:

“The Messenger of Allah (Pbuh) delivered a sermon to us and said: (O people! Repent to Allah before you die. Hasten to do good deeds before you become preoccupied). The Holy Qur’an has mentioned two situations in which the human being regrets the loss of his time in vain and his life to no effect. The first is when he leaves the worldly life and meets the hereafter. Almighty God says: [For such is the state of the disbelievers], until, when death comes to one of them, he says, "My Lord, send me back. That I might do righteousness in that which I left behind. (No! It is only a word he is saying; and behind them is a barrier until the Day they are resurrected)]¹. However, the second situation is when every soul will be compensated [in full for] what it has done and paid in full what it has earned. Almighty God says: [If you could but see when they are made to stand before the Fire and will say, "Oh, would that we could be returned [to life on earth] and not deny the signs of our Lord and be among the believers)]².

O brothers in faith!

Leisure time for young men and women mainly during holidays has negative effects on individuals and communities, A person who has free time but does not invest it will have the feeling of the slow and tedious passing of it. He may even suffer from a mental disease or may be obliged to take atypical antipsychotic drugs, or act abusively or destructively. Some youth who do not know how to take advantage from their time will sit on the roads or watch television or use internet without controlling their time. Yet they heed not and they will bite their fingers out of regret. Let us read the words of Almighty God concerning those unaware who wasted their time on trivial and futile issues. They will rather bemoan and regret it. One among them says: [He will say, "Oh, I wish I had sent ahead [some good] for my life]³. Having plenty of free time among different young people leads them to corruption in their life and the loss of their religion. Almighty God says [And the Day the wrongdoer will bite on his hands [in regret] he will say, "Oh, I wish I had taken with the Messenger a way. Oh, woe to me! I wish I had not

¹ Surat Al-Mu'minūn/99-100

² Surat Al-'An`ām/27

³ Surat Al-Fajr/24

taken that one as a friend. He led me away from the remembrance after it had come to me. And ever is Satan, to man, a deserter]⁴.

Communities are responsible for bearing the consequences of loss of energy that was aspired to be devoted for what is good and righteous.

O believers !

We have to cooperate in order to break away with the negative phenomena including the waste of time. This actually will be possible by good education, interest in science and culture, establishment of centers which stimulate young people to achieve good work. It is necessary to devote the youth efforts and energy to whatever beneficial for the individual and the community. Actually there are many ways of filling free time, yet they require attention from all sectors including education, youth, social and economic sectors in order to be for the benefit of Muslims in terms of their religious and worldly affairs. Youth need whoever compassionate and merciful to give them advice, guidance and counseling as well as to make them feel their role in life, their impact in the community and their importance in their nation and home country.

So servants of God fear Allah and know that taking into account the time and the good investment of it is among the signs of belief and consciousness. Indeed, time can only be seized in a good manner by good arrangement, management and devote for each matter the time it deserves.

We ask You almighty god to bless our times, make our final moments good and make our best deed its last one, and our best day the day we meet You.

I say this saying of mine, and I seek forgiveness from Allah for me and for you, and to the rest of the Muslims, so ask Him for forgiveness, He is the forgiver, the Merciful and call upon Him, He will respond to you, as Allah is the most generous.

Blessed be the name of thy Lord, full of Majesty, Bounty and Honor. Almighty be to Him who bestowed his servants with abundant graces and blessings. I bear witness that there is no God but Allah and that Muhammad (Pbuh) his prophet and Messenger. He told people that leisure time

⁴ Surat Al-Furqān

is a blessing in which people are cheated. O Lord, please send upon Your Prophet and Messenger Muhammad prayers that are permanent and continuously everlasting across the passing of nights and days, of connected permanency that do not end or expire across the passing of nights and days, his family and his family and companions ,prominent imams, and whoever followed them to the Day of Judgment as well.

O Muslim

What is really worthwhile for you in this life is the seconds, the minutes, the days and the months in your life. So, what are the deeds of righteousness which we have done so far and what have you achieved in terms of the account of your works? Will it be a cause of reward for you in the Day of Judgment or will it condemn you? Actually a wise person is who rescued himself, invested his time, took advantage from each day of his life and worked for the Hereafter. However a helpless person is the one who followed his desires and stuck to wishful thinking without reacting. Every day that the Muslim life in this life is a reward that shall be preserved. The prophet (Pbuh) insisted on on eof his companions (Take advantage of five before five: your youth before your old age, your health before your illness, your riches before your poverty, your leisure before your work, and your life before your death). O Muslim, you should know that you are responsible for your time and obliged to save it. Indeed, your feet will not move on the Day of Resurrection before you are asked about your life, how did you consume it and your youth what did you do with it.

So fear God –O servants of Allah– in terms of time and try your hard to invest it in righteousness and virtues and beware of wasting it in vain and spending it in sins and misdeeds.

So, send your blessings upon the leader of Messengers, as Allah has ordered you in the Holy book by saying: [Indeed, Allah and His Angels send blessings upon the Prophet. O you who believe! Send blessings on him and greet him (with) greetings]⁵.

O Allah! Send your mercy on Muhammad and on the family of Muhammad, as You sent Your mercy on Abraham and on the family of Abraham. And send Your blessings on Muhammad and the family of Muhammad, as You sent your Blessings on Abraham and on the family of Abraham. Verily You are the Most Praise-worthy, the Most Glorious.

⁵ Surate Al-Ahazab 56

O Allah! Be content with his Righteous Caliphs, his wives mothers of believers, his companions all together and the believers, men and women to the Day of Judgment, and be content with us too by Your Mercy, O Most Merciful.

O Allah! Bless our gathering here today and make us disperse in peace and in protection from sin and not to make us deficient in our religion.

O Allah! We ask you guidance, piety, chastity and wealth.

O Allah! We ask you to grant each of us honest tongue, humbled penitent heart, righteous deeds, useful knowledge, firmly belief, pure faith and lawful and blesses sustenance. O Allah you are the most glorious and honourable.

O Allah! Grant glory to Islam and Muslims! And grant support and unity to Islam and Muslims, O Allah! Let down tyrants and infidels. O Allah! Grant peace and security to all your servants.

O Allah! Grant us security in our homelands! Grant us long-lasting safety and stability in our homeland! Grant glory to our Sultan and support him with the truth and make him a guide to truth.

O Allah! Send upon us rain from the sky in showers and make us among those who remember you during day and night and who seek your forgiveness during evening and dawn.

O Allah! Bestow us the blessings of the sky and the bounties of the earth and bless our fruits and crops and our entire livelihood. O Allah you are the most glorious and honourable.

O Allah! Give us in this world good and in the Hereafter good and protect us from the punishment of the Fire."

O Allah! Let not our hearts deviate after You have guided us and grant us from Yourself mercy. Indeed, You are the Bestower.

O Allah! We have wronged ourselves, and if You do not forgive us and have mercy upon us, we will surely be among the losers."

O Allah! Forgive all the believing men and women, those of them who were living and those of them who were dead, you are the most hearing and respondent.

Slaves of Allah! [Allah commands justice, the doing of good, and liberality to kith and kin, and He forbids all shameful deeds, and injustice and rebellion: He instructs you, that you may remember.]

