

MIFTAAH SEMINAR

ETIQUETTES OF A SEEKER



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SESSION 3

Etiquette #3 - الْجِدِّ وَعُلُوّ الهِمَّةِ

- الْجِدِّ - Hard work
 - This means that a student of knowledge should be ready to put themselves through hard work.
 - Allah SWT says in the Quran:

وَالَّذِينَ جَاهَدُوا فِينَا لَنَهْدِيَنَّهُمْ سُبُلَنَا...

The ones who make an effort towards Us, then We will guide him to Our path...(29:69).

- A scholar said: Whoever works hard will find what he is looking for and the one who knocks on the door and stays there will get what he wants.
- Our main concern should not be that we see results right away but we should continue working hard even if it is difficult.
- Imam Shafi says in a poem: You will see the results of your pursuit of knowledge based on how much work you put in. You want to be acknowledged as one of the scholars, but then you go and sleep at night?

- **عُلو الهمة** - Having high aspirations
 - A person with high aspirations is able to learn more than a person with low aspirations.
 - Strive for something big and even though you may not complete your entire goal, you will get further than someone who had a smaller goal.

Etiquette #4 - Be a person who values your time

- Time, to a student of knowledge, should be more precious than anything.
- Our time should be scheduled. We should not have time in our day where we don't have anything to do or we don't know what to do.
 - We should even schedule our free time.
- When you don't value a blessing from Allah SWT, then you will not be able to take the full value of it.
 - When we don't value our time, we will not benefit from it.
- The quickest way to lose our spirituality is to waste our time and to be mentally unaware.
- The best time to memorize things is at suhoor time (between tahajud and fajr).
- The best time for research is the early morning.
- The best time for writing is midday.
- The best time for discussion and reviewing things is the evening.
- The protection of the hours of the night is more important than the protection of the hours of the day.
 - If we can spend our nights wisely, then we can spend our days wisely.
 - Shaytan gets to us at night so it is even more difficult to use your time wisely.

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Being grateful has 2 effects: It protects that gift and it increases that gift.

- One of the doors of shaytan is to make us waste time.
 - Wasting time deprives us of spirituality.

