

MIFTAAH SEMINAR

PROPHETIC LEADERSHIP



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SESSION 1

Leadership in Hadith

- Abdullah ibn Umar reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "Every one of you is a shepherd and is responsible for his flock. The leader of people is a guardian and is responsible for his subjects. A man is the guardian of his family and he is responsible for them. A woman is the guardian of her husband's home and his children and she is responsible for them. The servant of a man is a guardian of the property of his master and he is responsible for it. No doubt, every one of you is a shepherd and is responsible for his flock."
- The modern day equivalent to a shepherd is a leader.
- We are all leaders in some capacity, so we all have that responsibility to fulfill

What Inspires You to Lead?

- Self-motivated
 - Some people are self-motivated to lead others because it is just a part of their personality. Others prefer to be more behind the scenes because that's more a part of their personalities.
- To leave an impact

- To give back
- Passion for leadership
- To make a difference

Lesson 1: Law of the Lid

- Leadership ability determines a person's level of effectiveness
 - You aren't always going to be an effective leader.
 - We all make mistakes, but it is about being able to learn from your mistakes and moving on from them.
- The lower an individual's ability to lead, the lower the lid on his potential and vice versa
- The Prophet's SAW effectiveness of leadership led to a major change in society in such a short amount of time.

Lesson 2: Law of Influence

- The true measure of leadership is influence – nothing more, nothing less
- The Prophet SAW was forced out of Makkah, but it did not stop him from spreading the message of Islam and influencing others. Only 8 years after the hijrah, the Prophet SAW came back to Makkah with 10,000 followers.
- Today, 1400 years later, Muhammad is the most popular name in the world

Lesson 3: Law of Process

- Leadership develops daily, not in a day.
- The Prophet never "took a day off" from his leadership responsibilities. He worked tirelessly for the sake of humanity.
- No one is a "born leader". Being a leader takes hard work.

Lesson 4: Law of Navigation

- It's the leader who sets the vision for his people, and then he leads them to that vision
- The Prophet SAW always kept the greater vision for his people at the forefront of his mind and the minds of his people. He never took his eyes off the ultimate prize and greater mission.
- The Prophet SAW had the vision and foresight to:
 - Send Musa'ib ibn Umayr to Madinah before the Prophet went himself, which paved the way for his successful arrival.
 - Send the believers to Abyssinia to lower the tension in Makkah, even when they didn't want to leave.
 - Always remind the people of the greater life to come
 - Sign the treaty of Hudaibiyyah despite some of his companions objecting
 - Many of the companions were upset because they all went on the journey to Makkah, expecting to make Umrah, but Quraysh prevented them from doing so.
 - Umar (RA) went to the Prophet SAW and voiced his concern about not being able to make Umrah. The Prophet SAW replied calmly saying, "I have never told you that we will perform Umrah this year."
 - Then, surah Fath were revealed:

إِنَّا فَتَحْنَا لَكَ فَتْحًا مُّبِينًا

Indeed, We have given you a manifest victory (48:1)

- The Prophet SAW called Umar back and told him the good news and Umar was extremely happy and regretted speaking in the manner that he did to the Prophet SAW.

- Develop young and dynamic leadership all around him so that his work would continue after his death. He was able to develop the different personalities around him.
 - Many of the 10 sahabah guaranteed paradise were very young
- Know when to be patient and quiet, when to speak up and speak out

Lesson 5: Law of Addition

- The practice of servant leadership and leading by example
- Being at the forefront of everything, not ordering people around and sitting back to watch
- A true leader is there to serve his or her people
- The Prophet carried the bags of an old lady, without mentioning who he was to her. The woman spoke ill of the Prophet the whole way home and when they arrived at their destination, she finally asked him who he was. When he told the woman that he was the Prophet, she immediately accepted Islam.
- The Prophet was truly a servant of the people and he added value to everyone's life that he came across.