
Before the reader is a “Review Guide” for chapter one of the book “A Piece of Advice and Admonition for the Women.” The points in this guide are adaptions from the areas of the aforementioned book, which were discussed in class. We hope this “Review Guide” makes retention of the information in chapter one easy for the student. At the end of the “Review Guide”, you will find questions to test yourself with on the first chapter. These questions may require the reader to return to the actual book.

1. The author of “A Piece of Advice and Admonition for the Women” is Shaykh ‘Abdur-Razzaq Ibn ‘Abdul-Muhsin al-Badr. [See the cover of the book]

2. The origin of much of this advice and many of these directives are from sermons that the author delivered at different times. [p. 5, third paragraph]

3. It was certainly from the guidance of the Messenger of Allaah, may Allaah exalt his mention and grant him safety, to specify the women for admonishments and reminders, just as it is found in “Saheeh al-Bukhaaree” on the authority of Ibn ‘Abbaas, may Allaah be pleased with him. He said:

“The Messenger of Allaah, may Allaah exalt his mention and grant him safety, exited, prayed, and then delivered a sermon. He then approached the women, admonished them, gave them a reminder, and commanded them with charity.”

Commentary of Haafidh Ibn Hajr, may Allaah have mercy on him:

“From the benefits contained in this Hadeeth are the recommendation of admonishing the women, teaching them
4. O successful woman, may Allaah fragrance your life with knowledge and faith, your time with obedience and awareness of Him, and may He beautify your body with covering and modesty. [p. 7, first paragraph]

Additional Benefit:

From the best forms of obedience that a woman can do is obeying her husband. Shaykh al-Fawzaan, may Allaah protect him, said:

“Indeed obedience to the husband is a legislative obligation, which the woman is rewarded for performing. To the extent that we find that obedience to the husband takes precedence over supererogatory acts of worship.

The Prophet, may Allaah exalt his mention and grant him safety, said: ‘The woman is not to fast while her husband is present except with his permission.’” [“A Woman’s Guide to Raising a Family,” p. 29]

5. The Muslim woman is in a tremendous position: She is an example of good, righteousness and obedience to Allaah [i.e. she is a role model]. [p. 7, second paragraph]

6. It’s a great blessing that Allaah gave you to practice this religion and to be guided. [Likewise the blessing of practicing Salafiyyah]. Allaah, the Most High, says (i.e. its meaning): “Indeed, the religion in the sight of Allaah is Islaam.” [Soorah Aali ‘Imraan (3): 19] [p. 7, last paragraph]

7. Allaah, the Most High, rectified belief and character with the religion of Islaam, and He beautified with it the outward appearance of a person as well as his/her inner self. [p. 8, the next to the last paragraph]

8. The first chapter consists of tremendous principles that will help the one who ponders them cling firmly to the guidance of the religion and to its tremendous objectives. [p. 9, first paragraph]

9. The First Foundation:
Know with certainty that the rulings of Allaah, the Most High, are the best, the most sound, the most complete, and the most beautiful. Allaah, the Most High, says (i.e. its meaning): “Is not Allaah the most just of judges?” [Soorah at-Teen (95): 8] [Bottom of p. 9 and top of p. 10]

10. When a Muslim woman firmly believes this (i.e. point #9), she does not hesitate accepting any ruling that reaches her which Allaah, the Most High, has ruled with and commanded with. [p. 10, next to the last paragraph]

11. The Second Foundation:
   It is incumbent for you (i.e. O Muslim woman) to recognize that your happiness and honor is completely connected to this religion, to obedience to Allaah, and to clinging firmly to the rulings and legislation of the religion. Allaah, the Most High, said (i.e. its meaning): “He has succeeded who purifies it, and he has failed who instills it [with corruption].” [Soorah ash-Shams (91): 9-10] [p. 10, last paragraph]

12. The Third Foundation:
   It is incumbent upon you, may Allaah give you success, to be alert to the fact that Muslim women have many enemies in this life who strive to rip them away from their honor. They utilize everything they are able to in order to achieve that goal. The head of those enemies is the Shaytaan.

   Allaah, the Most High, said (i.e. its meaning): “Indeed, Satan is an enemy to you; so take him as an enemy. He only invites his party to be among the companions of the Blaze.” [Soorah al-Faatir (35): 6] [Bottom of p. 11 and top of p. 12]

13. The Fourth Foundation:
   It is incumbent upon you, O’ sister who has been made successful, to believe with certainty that success, righteousness, uprightness, actualizing goodness, and honor is in the hand of Allaah, the Most High. Allaah, the Most High, said (i.e. its meaning): “And he whom Allaah humiliates, for him there is no bestower of honor. Indeed, Allaah does what He wills.” [Soorah al-Hajj (22): 18] [p. 12, last paragraph]

   So, turn to Allaah with truthfulness with this great supplication:
“O Allaah, rectify my religion for me, which is the protection of all my affairs. Rectify my worldly affairs for me in which is my provision. Rectify for me my Hereafter, which is my abode. Make my life a means of increasing in all that good is, and make my death tranquil for me and a relief from all that is evil.” [p. 14, first paragraph]

14. The Fifth Foundation:
   To find your happiness in the fact that Allaah is pleased with you, and to be happy with what Allaah, the Most High, has prepared for His honored servants, who He, the Most High, said about them: “They will be in gardens, honored.” [Soorah al-Ma’aarij (70): 35] [p. 14, second paragraph]

15. The Sixth Foundation:
   The legislated rulings of Allaah are perfect to the upmost perfection and precise with the upmost precision. There are no deficiencies nor flaws in them, nor is there any oppression or oversights. From the greatest manifestations of enmity and severe forms of sin and contempt is for it to be said that anything from the rulings of Allaah concerning women or other than them, contain oppression, injustice, unfairness, or oversights.

   Whoever says that (i.e. speaks ill of Allaah’s rulings), or some of that, has not spoken befittingly of Allaah, nor has he revered Him with proper reverence. Allaah, the Most High, said (i.e. its meaning): “What is a matter with you that you do not attribute to Allaah [due] grandeur.” [Soorah Nooh (71): 13] [p. 15, third paragraph]

16. The religion of Islaam came with these rulings specific to the woman, such as the hijab, modesty, remaining in the home, warning from intermingling, and other than that as a protection for the woman, to guard her, and to protect her nobleness and status.

   A woman in the scales of Islaam is a precious pearl and a valuable gem to be protected from everything harmful and defended from every form of despicableness. How great are the rulings of our religion! [p. 17, third and fourth paragraphs]

17. O’ successful sister, when you read a verse from the Book of Allaah or a Hadeeth from the Messenger of Allaah, which entails a directive specific to the woman, strive to listen with deep thought, tranquility, acceptance, and
an open chest ~ this is because the speech that you are listening to is the
speech of He Who created you.

The difference between His speech and the speech of His creation is like
the difference between Him and His creation. So beware; beware of
harboring in your chest dreariness, dislike, or dejectedness concerning the
directives of the Lord of the Universe. [p. 17, second and third
paragraphs]

18. This is the approach to be taken with authentic, established *Hadeeth*
from the Messenger of Allaah, may Allaah exalt his mention and grant him
safety. Allaah, the Most High, said (i.e. its meaning):

“*But no, by your Lord, they will not truly believe until they make you,*
[O Muhammad], *judge concerning that over which they dispute among*
*themselves, and then they find within themselves no discomfort from*
*what you have judged, and they submit in [full, willing] submission.*”
[Soorah an-Nisaa (4): 65] [p. 19, the first paragraph]

19. Acting by *Hadeeth* is acting by Qur’aan, because Allaah, the Most High,
said: “*And whatever the Messenger has given you, take; and whatever*
*he has forbidden you, refrain.*” [Soorah al-Hashr (59): 7] [p. 19, second
paragraph]

20. If you are searching for true beauty and complete adornment, know that
Allaah, the Most High, says (i.e. its meaning): “*But the clothing of*
*righteousness, that is best.*” [Soorah al-A’raaf (7): 26]

Faith, fearing Allaah and adhering to the legislation, rulings and directives
of Allaah is true adornment and beauty, and this is true happiness. In this
lies the success of people in their worldly life and their hereafter. [p. 21,
third paragraph and p. 22, second paragraph]

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Review Questions


2. It was from the way of the Prophet, may Allaah exalt his mention and grant him safety, to specify the women for admonishments and reminders. What is the proof for this statement?

3. Obedience to the husband, in that which is not disobedience to Allaah, is a legislated obligation and women are rewarded for it. It also takes precedence over voluntary acts of worship. What is the proof for its (i.e. obedience to the husband) precedence over voluntary acts of worship?

4. Mention a verse from the Qur’aan that highlights the virtue of Islaam.

5. The first chapter of the book is entitled “Tremendous Foundations.” What is the purpose of these foundations as mentioned by Shaykh ‘Abdur-Razzaaq?

6. What is the first foundation that a Muslim woman should know? What is a verse from the Qur’aan highlighting it?

7. What is the fruit of a Muslim woman embodying this first foundation?

8. What is the second foundation that a Muslim woman should know? What is a verse from the Qur’aan highlighting it?

9. What is the third foundation that a Muslim woman should know?

10. What does Shaykh ‘Abdur-Razzaaq mention about the level of activity of those who wish ill for Muslim women?

11. Who is at the head of the Muslim woman’s enemies?

12. The fourth foundation which a Muslim woman should know is that “Honor is in the Hand of Allaah.” What is a supplication from the Sunnah that is connected with this foundation?

13. What is the fifth foundation?

14. Mention a verse that highlights the reward for those whom Allaah has honored?

15. What is the sixth foundation?
16. What is a verse in the Qur’aan that rebukes those who speak ill of the rulings of Allaah?

17. How is a woman viewed according to the scales of Islaam?

18. How should a woman approach the verses of the Qur’aan that mention directives concerning women?

19. Acting by Hadeeth is acting by the Qur’aan. What is the proof for this statement?

20. Where does true beauty and complete adornment lie?