

Belief in Allah's Knowledge (15)

Fulfillment of trust (husband and wife)
(8)

My beloved wife: together and forever insha Allah.

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Cont.: Bridges of love:-

Today insha Allah we will continue to know about the practical bridges of love which can shorten the distances between the spirits of the spouses and also transfer the messages of affection, mercy and peace in a very short time.

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Last week we learned about

(rosy dreams)

1- No for expected perfection, Yes for reality.

2- Yes for Mutual trust.

3- No, for overpowering and oppression.

4- Yes, for right speech.

5- Always to forget about the people's criticism, so long that you are obeying Allah.

And insha Allah today we will learn more about "bridges of love".

No Pointing Finger: No for blaming, yes for forgiveness:-

Allah the Almighty said in the Quran in

Surat(3) AL Imran - V. 133-134.

133. "And march forth in the way (which leads to) forgiveness from your Lord and for Paradise as wide as the heavens and the earth prepared for AL-Muttaqun (the pious)."

144. "Those who spend (for Allah's cause), who repress anger and who pardon men. Verily Allah loves the good doers."

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Allah is informing that forgiveness is a gate to the paradise and also to Allah's Love, And as our marriage is the most important bond of Love and affection, so it is our spouses whom basically we need to have forgiveness for them.

Forgiveness is a great manner based on Love and mercy and also on the understanding of the weaknesses of the human beings and the need to overlook their shortfalls.

Allah The Almighty said in Surat-g-AL-A'raf

V. (199- 200)

199 " Show forgiveness, enjoin what is good and
turn away from the foolish lie don't punish
them. "

3 200 " And if an evil whisper comes to you from
Shaitan, then seek refuge with Allah. Verily
He is All-Heaven, All-Knowen.

This is the command of Allah to show
the forgiveness and to forget about the blaming,
punishment and argument. Actually when a person
is too angry, Satan might find a chance to
control him. In such a situation, he is commanded
to seek refuge with Allah The Almighty
so that he will cool down and stop
satan design.

We need to learn this Hadith Qudsi about Allah,

On the authority of Anas, who said: I heard the messenger of Allah say:

Allah the Almighty said: O son of Adam, so

long as you call upon Me and ask of Me, I shall

forgive you for what you have done, and I shall not

mind, O, son of Adam, were your sins to reach

the clouds of the sky and were you then to ask

Forgiveness of Me, I would forgive you. O, son of Adam,

were you to come to Me with sins nearly as great

as the earth and were you then to face Me, ascribing

no Partner to Me, I will bring you forgiveness, ^{nearly} as great

as its

This is Allah's forgiveness. This is Allah teaching

us to forgive and to overlook the small mistakes and

short falls. Indeed these were the qualities of our

beloved Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) who never showed

anger about personal matters.

Forgiveness also means to "forget about blaming" i.e

"no pointing fingers"

Let's learn this story: A man asked his father in Law, "Many people praised you for a successful marriage. Could you please share with me your secret?"

The father in Law answered in a smile, 'Never criticize your wife for her shortcomings or when she does a simple mistake (e.g the food is not tasty or your locker is not well adjusted. Always keep in mind that because of her shortcomings and weaknesses, Allah will reward you for

↳ your kind treatment and forgiveness. If we forgive the others, others will ignore our mistakes too.

We all looked to being loved and respected. Many people are afraid of losing face. Generally when a person makes a mistake he (she) would like to find a scapegoat to point the finger at so that he (she) can escape being blamed

for that mistake. We should always remember that when we point a finger at our spouse for his (her) mistake, the other four fingers are pointing at ourselves. So let's follow the rules of our Quran and our Prophet (S.A.W) and have forgiveness as a bridge of love between our hearts as righteous spouses.

and let's know this funny story about forgiveness

A man and a wife were married for 50 yrs. during which they shared every thing and talked about every thing. They kept no secrets from each other except that the old wife had a shoebox in the top of her closet, that she requested her husband to forget completely about it. He fulfilled his promise regarding that shoebox until one day, she got very sick and the doctor said that she would not recover. So the wife asked her husband to bring the shoebox

as she felt it is the time to let her husband know about it. When he opened it, he found 2 crocheted dolls and an envelop where 25,000 \$ were there. He asked her about the contents. "When we were to be married" she said "my grandmother told me the secret of a happy marriage was: to never argue but try to forgive and get your anger out through keeping quiet and crocheting a doll."

The man with tears in his eyes: Only 2 precious dolls, this means you were angry with me 2 times only ~~or~~ all these 50 years. Honey, that explained the doll, but what about all the money in the envelop? where did it come from? Oh my dearest husband - Those 25,000 \$ were the money I got from selling the other crocheted dolls, it was 10 \$ for every doll.

So it was $\frac{25000}{10} = 2500$ times, the wife was trying to forgive her husband through selling her crocheted dolls.

2. Patience : the great bridge of Love

Allah the Allmighty has mentioned patience in the Quran in 90 places. A proof of the importance of patience for the life of muslims.

Regarding some of the blessings of Patience in the Quran :-

1. the reward of Patience is without measure :

Surat 39 - AZ Zumar V. 10.

10 - "Only those who are patient shall receive their

reward without measure"

2. The reward of every deed is known but that of patience is like heavy rain.

2 - Patience is the way to earn the love of Allah

Surat (3) - AL-Imran V. 146

"And Allah loves the patient (As-Sabirun)."

3. Patience is the way to earn the companionship

of Allah. Surat (8) - AL-anfal V. 46

"And be patient and persevering : for Allah is

with those who patiently persevere."

. Patience is a mean's to seek Allah's help.

In Surat (2) AL Baqara V. 245

45. " Seek (Allah's) help with patient perseverance
and prayer "

. The angles will salute the people of patience in Paradise

In Surat (13) Ar-rad) V. (24) Allah said:

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" And angels shall enter into them from
every gate (with the salutation of); Peace
unto you for that you persevered in patience! Now
excellent is the final home.

∴ Allah has made patience the means for
attaining His love, His companionship, His help
and support and His good rewards. This is
sufficient honour and blessings

Accordingly being patient with your
spouse, trying to accommodate with his (her)
personality, also trying to look for the positive

side of their attitude, always remembering their good intentions, words and deeds, trying to forgive and to forget all their shortcomings for Allah's sake and without complaining. All of the above is the practice of patience in marriage which will be highly rewarded by Allah.

9 Again, in life there are some trials which may last long time and persist, in spite of all the trials of acceptance, doing dua and even trying to forget all about it and concentrate away from these trials. Patience (beautiful one i.e. without complaint) is the only solution for these trials as looking for the reward of patience is the only way for the spirit to tolerate the suffering of the trials.

Marriage is a test so we ^{must} expect sometimes to have hardships e.g. a drunk husband or a foolish wife i.e. a long term problem which may persist the whole life. But with patience we can tolerate any hardship.

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At the end of " marriage classes ", I want to remind my self and our the muslim spouses that Islam teaches us the best rules to have the marriage as a great gift of Love and mercy in our life. Then it is our duty, either to follow these Islamic rules and live marriage as an act of worship, a way to win the worldly life and the Paradise, or to forget about the "Islamic manner of marriage" and to follow the confusion which most of the people are following, resulting in all the corruption around us, which we all are suffering.

Again and again, let's follow the Rules of The Creator, The Most Merciful, The Planner The Sustainer, The Provider of all the good... Allah The Almighty, our Only God.

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Qualities - is looking for regarding his righteous wife
1. - She fills his heart with joy

Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) said: "The world is nothing but temporary enjoyment and the greatest joy in this world is a righteous woman."

So the righteous woman must try her ^{best} to become the queen of the heart of her husband by using her intelligence to find ways of filling her husband heart with happiness and joy. She has to be sure that Allah will reward her for these deeds as marriage is an act of worship

2. - She helps him to obey Allah:-

Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) said:

"May Allah have mercy on the man who gets up at night to pray and wakes up his wife to pray, and if she refuses, he sprinkles water in her face. And may Allah have mercy on the

These were some bridges of love which every spouse needs to try ^(in order) to reach the peace and happiness in their marriage.

At the end, we (wives) already sent 4 messages to our beloved husbands, whom today they are the ones replying that they appreciate all their wives love and affection and they send them one message: together and forever insha Allah.

The message of husbands has also some requests from their wives, which can make life more stable and more easy to live.

Let's learn about these requests so that insha Allah we can all succeed to live the affection, mercy, tranquility and compassion in our marriage life

5. She over him advices, when she is asked for.

6. She is not asking her husband for unnecessary things. (no comparison with other friends)

7. She pleases him if he is angry :-

First : try to avoid what will cause his anger.

But if it happens that you can't do.

1. - If you are mistaken : then apologize

2. If he is mistaken then :

• Keep ^{silent}, until he is calm then

discuss the matter peacefully with him.

3. - If he is angry because of external reasons

• Keep silent until his anger goes.

• Find excuses for him : tired, problems

at work.

• Do not ask many questions and

insist on knowing what happens e-g

• You should tell me what happens!?

• What are you hiding? I have the right to know

woman who gets up at night to pray, and wakes her husband to pray, and if he refuses, she sprinkles water in his face

Also the righteous wife encourages her husband to spend for Allah's sake, and not to waste the money on the ^(unnecessary) worldly enjoyment

3. She supports him at calamities (stands beside him at time of hardship)

The muslim wife supports her husband with

her money if he is in need of it as she

believes that they are one spirit. She must also do so with all the feeling of love, and to

clarify to her husband that it is her duty

and her pleasure to support him as he is

her husband.

4. She makes her house clean - beautiful and peaceful.

The house is the place of peace and tranquillity

where we always need to rest, ~~relax~~ ^{relax} and live happily inshaAllah together and forever

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