

Social Media and Achieving the Quranic Objectives Honoring Parents and Doing Good to Relatives as a Model

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Abstract

Social media provides an opportunity to spread and promote Quranic values related to honoring parents and family relationships. Through diverse content and awareness posts, Muslims can be reminded of the importance of respecting and honoring parents according to the teachings of the Quran and Sunnah. These media can also be used to spread stories and examples of good treatment of parents and family members, which strengthens family ties and encourages cooperation and compassion between generations. This research aims to demonstrate the benefits of social media in achieving the Quranic objectives, and this research also aims to demonstrate the obligation of honoring parents and doing good to others, citing Quranic verses. A set of methods were used in this research to achieve the desired objectives, namely: inductive, descriptive and analytical methods. One of the most important results of this research is proving the necessity of honoring parents and being kind to others. Another of its results is that social media is important in achieving the Qur'anic objectives, including honoring parents and being kind to relatives. One of the contributions of this research is strengthening the relationship between family members and society.

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Introduction

This research is an attempt to address the following issues:

1. Many people do not know the necessity of honoring parents and being kind to others
2. Using social media in the right way
3. Problems between family members and society

Objectives

This research has many objectives, the most important of which are the following:

1. Knowing the ruling on honoring parents and being kind to others
2. Explaining the importance of building the family on the correct approach

3. Explaining the importance of social media to achieve the Qur'anic objectives

Methodology

This research used a set of methods to achieve the desired objectives, which are: the inductive, descriptive and analytical methods. This research presented some Qur'anic verses related to honoring parents and being kind to others, analyzed them and linked them to each other to reach a thematic unity and final results that achieve the research objectives according to the established plan.

The Concept of Honoring Parents and Being Kind to Relatives

Honoring parents is the opposite of disobedience. The author of Lisan al-Arab said: "And righteousness is the opposite of disobedience, and being dutiful is the same. I honored my parents: in the broken form, I honored him with righteousness. He honored his father, he honors him, and he honors him with righteousness, so he is dutiful to me, and he is dutiful to me." He also said: "And a dutiful man from a people of righteous people, and a dutiful man from a people of righteous people. It was narrated on the authority of Ibn Omar that he said: God called them dutiful because they were dutiful to their fathers and sons." He also said: "Just as you have a right over your child, so your child has a right over you (Ibn Manzur, 2009).

Technically speaking: Honoring parents: is being kind to them, with the heart, word, and deed, drawing closer to God Almighty (Al-Qahtani, 2010). Islam also cared about relatives and made it obligatory to maintain ties with them by being kind to them and conveying as much good as possible to them and repelling as much evil as possible from them. Islam also forbids severing family ties by not being kind to relatives and mistreating them. Scholars have agreed on the obligation of maintaining family ties and the prohibition of severing them. Islam has made obedience to parents and being dutiful to them one of the best ways to draw closer to Allah Almighty, and it has also forbidden disobeying them. There are many proofs in the Holy Quran and Sunnah that indicate this, including: 1. The Almighty's saying: {And your Lord has decreed that you not worship except Him. And to parents, good treatment. Whether one or both of them reach old age with you, say not to them a word of contempt, nor repel them but say to them a generous word} (Surah Al-Isra': 23).

In this verse, there is a command to worship Allah alone and not to associate partners with Him. Something, and he linked being dutiful to parents with that. This is evidence of the obligation of being dutiful to parents and its importance in the eyes of Islam. 2. On the authority of Abdullah bin Masoud, he said: "I asked the Prophet, may God bless him and grant him peace: Which deeds are most beloved to God Almighty? He said: (Prayer at its proper time. He said: Then what? He said: Honoring one's parents. He said: Then what? He said: Jihad in the way of God.) (Al-Bukhari, 2018). In this hadith, it is stated that honoring one's parents is one of the best deeds after prayer, which is a pillar of Islam. The Messenger, may God bless him and grant him peace, mentioned honoring one's parents before jihad in the hadith, as honoring one's parents is an individual obligation, and no one else can replace one. These and other pieces of evidence indicate the obligation of honoring one's parents and that the Islamic religion cares about it. With great care. We ask Allah Almighty to be among those who are dutiful to our parents, O Allah, Amen.

There are also evidences in the Qur'an and Sunnah regarding the obligation of being kind to relatives, we mention some of them as an example, which are as follows:

1. Allah Almighty said: {And remember when We took a covenant from the Children of Israel, "Do not worship except Allah, and to parents do good, and to relatives, orphans, and the needy, and speak to people kindly and establish prayer. And give zakat, then you turned away, except for a few of you, and you were averse. (Al-Baqarah: 83) In this verse, Allah commanded us to be kind to our relatives, who are the relatives with whom we must maintain ties of kinship.
2. On the authority of Abu Ayyub Al-Ansari that a man said to the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him): Tell me of a deed that will admit me into Paradise. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: Worship Allah and do not associate anything with Him, establish prayer, pay zakat, and maintain ties of kinship (Al-Bukhari, 2018). This hadith is evidence of the obligation of maintaining ties of kinship and being kind to relatives.
3. On the authority of Anas bin Malik, who said: The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: Whoever is pleased for his provision to be expanded and his life to be prolonged, let him maintain ties of kinship (Al-Bukhari, 2018) The hadith encourages maintaining kinship ties.

These verses and hadiths and many others in the Holy Quran and in the books of texts indicate the obligation of maintaining kinship ties, and that it is a reason for expansion and abundance in livelihood and a reason for entering Paradise, and that whoever severs it, Allah promises him the torment of Hell, God forbid. The commandment to be dutiful to parents and kind to relatives in Surat Al-Isra. The commandment to be dutiful to parents was mentioned in Surat Al-Isra in three verses, which are as follows:

Allah the Almighty said: And your Lord has decreed that you worship none but Him. And to parents, good treatment. Whether one or both of them reach old age with you, say not to them a word of contempt, nor repel them but say to them a generous word. And lower to them the wing of humility out of And say, "My Lord, have mercy upon them as they brought me up when I was small (Al-Isra' 23-24).

Al-Qurtubi (1964) said in his interpretation of this verse: Second - Allah the Almighty commanded us to worship Him and make Him One, and made being dutiful to parents connected to that, as He connected thanking them with thanking Him, saying: "And your Lord has decreed that you not worship except Him, and to parents, good treatment." And He said: "Be grateful to Me and to your parents. To Me is the final destination." In Sahih Al-Bukhari, on the authority of Abdullah, he said: I asked the Prophet, may God bless him and grant him peace, which deed is most beloved to Allah the Almighty? He said: "Prayer at its appointed time." He said: Then what? He said: "Then being dutiful to parents." He said: Then what? He said: "Jihad in the way of Allah." So the Prophet, may God bless him and grant him peace, informed me that being dutiful to parents is the best deed after prayer, which is the greatest pillar of Islam. And arrange that with "then" which gives the order and the deadline.

Al-Qurtubi (1964) stated in this statement that honoring one's parents is a great matter, because God Almighty linked honoring one's parents with worshipping God and making Him One, just as He Almighty linked thanking them with thanking God Almighty. God has made

honoring one's parents one of the best deeds. In his interpretation of this verse, Al-Zuhayli mentioned important matters, as he says: "After explaining the greatest pillar of belief and faith, which is monotheism, God Almighty mentioned the rituals of faith and its manifestations, which are as follows (Al-Zuhayli, 1998).

- **Worshipping God Almighty alone:** And your Lord has decreed that you worship none but Him, meaning God Almighty commanded that you worship none but Him, and this includes two matters: being busy with the worship of God Almighty, and refraining from worshipping anyone other than God Almighty because worship is the ultimate glorification, and no one deserves that except God Almighty because He is the source of blessings and favors.
- **Being kind to parents:** And to parents, do good. God linked in many verses the command to worship Him with the command to be kind to parents and to be kind to them completely in dealing with them because they are, after God, the real reason for the existence of man."

Then Al-Zuhayli (1998) explained the aspects of kindness to them by saying: "Therefore, Allah the Almighty explained some aspects of kindness to them, saying: {If they reach old age with you...} meaning if the parents or one of them reaches old age, and they are with you at the end of their lives in a state of weakness and helplessness, as you were with them at the beginning of your life, then you must follow the following five duties:

First – (So do not say to them a word of displeasure) meaning do not hear them say a bad word that contains the slightest impatience, not even an expression of disgust and pain, which is the lowest level of bad speech.

Second – (And do not scold them) meaning do not do anything ugly to them. The difference between the prohibition of annoyance and the prohibition of scolding is that the first is to prevent showing impatience with little or much, and the second is to prevent showing opposition in speech, by responding or denying.

Third – (And say to them, A generous word) meaning, say to them a gentle, kind, and good word accompanied by reverence, respect, modesty, and good manners.

Fourth- (And lower to them the wing of humility out of mercy) meaning, be humble towards them in your actions, and the intended meaning is to exaggerate in humility and soften your side.

Fifth- (And say, "My Lord, have mercy upon them as they brought me up when I was small) meaning, ask Allah for mercy for them when they grow old and when they die.

The gist of what Al-Zuhayli mentioned is that children should be kind to their parents by doing things such as: not harming them, not mistreating them, speaking to them with kind words, being humble towards them, and praying for mercy from Allah Almighty for them. Then Allah the Almighty warned against being careless and disdainful in honoring one's parents, saying: Your Lord knows best what is in your soul... meaning that what matters is what is in your heart and what you conceal in your souls of sincerity in obedience and lack of sincerity in it, for Allah the Almighty knows what is in your souls (Al-Zuhayli, 1998).

The purpose of the verse is to warn against abandoning sincerity in honoring one's parents. The commandment to be kind to relatives is mentioned in the twenty-sixth verse of Surat Al-Isra', which is as follows: Allah the Almighty said: {And give to the relative his right, and to the

needy and the traveler, and do not spend wastefully. Indeed, the wasteful They were brothers of the devils, and Satan was ungrateful to his Lord (Al-Isra': 26-27).

Al-Baghawi (1997) mentioned two opinions in his interpretation of this verse. He said: "{And give the relative his right} meaning maintaining kinship ties, and he meant by it: the kinship of a person, and most people agree with this. On the authority of Ali ibn al-Husayn: He meant the relatives of the Messenger of Allah; may Allah bless him and grant him peace. This verse emphasizes the obligation to give relatives their due right in terms of maintaining kinship ties, treating them well, and being dutiful to them. (Al-Baydawi, 1998) In the hadith: "Whoever loves that his provision be expanded and his life be extended, let him maintain kinship ties" (Al-Bukhari, 2018).

How To Be Dutiful To Parents and Be Kind to Relatives

Being Dutiful To Parents Is Done Through Many Things, Including:

- Being kind to them, speaking softly, being gentle with them, loving them, avoiding harsh words that cause them to be alienated, and treating them kindly.
- Being dutiful to parents also includes not walking in line with them, and not walking in front of them, except in cases of necessity such as darkness.
- One of the ways of being dutiful and kind to them is also not to mistreat them by cursing or insulting them, or harming them in any way, because that is considered Major sins without any dispute.
- Keeping in touch with relatives is done in many ways, including, for example:
- Visiting relatives in their places and hosting relatives in our homes.
- Checking on them, asking about them and greeting them.
- Giving charity to them, as it was reported that the Prophet, may God bless him and grant him peace, said: (Charity to the poor is charity and to a relative is two things: charity and kinship (Al-Tirmidhi, 1996).
- Answering their invitations, visiting their sick, following their funerals, and other types of righteousness that we can do with our relatives to maintain kinship.

The concept of social media and its most important types. Social media is defined as a technology that is used over the World Wide Web and using various types of devices; such as computers, tablets, or even smartphones, and these means allow their users to interact with other users such as family and friends through what is shared through these means such as pictures, blogs, videos, and other things provided by social media (Maya, 2019). The most prominent types of social media in our present era are:

Facebook

Founded as a social network in 2004 by its founder Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook has continued to grow to become one of the largest companies that owns most of the social networking applications in the world. It is a social networking site that allows sharing photos, posts, comments, local and international news, in addition to chatting, games, and live video broadcasting. According to a previous statistic, at the end of 2018, Facebook had about 2.32 billion users worldwide, and the site is constantly expanding and developing.

Messenger

The famous chat application, which was initially a messaging feature within the Facebook application only, but since 2011; Messenger has been made a separate application in itself

and its features have expanded more and more. Thanks to Messenger's frequent features and updates; companies can now advertise their products and program robots to chat with customers, send newsletters and more details on Messenger.

WhatsApp

WhatsApp is the most popular messaging app, used by people in more than 180 countries. WhatsApp was initially used as an app to communicate with family and friends only, and gradually; people started using it to communicate with businesses; small businesses used the WhatsApp Business app to communicate, while there is a WhatsApp Business API for medium and large businesses. WhatsApp is working on building its own business platform to allow businesses to have a suitable business profile, communicate with customers and provide support to them, and share the latest updates with them about their purchases from them.

Twitter

Founded by Jack Dorsey, Evan Williams, and Noah Glass, it can be defined as a social networking site, where people communicate via short messages of no more than 115 characters called tweets, and you can also post pictures and videos, in addition to the fact that most global companies and influential figures have official accounts on Twitter, such as Elon Musk.

Instagram

Founded by Facebook in 2010, it is one of the social media dedicated to taking photos and videos and then editing and sharing them after a person creates an account on the site. Also, everyone who has an account on the application will be able to see and interact with posts, and the feature of chatting via text and voice messages has recently been added to it.

Benefits of Social Media in Dealing With Relatives

Social media has many negatives, but it has benefits and positives in dealing with relatives if it is used properly. Among its benefits are the following:

- It is a means of communication between relatives
- Bringing the distant closer
- A means of following up on the news of relatives
- Strengthening the family relationship between relatives
- A means of entertainment
- A means of solving problems between relatives

Conclusion

After this brief presentation of the topic of the benefits of social media in dealing with relatives in light of the commandment of Surat Al-Isra to be dutiful to parents and kind to those closest, we can extract many things, the most important of which are:

1. Obeying parents is a duty. It has been proven by many proofs from the Qur'an and Sunnah, as we mentioned previously, that obeying parents is a duty, and there is no disagreement among scholars on this matter.
2. Honoring parents brings the pleasure of Allah the Almighty. On the authority of Abdullah bin Omar, may Allah be pleased with them, on the authority of the Prophet - may Allah's prayers and peace be upon him - he said: The pleasure of the Lord is in the pleasure of the parent, and the anger of the Lord is in the anger of the parent (Al-Tirmidhi 1996).

3. Honoring one's parents is one of the reasons for entering Paradise. On the authority of Abu Al-Darda' (may Allah be pleased with him), he said: I heard the Messenger of Allah (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) say: "The parent is the middle door to Paradise, so if you wish, you can lose that door or guard it" (Al-Tirmidhi 1996).
4. Disobeying one's parents is one of the major sins. The Prophet (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) linked disobeying them to associating partners with Allah Almighty. On the authority of Abu Bakrah, he said: The Prophet (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said: "Shall I not tell you about the greatest of the major sins?" Three times. They said: "Yes, O Messenger of Allah." He said: "Associating partners with Allah, disobeying one's parents." He sat up and reclined, then said: "And telling lies." He kept repeating it until we said: "If only he would stop."
5. Maintaining kinship ties and being kind to relatives is obligatory. It has been proven by many proofs, as we mentioned previously, that maintaining kinship ties is obligatory. In the view of Islam, there is no disagreement among scholars on this.
6. Maintaining kinship ties indicates belief in God and the Last Day: Abu Hurairah said that the Prophet, may God bless him and grant him peace, said: Whoever believes in God and the Last Day, let him maintain kinship ties (Al-Bukhari, 2018).
7. Social media has great importance in achieving the objectives of the Qur'an.

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