

Raising children

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Shaykh Sulaymaan ar-Ruhaylee (*May Allaah preserve him*):

Due to what has occurred as a result of [modern-day] openness, and that which is watched – our children are now being cultivated in a negative way [by that which they are exposed to].

However, despite that, there is still good in our children – and all praise is for Allaah.

It is befitting that we are ardent upon preventing them from all evil; by busying them with the various ways of good.

The scholars mention a tremendous word, and they are true in this word of theirs. They say: “There is a key to every person, so look to the key to your son. It could be the case that the key is in the fathers hands, or it could be that the key is in the hands of the mother. And it could be in the hands of one of the brothers, and it could be in the hands of a righteous companion. So look to the key to your son; and use it to cure and treat him.”

However; before, after, and above this: seek the help of Allaah! And make supplication for them. Because supplication for one's children is the way of the prophets. Supplicate for them that Allaah grants them success, and guides them, and distances the evil from them. And by the Will of Allaah you will see good. And be patient and do not be hasty. For indeed in patience is a huge amount of good.

[A questioner asks how parents can gain the respect of their children; and regarding a satellite channel that has overrun their household.]

It is befitting upon the father that he is ardent and strives in nurturing his children, and that he has reliance upon Allaah. And from nurturing them is that you set a good example yourself! How can you raise a child to be obedient to you while you are disobedient to your own father – if he is alive?! Your son sees that you do not visit your family except once a week, or [perhaps] you do not visit at all! Then you want to teach him cultivation and being obedient?! [Rather] you should be a fine example for him. Use this to nurture, and that which I have previously mentioned. And be patient with them, and do not be hasty. And you will see much good, by the Will of Allaah.

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As for what was mentioned regarding certain channels; then there is no doubt that the problem is: the parents have left the channels to bring up and raise their children. So the children have become raised upon concepts foreign to the concepts, manners and behaviours of Islaam. All of this has caused many evils. And my advice is that a person removes these evils from his children even if they were to request them. For that is from the obligatory matters upon him. Yes.