

## Raising of children

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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

Shaykh Muhammad bin Saalih al-Uthaymeen (*May Allaah preserve him*):

You must raise your child, and nurture him based upon the Book and the Prophetic Sunnah – upon the worship of Allaah, and upon good treatment, and upon virtuous mannerisms – so that your child is a coolness for your eyes in this world and in the Hereafter, and so that you do not lose out and become from those whom Allaah said regarding them:

قُلْ إِنَّ الْخَاسِرِينَ الَّذِينَ خَسِرُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ وَأَهْلِيَهُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ ۗ أَلَا ذَلِكَ هُوَ الْخُسْرَانُ الْمُبِينُ

**[The losers are those who will lose themselves and their families on the Day of Resurrection. Verily, that will be the clear loss!]<sup>1</sup>**

And from caring for one's children – after being concerned for them and checking up on them – is that you support and encourage them upon doing good acts, upon the prayer, upon the Qur'aan, and upon virtuous mannerisms; either by making competitions and saying: 'O my children, whoever from you memorises such and such then he will receive such and such.' Or that you encourage them to join the sittings of remembrance and knowledge; or the circles for the memorisation of the Qur'aan, or the summer schools for the youth that use up a lot of their time – especially if the ones in charge of these schools are known for their goodness and righteousness. So you encourage him [upon that].

If you were involved in buying and selling, or farming – then busy him with that – because busying him with that is better than if he were to remain empty-minded with nothing to busy himself with; then after that he wanders left and right, while you are oblivious. This is a huge responsibility upon the father.

And what is strange is that some people you find that they strive and are ardent regarding their wealth. They do not sleep until they know losses and their profits. If they saw a deficiency or a decrease in their trading, they would try and rectify this deficiency, and patch up this decrease. If he were to lose a sheep, or a goat, or a cow; you would see him scouring the marketplaces looking for it. However his child that is lost – and I do not mean by lost that he has died – however his manners have died and perished and become corrupt. So he does not pay any attention to him. And this is something very strange and

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<sup>1</sup> Sooratuz-Zumar [39:15]

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amazing; that you have such great care regarding something that you will not be able to enjoy except in this worldly life, or [something] that you [may] put forth for the Hereafter if you are granted success to do that – meanwhile you leave your child without cultivation, and without attending to and observing them. So how can you achieve a righteous child while you know that the Messenger (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him*) said:

**“If a person dies all of his actions are cut off, except through three things: a continuous charity, or beneficial knowledge, or a righteous child that supplicates for him.”**