

Daily Plan For Student Of Knowledge

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In the name of Allāh, the Most-Beneficent, the Most-Merciful.

From Muhammad Salih Al-Uthaymeen to the son, (...) may Allah, the Most High preserve him.

Assalam Alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuh, to proceed;

You have asked me, may Allāh bless you, to draw a plan for you that you will live your life upon. And I ask Allāh, the Most High, to guide us all to His guidance, the right path, appropriateness and correctness. And that He makes us guides who are rightly guided, righteous and rectifiers. So I say;

Firstly, regarding Allāh, the Mighty and Majestic:

1. Be keen to always be with Allāh, the Mighty and Majestic, bearing in mind His mightiness and

contemplating on His concrete signs like the creation of the heavens and earth, and what He placed in both from the His perfect wisdom, His excellent power and His mighty mercy and bounty. And (contemplating on) His legislative signs that He sent this messengers with, and especially their seal, Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم.

2. And that your heart is filled with the love of Allah, the Most High, for the blessings He provides for you and the wrath He steers away from you, and especially, the blessing of Islam and steadfastness upon it, until He (Allāh) becomes the most beloved to you.

3. And that your heart is filled with the veneration of Allāh, the Mighty and Majestic, till He becomes the Greatest of things to you. And through the assembling of the love of Allāh, the Exalted, and His veneration in your heart, you become steadfast upon obeying Him — carrying out what He has commanded with, due to the love you have for Him, and abandoning what He has made forbidden, due to your veneration of Him.

4. And that you are sincere to Him, the Mighty and the Most-High, in your (acts of) worship, relying totally upon Him in all of your conditions, so that you can actualize the

status of «you alone we worship you alone we seek for help.»[Suuratul Fatihah]

And have it in mind that you are only carrying out what He (Allāh) commanded due to following His command, and you abandon what He has prohibited due to following this prohibition, and by this you taste a sweetness in worship, that you will not find with heedlessness, and you find an assistance in your affairs, that you will not find if you were to rely upon yourself.

Secondly; regarding the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ :

1. That you place his love before the love of all creatures, likewise his guidance and practice above all other guidance or practice.

2. That you take him as your leader in your (acts of) worship and your manners, in the sense that you have it in mind to be following him whenever you want to perform acts of worship, and as if he is before you and you are following his footsteps and walking upon his path. And likewise in relating with people, seek to relate with people with his manners which Allah said about it that “And verily, you (O Muhammad ﷺ) are on an exalted standard of character.” [al-Qalam:4]. And when

you adhere to this, you will be seriously keen to know about his legislation and his manners.

3. That you be a caller to his sunnah, aiding it and defending it. For verily, Allah, the Most-High, will aid you upon the measure of how you aid His legislation.

Thirdly: Your daily routine other than the obligatory ones

1. When you wake up at night, remember Allāh the Most-High, and supplicate with what you wish in supplications, because supplications at this time is deserving of being answered (by Allāh). And read the statement of Allāh «Verily! In the creation of the heavens and the earth...» till you complete Suratu Aal-e-Imrān, and it is ten verses.

2. Observe your portion of Nawaafil at the last part of the night and end your Salah with witr (odd number of rakat)

3. Adhere to saying what is easy for you from the morning Adhkar, Say “Laa ilaaha illallah wahdahu laa shareeka lahu, lahul mulku, wa lahul hamdu, wa huwa ala kulli shay’in Qadeer” 100 times.

4. Observe the two rak’ah of Duha.

5. Adhere to saying what is easy for you from the evening Adhkar.

Fourthly: Method of Seeking Knowledge

1. Be keen on memorizing the book of Allāh, the Most-High, and set for yourself a particular portion to recite and make your recitation be with contemplation and understanding. And if you see a point of benefit while reciting, write down/jot down that pointed benefit.

2. Be keen on memorizing what is easy from the authentic traditions of the Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم, and from that is the memorization of 'Umdatul Ahkam.

3. Be keen on focusing and stability, in a way that you do not take a little here and a little there, for this will waste your time and put your intellect in disarray.

4. Start with the small books and study them very well. Then move to what is above it till you gain knowledge little by little, in a way that it will be firmly established in your heart and calmly settle upon your mind.

5. Be keen on knowing the fundamentals of subjects matters, and their principles and note everything that comes by you from this area. And it has been said that

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“He who is denied (knowledge of the) fundamentals, is denied attaining (the main/proper knowledge).”

6. Discuss the subject matters with your teacher or anyone you trust regarding his knowledge and religion from your colleagues. Or you should picture it in your mind that someone is discussing it with you, if the discussion can't be with those we mentioned.

I ask Allāh, the Most-High, to bestow you with knowledge that will benefit you, and make benefit from the knowledge He bestows you with. And that He increases you in knowledge and makes you among His righteous worshippers and His successful party.

Wa-Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullah wa barakatuh.

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