

LESSONS FROM KARBALA



Book 8

Prioritising

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Please recite Surah-e-Fatiha for Syed Nadeem-ul-Hasan & Mrs. Mehar Jabeen. Dada and Nani Ami, we miss you!!!



EVERY DAY IS ASHURA
EVERY LAND IS KARBALA
HAL MIN NASIRIN YANSURNA
THE CALL IS STILL IN THE AIR
OUR HEARTS SAY
LABAIK YA HUSSEIN!
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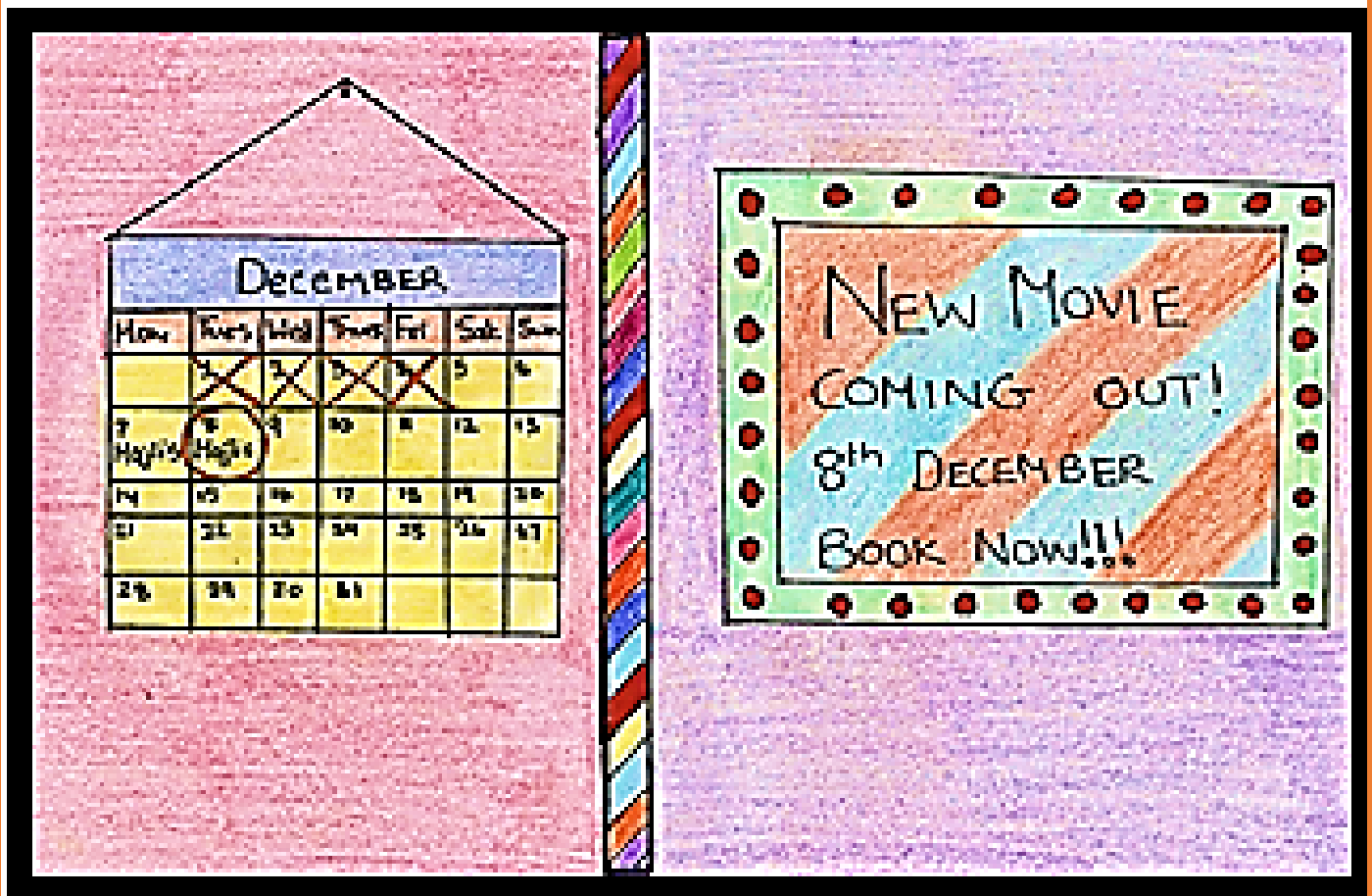
What is Prioritising?

- To prefer something over the other.
- To put in more effort to achieve one goal amongst several and thus making it as the main goal in our lives.



How to achieve the skill of prioritising...

- Qurbatan-ilallah should be the basis of all our actions in life
- Be it- getting knowledge, eating food, doing ibadaat, respecting others etc.
- We should do all our deeds for the pleasure of Allah (swt).
- Prioritising this in life can keep us on the right path forever.
- It will also keep us away from sins



Prioritising.....

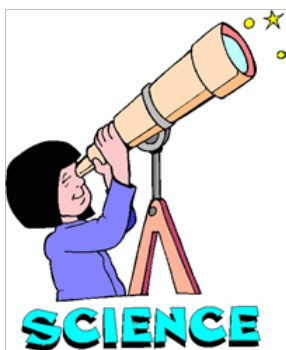
At Home:

- By performing our wajibats (salaat etc.) in the Awwal Waqt (the moment they become due).
- We should try and prefer productive activities (like board games, puzzles, sports etc.) rather than wasting our time in watching movies, playing video games and other such wasteful activities.
- We should try to do some mustahab (actions which are not wajib but are liked by Allah swt) activities during the entire day which can earn us extra Sawab.



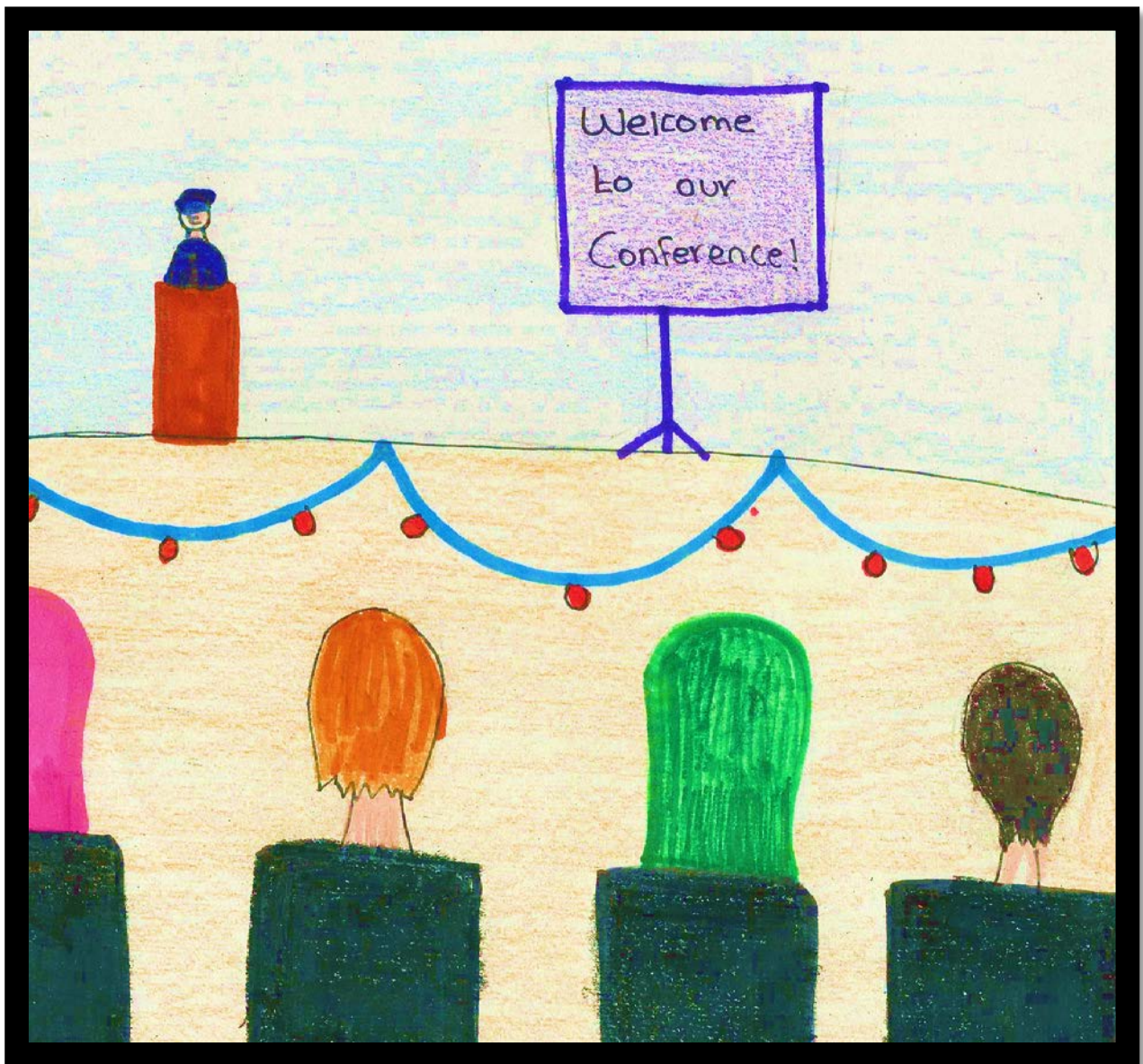
At School:

- By concentrating on your studies instead of fooling around and wasting time.
- If there is a test, make sure that you prepare for it seriously.
- Gaining knowledge is extremely recommended in Islam.
- An ignorant mind can never be enlightened.
- Prioritise learning over other activities.



At Public Places:

- By attending conferences, camps and other social events with presence of authentic scholars.
- By prioritising the concept of Qurbatan-illallah in all aspects of our life.
- Time is too precious to waste on activities that do not contribute to our spirituality.



Prioritising in Karbala....

- In Karbala there were two groups of people; those who prioritised this world and those who prioritised the hereafter.
- Those people who fought alongside Imam Hussain (as) prioritised the love of their Imam over everything else.
- That is why the companions of Imam Hussain (as) stood by his side without thinking of what would happen to their family members.
- Their priority was serving their Imam (as).

Prioritising....

Some things are more important

Than others, that is true.

We all have priorities,

Dictating what we do.

Allah should be

The top goal for all.

If it's anything else,

Then you are destined to fall

Islam should have a higher place

Than worldly aims and goals.

If dunya is our priority

We will soon lose control.

The sincere companions...

The highest goal for them
Was to serve Mola Hussain.
They didn't care about any
Worldly gifts and gains.

They prioritised hereafter
Unlike many of us.
They were strong and sincere
They were the most pious.

Yazid sent an army
Big, strong and bold.
Now they've been lost in history
While Hussain has a shrine of gold.

We have to do what's right...

"Doctor Bahlool!" called the nurse, "We have a new patient"

Bahlool rose from his seat and walked with the young man to the theatre, the operation room.

"What are we dealing with?" he asked as he wore the coat and surgical cap.

"Sir, it was a gang fight which resulted in a stab wound in his right arm. The wound is very deep. The bone has a large crack which requires immediate treatment. The patient has lost lots of blood but is stable."



Bahloul nodded in acknowledgement and entered the room. He was about to begin the operation when his eyes fell upon the face of his patient.



Those beady eyes, that scarred cheek, the identity of that patient was undeniable. It was Jack O' Brian! Immediately terrible memories flooded into his head. Jack was the old school bully and had made life miserable for Bahloul for almost four years.

Bahloul remembered how many bruises he had gotten, how much extra work he had to do, how many times he went home hungry, all because of this bully.

Finally, now was the time that he could have his vendetta. Bahloul's eyes gleamed with happiness as he realized that an invaluable opportunity was in his grasp.

All he had to do was refuse to operate and Jack's arm would be rendered useless for life. Technically, it would be for a good cause as this would ensure that Jack wouldn't ruin the lives of other people.

But as all these thoughts were swirling in his mind, Bahlool knew something was wrong. Doing this to someone he had power over was cruel.

Bahlool turned at the table. His hands were shaking. Taking a deep breath, Bahlool approached the table. He called the surgical team and began the operation. Bahlool cleared his mind of all ideas of revenge and remembered that he was following the rules of Islam. Time ticked on and the operation was complete. Bahlool felt a surge of happiness. He realised that he had passed the exam that had been placed upon him. He thanked Allah (swt) that he had managed to prioritise his religion over his own personal feelings.

Words of gold ...

Imam Ali (as):

“Those who give up their religion to better their lot in life seldom succeed. The wrath of Allah (swt) makes them go through more calamities and losses than the gains they gather for themselves.”

(Nahjul Balagha)




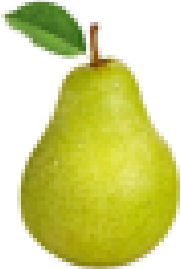
Imam Ali (as) said:

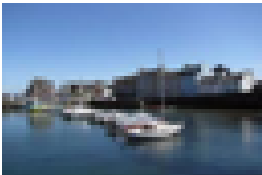
“Blessed is the man who always kept the life after death in view, who remembered the Day of Judgement through all his deeds, who led a contented life and who was happy with the lot that Allah (swt) had destined for him.”

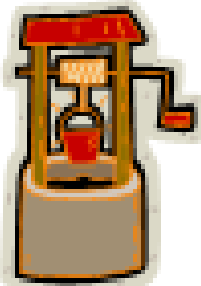

Nahjul Balagha



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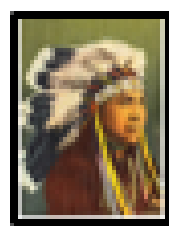


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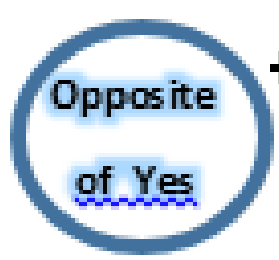


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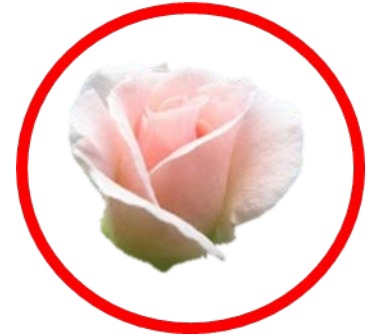


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- Answers
- 1. Prefer
 - 2. Compare
 - 3. Importance
 - 4. Value
 - 5. Victory
 - 6. Selection
 - 7. Goal
 - 8. Destination
 - 9. Achievement
 - 10. Knowledge

First comes first!!!

Find eight of these flowers and ignore the rest. Remember they are of different sizes so be careful!



Word search

A	R	S	E	L	E	C	T	G	H	K	Y
Z	D	C	V	I	K	O	P	R	O	F	P
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Priority

Choice

Compare

Worth

Select

Reject

Options

Truth

Lessons from karbala

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