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How to Become a Strong Muslim

A strong Muslim has faith which gives him inner and outer strength. If you follow these steps you are well on your way to become a true Muslim and be the love of God.



Steps

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- Accept that God Almighty exists and His attributes are beyond our imagination. He is capable of everything and anything. Faith in God is essential. Accept that Muhammad (peace be upon him) is the last of a long line of Prophets that started with Adam, through Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and everyone in between. Accept that the Holy Quran is the last and true word of God.
- 2. **Pray sincerely.** Affirm that God is close to you. Always pray on time, never delay. Never do things that will only prevent you to do things that are much more important. Nothing is much more important than obeying what God asks of you. While working or studying, halt everything you are doing and go to the nearest mosque to pray. If somebody were to ask you where you are heading, say that you are answering God's call to prayer.
- 3. **Pray in the middle of the night.** Pray when most people around you are sleeping soundly. The name of the prayer is Tahajjud. However to perform this special voluntary prayer, you must have some sleep first, even if it is very short. The night is the most efficacious time to pray.
- Recite His name every time. Also known as Zikr in Muslim terminology, reciting His name will
 ultimately make you a strong Muslim because you are constantly reminded of what good He has
 done for you.
- 5. **Be grateful** for everything you have. The more thankful you are the more you will realize how much you have been blessed. And by doing this, God willing, you will be stronger because you will believe that God is present.
- 6. **Protect your chastity**. You need to know that adultery is a sinful act and always avoid it. This applies to both men and women. Women should not wear tight or revealing clothes, and men should always lower their gaze and guard their modesty.
- 7. **Keep to your promise**. If you feel that you could not manage something, just inform that person so. Abiding to your promise will ultimately make you trustworthy person.

- 8. **Respect the opinion of others.** No opinions are bad or stupid. You should treat them as gems. Without opinions, things will never get better. If you do not like any idea, do not invalidate them but add on to the idea to improve it.
- 9. Fast for the right reasons. Not because you want to impress others, nor because you want to feel superior in terms of popularity when you get fitter later. Fast with the intention to please only Allah, and to get the reward for fasting. Also fast because you will be able to perform salat correctly and also because you want to be responsible over your health. Nevertheless fast because of remembering those who do not have privileges like food and water. Fast twice a week, preferably on Mondays and Thursdays. Fast during the month of Ramadan and also on the day of Arafah which is on the 9th of Zulhijjah. God will forgive all the sins you have done the one year before and after if you fast during the day of Arafah.
- 10. **Never lie.** It should be emphasized again. God hates his adherents to lie to others. Your integrity will directly have an impact towards your dignity. People will look high upon you if you are honest and true to whatever you say. God will only allow you to lie only if the lie will actually cover up *somebody else's* shame or will avoid distress for everybody. For instance, if your friend have stolen money from his parents, you should not be honest and tell others that your friend had once stolen money.
- 11. **Be good to your wife**, if you are a man. The Prophet Muhammad (saw) said that "The best of you is he who is the best to his wife". Be kind to her, always support her and allow her an equal share in decision making and property ownership.
- 12. **Struggle towards goodwill.** Sacrifice your time and visit the mosque if there is a lecture. Forfeit your property to those who needs it more than you do. In other words, always give charity. The recipient will be thankful that you have given them aid in their daily life. Remember, the one who gives is better than than one who receives.
- 13. **Practice felicity towards everything.** Be gentle and good-hearted not only to your parents, but to your cousins, to your friends, to the flora and fauna around you. Always protect the surroundings. Never ever be aggressive towards the animals. You can always protect the environment by throwing rubbish properly and using the common transport.
- 14. **Be gracious towards your parents.** They have worked hard to bring home food. Your mother has suffered all the pain just to bring you to this world. What have you done to say thanks to them? They have brought joy to your life by buying you presents every now and then. Have you acknowledged that and appreciated them? Do whatever they expect of you and you will be fine.
- 15. **Never sough over your loved one's death.** Know that God did that because He loves your loved ones even more than you do. Accept that death is a resting phase for your loved ones against all the trouble this world can bring about.
- 16. **Never waste your Time on useless things.** The wasters will be the brother of satan. At day of judgement, some items/properties are going to talk for the reason you wasted/damaged the properties.
- 17. **Read the Qur'an/Hadith Regularly.** It will keep your iman stronger. It will keep your soul pure. You'll get su'ab for every letter you said.

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• Establishing the 5 daily prayers is a MUST. The more you make these daily, the more you will see yourself coming back to Islam and becoming a better Muslim.

- If you are a Muslim convert, learn the Islamic basic teaching gradually as to avoid misunderstandings.
- Seek knowledge of Islam. From your local community to lectures, books and articles online, there's a lot available.
- Read the Quran with translation every single day. Even if its just a few lines.
- If you did something wrong once, immediately ask for forgiveness (Tawbah) from Allah. He is the most Merciful, never give up coming back for forgiveness.

A Warnings

- Be careful of aberrant teaching which actually does not teach correct Islamic knowledge.
- Realize how important it is to only eat Halal foods (food, mainly meat, which is killed in accordance of the Islamic rites).

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