

## **Ambassadors Wanted: Do You Qualify?**

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### **Introduction**

- There are 2 types of dawah: the talk and the walk (which is more important).
- A Muslim is someone who submits to the creator
- You need to know the Deen to be a Dai ambassador of Islam
- You can't change the whole world, but you can change yourself
- Remember life comes to an end so this has to motivate us to change ourselves and give dawah
- We have to be aware that we will always do mistakes, but this shouldn't stop us from giving dawah. The best of the generations (swahabas) did major sins such as the slander of Aisha.
- Always ask Allah (s.w.t) for forgiveness, he loves to forgive
- We also have to learn to forgive and forget because we would want Allah (s.w.t) to forgive us Himself

### **What do I need to do to change?**

- First find what you need to change
- Main focus is Islam; 4 components that can't be disconnected
  - Aqidah -Belief system, one God, who is Allah (s.w.t) and His attributes
  - Ibadah- Set of rituals: according to the Quran and Sunnah
  - Akhlaq- Character: being like the prophet (SAW). It is the fruit of ibadah
  - Muamalah -Interaction with people and the universe.
- We as Muslims have no excuse of not knowing Allah (s.w.t) as we have the deen
- Make short term goals, long term goals and the ultimate goal (pleasure of Allah (s.w.t) = Jannah)
- Death: we should always remember it is around the corner (31:24)
- Love Allah more than anything (2:65)
- Learn through your mistakes

### **Components of good akhlaq:**

- Reputation: The image people have of me. It is not who I am truly. A person can have a bad reputation yet they are good people. Such as the prophets who people hated and called nasty names.
- Personality: The way we present ourselves to others eg. dress, talk, walk, smile. We shouldn't be concerned about our body.
- Character: This should be our concern. How to develop it: Thoughts we have in our heads→ words→actions→habits→ lastly might formulate your character.

### **Essential components of good character**

Ways to develop our character

1. Conscience: Moral compass that Allah (s.w.t) created us with. When you don't want people to find about it, don't do it as it is a sin.
2. Compassion: Mercy for others. It is when you forgive someone who has done you wrong when you had the opportunity to revenge. 3.133- forgive, forget and do something good to the person that wronged you.
3. Consideration: To watch out every action you do and words that you say. Think about it a million times before you do it.
4. Courage: We all have fear. Courage is acting despite the presence of fear. Such as prophet Musa (AS) and Muhammad (SAW)
5. Confidence: Do all that is good and trust that Allah (s.w.t) will reward you for it. Always remember we can't be perfect but Allah will always give you His best. Example: Nuh spent 950 years in dawah, after that he asked Allah for forgiveness as he knew his actions weren't perfect.