Building confidence in Tabligh efforts

National Tarbiyyat Workshop 2013

Tilawat

يَّا يُتَّهَا الرَّسُولُ بَلِّغُ مَا أَنْزِلَ اِلْيُلْكَ مِنُ رَّ بِلْكُ وَالْ ثَمْ تَفْحَلُ فَمَا بَلَّخْتَ رِسَالَتَهُ وَاللهُ يَعْضِلُكَ مِنَ النَّاسِ اِنَّ اللهَ لَا يَهْدِى الْقَوْمَ الْكُفِرِيْنَ ۞

Sura Al Maidah verse 68

Translation

• O Messenger! convey to the people what has been revealed to thee from thy Lord; and if thou do it not, thou hast not conveyed His Message at all. And Allah will protect thee from men. Surely, Allah guides not the disbelieving people.

Hadith

٤٠ - عَنْ أَنُس رَضَى الله عنه عَنِ النَّبِيِّ ﷺ قَالَ: يَسِّرُوْا وَلاَ تُنَفِّرُوْا - تُعَسِّرُوْا وَ لاَ تُنَفِّرُوْا - تُعَسِّرُوْا وَ بَشِّرُوْا وَلاَ تُنَفِّرُوْا -

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46. Anas صلى الله عليه وسلم narrates that the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

"Make religion easy for others to follow; do not make it difficult. Similarly, present religion in a pleasing manner; do not make it repulsive to others."

(Muslim)

The Promised Messiah(as)

ماری جاعت کے لیے نہابت فروری ہے کہ مرطبیفہ کے انسانوں کومناسب مال دعوت کرنے کاطرائی سکیم

It is vital for every member of our Jamaat, at every level to learn the appropriate method to convey the message (of Islam)

Malfoozat, Vol 5, p440

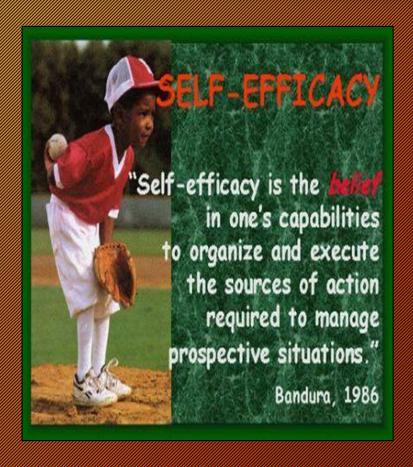
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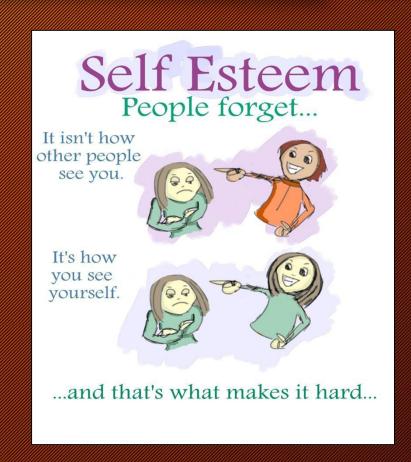
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What is self-confidence?





Scenario

Discuss how you recognise a friend with low self confidence.

What do you do to boost their self esteem?

How successful is this and why?

Self Confidence vs Low Self Confidence

Self Confidence

Doing what you believe to be right, even if others mock or criticize you for it.

Being willing to take risks and go the extra mile to achieve better things.

Admitting your weakness, and trying to improve them. Having the bravery to 'know what you don't know"

Less need for approval of others

Recognition of goal-setting, challenging oneself to go further

Focus on the end goal, unafraid of failure/setbacks

Courage of convictions/ Strong, resolute in belief Unafraid of change in conditions/environment

Endless potential for positive growth and re-inforcement

Acceptance of Identity

Matured thought process

Not easily embarrassed

Constructive

Low Self-Confidence

Strongly governed by perception or fear of what other people think.

Playing it safe, refusing to put a toe out of line and strong aversion to taking risks.

Fully intent on covering up mistakes and hoping that you can fix the problem before anyone notices.

Playing up your virtues to seek approval as often as possible by as many people as possible.

Trying to negate achievement by others, putting others down to boost self-worth

Bogged down by details of the journey("What if's?"), strong fear of failure/rejection

Doubtful as to the truth of the message/ Weak in belief

Seeks constant, fixed condition/environment

Greater potential for negative retardation and stunted development

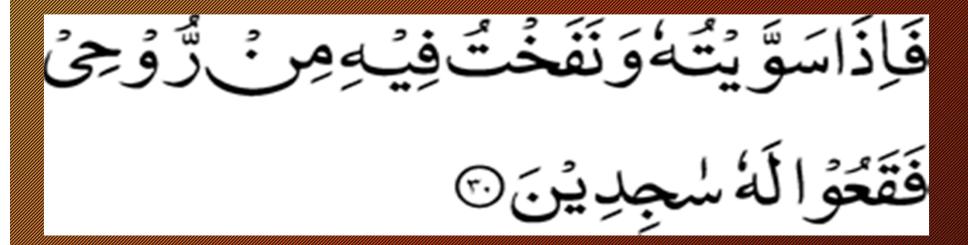
Reluctance to accept Identity

Immature thought process

Easily embarrassed

Self-destructive

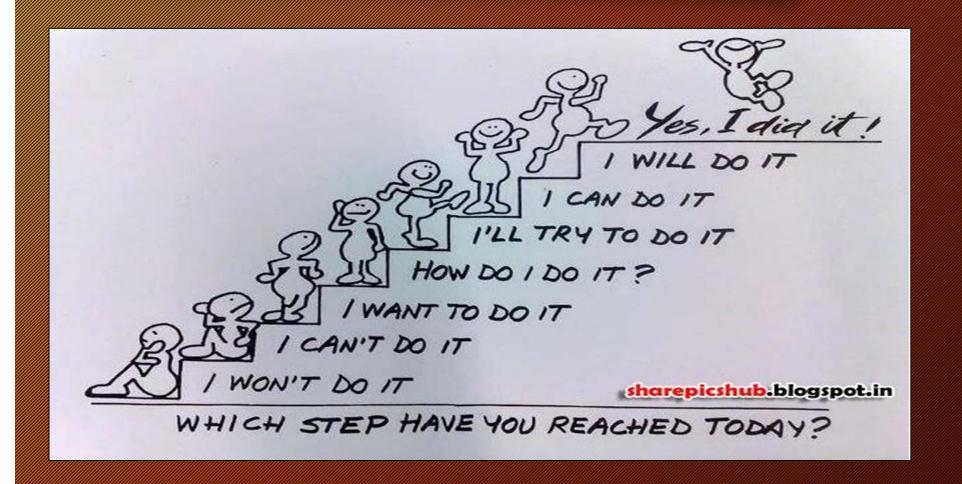
Building your own self-confidence



'So when I have fashioned him *in perfection* and have breathed into him of My Spirit, fall ye down in submission to him.'

Sura Al Hijr verse 30

Steps to achieving confidence



Prayer for achieving success



Moses said, 'My Lord, open out for me my breast,

- 'And ease for me my task,
- 'And loose the knot of my tongue,
- 'That they may understand my speech,

Sura TaHa, verse 26-29

Who is a contact?

- Anyone you have "interaction" with
- Two-way recognition
- Built up over time
- Public and private spheres
- Pushed away or drawn close
- Varying comfort levels

Scenario

- Discuss the difficulties of Integration with Canadian Society.
- Is it harder or easier as you get older?







Scenario

Your friends want to know why you cannot drink, take drugs, or go out with them to mingle and date. They accuse you of being boring and "no fun to have around."

How would you respond? Why?

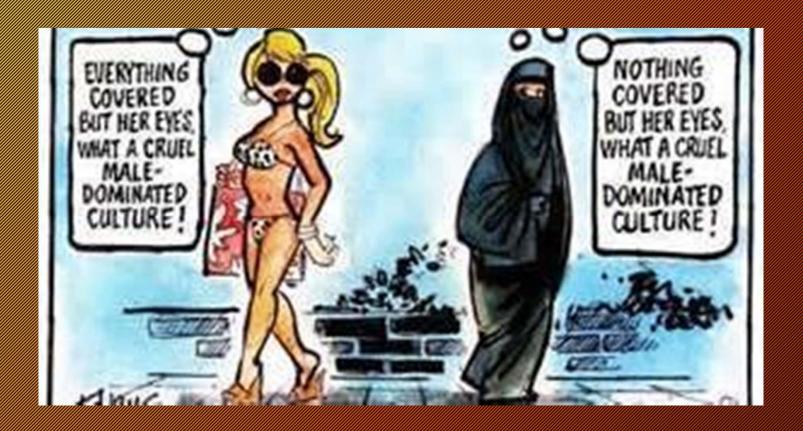
It is obvious that the primary task and important step we have to undertake is to recognize God. If our recognition of God is defective, doubtful and befogged, our faith cannot be bright and shining. So long as we have no true experience of the recognition of God, through His attribute of Rahimiyyat, we cannot drink the fresh water of the spring of true comprehension

Ayyam-us-Sulh, Ruhani Khazaian, Vol 14, p244

Faith means acceptance at a stage when knowledge is not yet complete, and the struggles with doubts and suspicions is still in progress

Ayyam-us-Sulh, Ruhani Khazaian, Vol 14, p261

Conviction of Faith according to the Promised Messiah(as)



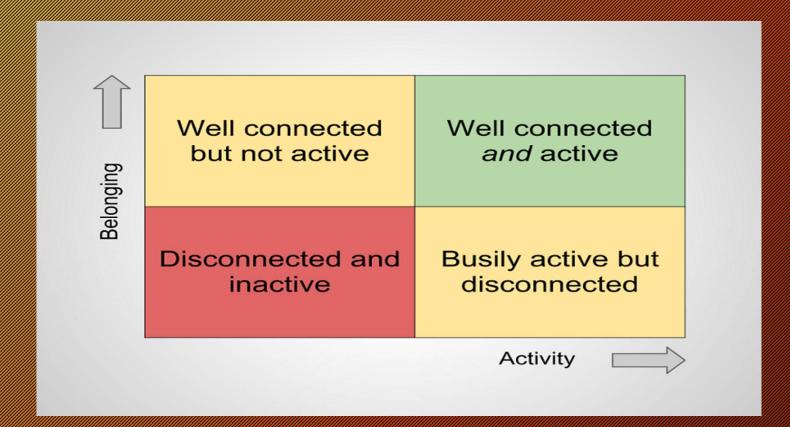
Scenario

Muslim women are told to cover their heads and wear loose garments. In light of the Quebec anti-religion Movement, discuss Muslim Identity.

Video response to Quebec Anti-Religion Movement

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The Face Veil



Sense of Belonging and New People

Reward of activity

Those of the believers who sit *still*, excepting the disabled ones, and those who strive in the cause of Allah with their wealth and their persons, are not equal. Allah has exalted in rank those who strive with their wealth and their persons above those who sit *still*. And to each Allah has promised good. And Allah has exalted those who strive above those who sit *still*, by a great reward.

Steps to successful preaching

- Offer prayers in congregation
- Wake up for Tahajjud prayers
- Recite and study the Holy Quran
- Offer voluntary fast every week
- Offer Sadaqa
- Write letters to Huzoor (aa)
- Watch MTA
- Use Jama'at websites for information
- Join Rapid Response Team (RRT)
- Conduct Question and Answer Sessions (Role Play)

, God Almighty desires to draw all those who live in various habitations of the world, be it Europe or Asia, and who have virtuous nature, to the Unity of God and unite His servants under one Faith. This indeed is the purpose of God for which I have been sent to the world. You, too, therefore should pursue this end, but with kindness, moral probity and fervent prayers. And till that time when someone inspired by God with the Holy Spirit is raised by Him, all of you should work in harmony with one another.

Reason for the coming of the Promised Messiah(as)



WHICH STEP HAVE YOU REACHED TODAY?

Questions