

Islamic Guidance

هَلْ يَسْتَوِي الَّذِينَ يَعْلَمُونَ وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ

'...Are those who have knowledge equal to those who do not have knowledge?...' (Surat al-Zumar 39:9)

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِن جَاءَكُمْ فَاسِقٌ بِنَبَأٍ
فَتَبَيَّنُوا أَن تُصِيبُوا قَوْمًا بِجَهَالَةٍ فَتُصْبِحُوا
عَلَىٰ مَا فَعَلْتُمْ نَادِمِينَ

'O believers! When a corrupt person comes to you with news, verify it in case you harm people out of ignorance and you end up regretting what you have done.' (Surat al-Hujarat 49:6)

'The cure for ignorance is to question.' (Abu Dawud)

'Half of knowledge is gained through questioning.' (Nahj al-Balaghah)

'Seek knowledge from the cradle to the grave.' (Ibn Majah)

Story from the Sirah – 1

'After the miraculous Night Journey (Mi`raj) of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, Abu Jahl, a well known enemy, went to Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه and asked: 'What would you say if someone who claimed to have travelled overnight from Makkah to Jerusalem?' Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه paused, thought and said: 'I would ask, who said it?' When he was told it was Muhammad he said: 'I believe he spoke the truth.' It was this response of Abu Bakr that earned him the title Al-Siddiq (Testifier).'


Story from the Sirah – 2

'After the Battle of Badr Prophet Muhammad ﷺ promised the prisoners of war (who were non-believers) freedom if they agreed to teach the Muslims how to read and write.'

Appropriate Responses

For the following 'bad actions', decide what is the best response that you can make. You must give a reason for your choice. The first one is done for you.

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Bad Action	Hand	Tongue	Heart
You see lots of litter on the street near the local church.	Pick it up		
	Because the Prophet  said that removing harmful things from the street is an act of charity.		
You see a fight between two groups of young people who are much older than you.			
You are walking in the shopping mall and your friend spits on the floor.			
You see a drunkard on the floor near your front door.			
You see a homeless person begging for money on the street.			

Feedback

Lesson Title: Informed Decisions and Responsible Actions

Name:

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Today I have learnt about:

As a result of this lesson I have learnt that a good Muslim should:

I am going to follow up this topic in my home/school/community by:

Follow-up Worksheet

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Tasks:

List seven things you would like to change in your community for everyone.

Answers: