

Naveed Ayaz: An advice to Duaat & students of knowledge

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14. Maintain your personal integrity (مروءة): choose carefully who you are seen with in public, stay away from places of music, free-mixing & disobedience; do not be casual in your speech and lower your gaze. Your personal conduct reflects on your Da'wah

15. Be wary of women contacting you via email or text; have an email address which is monitored by others, do not speak to a woman in seclusion, and restrict your contact to what is necessary in a manner which is appropriate.

النِّسَاءُ فِي تَنْتِةِ اِتِّقُوا

16. Use every opportunity to give Da'wah, visit the Masaajid of the Muslims to teach them the Sunnah, but do not share platforms with the people of innovation and desires. Choose carefully who sits with you on a stage.

...الهال كين ب ك ثرة تغتر لا

17. Stay away from "hidden Hizbiyyah" - its first step is double standards. A group of Salafites are publicly criticised for a mistake, yet you remain silent for another group of Salafites for the same mistake because they are "The group".

قوى للذ أقرب هو اعدوا

18. Seek advice from the Ulamaa, consult senior students of knowledge, fear Allah and do not fear the blame of people. Do not be dictated by Juhhaal regardless of their claimed "tazkiyyaat" and perceived clout.

19. Do not restrict your understanding of the manhaj to 4 or 5 Mashaykh; do not base your alliances on a particular Shaykh; there is no "expert" in Manhaj; rather every person's speech can be accepted or rejected based upon evidences.

ال ناس ي حزب أن لا لمعلم ليس

20. Do not feel you have to come with something new or different, tread the path which is known. The response of people & your popularity does not matter, only the acceptance of Allah. Many scholars before you only had a handful of students.

رجلان أو رجل إلا معه ولا يس ن يا ورأيت

21. Do not delve into disputes between Mashaykh; do not involve people in such disputes or demand they take a position. Simply teach them what they need to know. Be upright in your objective and do not be swayed by every new fitnah.

اسد تقم ثم يا الله آمنت قل

22. Use wisdom in your Da'wah, weigh up Masaalih (potential benefits) & Mafaasid (harms) of what you say and do. Distance yourself from the chaotic Manhaj of discriminatory boycotting, abandoning Masaajid and unjust labels.

الرفق ويحبرف يق الله إن

23. Not everything you know, do you need to say; saying/acting upon what you know depends on the situation. Not every opposer needs to be publicly refuted nor every argument won. Your silence can be powerful, especially against those who only seek fame through argumentation

24. You cannot rectify every mistake of a person or Masjid all at once - you will break the person and cause resentment in the Masjid. The path of Islaah, tarbiyyah and Naseehah requires a vision and then patience.

حساب بغير أجرهم ون الصابر يوقى إنما

25. Know, that a person is raised or condemned by his own knowledge and actions, before Tazkiyyaat of others and university certificates. Do not talk in praise of yourself. Let your actions speak

اتقى ب من أعلم هو أن فسكم تزكوا فلا

26. Keep your family and private life separate from your public life; maintain your privacy and do not speak about your wife, children or siblings on public Da'wah platforms.

27. Yes a Daa'ee must live and requires a wage; if you are able to earn a separate living then that is better. If you must be employed within Da'wah - as many scholars and Imaams are - then do not make lavish demands, be moderate according to your needs.

28. Do not make promises and not fulfil them; do not cancel lectures last minute; Be independent of people; try not to ask money or take loans without trying to pay them; do not belittle yourself nor appear arrogant.

29. Know, may Allah give you success, the path you have chosen requires sacrifices. You will have to sacrifice your time, family & career. Sufficient is the virtue of knowledge in this Dunya, and the reward of the Akhirah.

30. Do not belittle those who study with you or attend your lessons; do not belittle the common Muslims; you can often gain much benefit from them and they keep you humble.

31. Respect those members of the community who are older and more experienced even if they do not have the knowledge you have. They have a right over you and strived to open doors and communities for you. The Masaajid you teach and pray in were built by them

32. Whilst young, be cautious of describing people as "my student..." Do not expect a title such as Shaykh, Imaam, Ustadh etc... But at the same time allow those younger than you to call you with what is appropriate

33. Saying "I do not know" is the shield of every Daa'ee, there is no shame in needing to research a question. Direct questions to others who are more knowledgeable. Do not open yourselves for Fataawa; but if a question comes, answer it according to your ability.

34. Adorn yourself with Islamic manners; be gentle yet firm upon the truth; smile and be jovial; live your own teaching; respect elders and show mercy to the young. Advise the people for the sake of Allah.

35. [FINAL TWEET] May Allah give us success, facilitate our affairs, bestow upon us Ikhlaas, save us from Fitana, and keep us firm upon the truth.

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