

In the Name of Allah the Most compassionate, the Most Merciful
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Praises and thanks are to the God who is The Sufficient for a person who seeks His help. And, He guides the one who asks to be guided. And peace be upon Muhammad and His Ahlul-Bait and curses be upon their enemies.

Virtuous

I advise myself and you to be virtuous in all phases of your lives. Indeed our Prophet told Abu Thar: *Fear god in every state and associate with people with good temper and if you have done something wrong do a good action to atone your bad deed.*

Fatima Al-Masomeh

We are close to the birth anniversary of Fatima Al-Masomeh in regards to her great status, her grandfather, Imam Jaffar Al-Sadeq before the birth of her father: *in Qom will be buried a woman from my nephew she will be called Fatima. So, everyone who visit her shrine God makes mandatory upon them heaven.* She was one of our greatest characters in Islam who can be a very good model of an ideal woman; hence, our lecture will be about the ideal girl according to Islam.

Ideal daughter

I will point out the main aspects in four major parts, but before that, I should point out a very important issue. In opposition to the underestimation of women during the ages of ignorance the holy Quran states: *{When news is brought to one of them, of (the birth of) a female (child), his face darkens, and he is filled with inward grief!{16/58}* In spite of the modern ignorance, in which women are known as outlet for desires, Islam gives high rank to them. Imam Sadeq said: *daughters who cover themselves properly are one of best kind of children, thus everyone who has a daughter, god has made her as a cover against the fire of hell.* And our prophet said: *if someone has a daughter and they don't demean or bother her and wouldn't prefer a son over her, god sends them to paradise because of the daughter.*

However the characteristics that define the ideal daughter are that she performs her duties in front of; her parents, society, herself and ****.

Firstly, on the topic of parents, It is sufficient for us to narrate one hadith and one verse of the holy Quran: *{Thy Lord hath decreed that ye worship none but Him, and that ye*

be kind to parents. Whether one or both of them attain old age in thy life, say not to them a word of contempt, nor repel them, but address them in terms of honour. And, out of kindness, lower to them the wing of humility, and say: "My Lord! bestow on them thy Mercy even as they cherished me in childhood(17/23,24)}* and imam Sadeq said: ***if there is a world that has less meaning he will told that word. You mustn't look gaze and speak louder than them and walk toward them.***

Secondly, the duties towards themselves, surely god has made mandatory upon them the covering, he has ordered them to be protective about themselves to save their dignity, self esteem and to declare their hierarchy, like a human that has thought and good qualities, so one should pay attention to these points and not just their physical entities thus the holy Quran states: *O Prophet! Tell thy wives and daughters, and the believing women, that they should cast their outer garments over their persons (when abroad): that is most convenient, that they should be known (as such) and not molested. And God is O ft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.*

This is because god doesn't want them to be recognized as immoral people, so that others don't bother them and so that they are protected against the glares of desire. Prophet has said about the last times that there will be women who don't cover themselves.

Thirdly, in regards to society, Islam has made obligatory for every Muslim to know condition of his times and we have in our hadith that time can't deceive a knowledgeable person. So the one who doesn't understand the truth of modern colonization, their methods of deception and their intent for Islamic countries, these individuals will be decived and they will not be able to fulfill their duties towards society.

Finally, the ideal daughter should take precaution towards her own future, regarding this topic it is sufficient to inform you of one Hadith of Imam Ali: ***don't try and raise your children in accordance with your mannerisms because they are brought up in a different age than yours.***

So it is necessary for them to seek knowledge about their religion and their duty towards it, to be able to answer doubts and queries. Imam Ali said: ***The best thing to study is that which will benefit you in the future.***

May Allah help us to correctly respect the rights of daughters and to help them perform their duties.